



February 22, 2021  
Weekly EBlast



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### **Education:**

Our February General Membership Meeting will be held tomorrow Tuesday, February 23 at 11 A.M. EST. Our focus this month is the Status of Nonprofits in our area. Connie Mockenhaupt will present our slate of grants for our vote. We are thrilled to be able to present this slate to you. Our speaker this month will be Eileen Connelly-Keesler, CEO/President of the Community Foundation of Collier County.

All attendees must register in advance for this meeting:

[Click Here to register.](#)

[Click Here](#) to download the **Meeting Packet**

Don't miss this meeting as we honor the work our organization does for the nonprofits of Collier and Lee counties! This meeting will begin promptly at 11 A.M.

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### **Nominating:**

The Nominating Committee has prepared the Slate of Officers for 2021-2022. It will be announced at Tuesday's General Membership Meeting. Thank you to Nominating Chair Gigi Stewart and her committee: Karen Anderson, Gina Finch, Mary Beth Jones, Joan Lewis, Annalinda Ragazzo, and Nancy Taylor. Your dedication to our organization is greatly appreciated.

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### **Done in a Day:**

**This Week** - We will be collecting essential items for the Harry Chapin Food Bank on Thursday, February 23 from 10 AM to noon. Below is their list of the 11 most needed items. Thank you so much for your support!

There will be three drop off locations:  
Mary Giannini, 7762 Cottesmore Drive (Lely Resort)  
Denise Hadley, 9072 Falling Leaf Drive, Bonita Springs (Shadow Wood)  
Maria Lane Arends, 3275 Regatta Road (Moorings)

Please contact Mary Giannini at 914-471-7600 or Denise Hadley at 585-729-5478 for gate & entry information.

<https://harrychapinfoodbank.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/most-needed-items.pdf>

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## **Naples Tables 2021:**

The countdown has begun. One week left in our fundraising campaign. We are so lucky to live here in Paradise, but sometimes we forget that many others that live here do not think of it as Paradise. They are the unemployed, hungry and homeless.

We have promised to "SERVE OUR COMMUNITY IN ITS TIME OF NEED." We are very much needed so please support us with a donation.

Thank you to our members for their caring and generous hearts. We all are looking forward to Naples Tables 2022

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## **NEW Interest Group:**

If you enjoy discussing films and making friends, join the new TLC Films with Friends group! Watch the show at your own convenience, then meet once a month for a lively discussion. Meetings will be on Zoom this year due to COVID. So that each person will have a chance to talk, the first 15 group members to respond to the email invitation each month will participate in that month's meeting. The first meeting will be on Thursday, March 4 from 3-4:15pm. Although we'll usually talk about a movie, our first selection will be the wildly popular 7 episode Netflix show *The Queen's Gambit*, about a female chess prodigy. Email Sara Werder at [sarawerder@gmail.com](mailto:sarawerder@gmail.com) to sign up for the group, or for more information.

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## Membership:

We welcome our new member Jennifer Clements whose Junior League affiliation is Atlanta, GA. Her membership was approved at this month's Board meeting. We thank Jennifer's mentor Myra Stromquist for sponsoring our new member. Our membership now stands at 592. Should you have someone you wish to recommend for membership, please contact Diane Frisicaro [dfrisicaro@gmail.com](mailto:dfrisicaro@gmail.com). The date of the next Board meeting is March 3, 2021.

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## Volunteer Opportunity:

Champions for Learning is looking for volunteer mentors to match with 8th grade students entering their mentor/scholarship program. This is a virtual program for these students. Mentors will help the high school students stay on track for personal and professional success. Training and support from current staff and other mentors are available for new mentors.

League members who are interested in volunteering should attend an All About Mentoring session by visiting <https://ChampionsForLearning.org/LearnMore> or by contacting Kristin Peras at [Kperas@ChampionsForLearning.org](mailto:Kperas@ChampionsForLearning.org)

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## CIC in Action:



### THE SHELTER FOR ABUSED WOMEN & CHILDREN SECURITY LIGHTING PROJECT

The Shelter for Abused Women & Children received a grant from The League Club this year. This grant was utilized to increase security at its Naples campus by adding lighting fixtures that improved visibility and enhanced existing security measures already in place. A minimum of 600 adult and child victims of domestic violence and human trafficking will benefit from this program annually. As a result of this funding, survivors will increase immediate safety for themselves and their children while on The Shelter's campus

The mission of the Shelter for Abused Women & Children is to lead and collaborate with the community to prevent, protect and prevail over domestic violence and human trafficking through advocacy, empowerment and social change. In addition to the benefit listed above, survivors will have access to services that help:

- Create safety plans
- Develop their knowledge on domestic violence and human trafficking
- Expand their knowledge on available community resources
- Provide knowledge needed to progress their personal recovery
- Obtain permanent housing, if requested

This year's grant from The League Club helped provide a safe haven for at risk women and children who so desperately need the services that The Shelter provides.

A short video clip highlighting sincere thanks from The Shelter:

[https://leagueclub-cic.org/wp-content/uploads/formidable/2/IMG\\_3150.mov](https://leagueclub-cic.org/wp-content/uploads/formidable/2/IMG_3150.mov)

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Have a wonderful week ~

*Maria Lane Arends*

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