

THE LEAGUE CLUB

COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY



The League Club is pleased to announce our 2018 luncheon titled: **Lesley Stahl: Her Stories Today.** Seen on *60 Minutes* for the past twenty-six years, Stahl is one of America's most celebrated and experienced broadcast journalists. The Emmy award winner also anchors the popular *48 Hours Investigates* and received the Edward R. Murrow Award for Overall Excellence in journalism. In addition to being known as a hard-hitting newscaster, Lesley recently revealed a softer side with her new book, "Becoming Grandma: The Joys and Science of the new Grandparenting."

A couple of fun facts:

- Did you know she has been married for 40 years to author Aaron Latham? They live in New York City with their only daughter Taylor Stahl Latham.
- She made headlines after becoming the first journalist to report that Al Gore would not be running for the presidency again in 2004.

Stay tuned for more information and fun facts on Lesley Stahl in the future.

Our annual fundraising luncheon will be held on February 23, 2018, at the Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort. Reservations will be available online at www.leagueclub.org in late October. Please mark your calendars!!!

We look forward to having her share her stories with The League Club.

Gigi Stewart

Hello, Ladies of The League Club,

Summer is upon us, and with it things seem to be happening at a slower pace. However, ideas and plans are simmering among your Board members. Meetings and events are being planned, speakers contacted and Interest Groups are busy at work developing their own activities. A schedule of all our League Club meetings and events planned for next year will be in the fall newsletter.

I wish to thank Margaret Brodeur and her Board of Directors for a memorable 30th Anniversary Year. The meetings and events were well attended, informative and fun. Because of the dedication and enthusiasm of our volunteers and members, we had a very successful fundraiser, **Lauren Bush Lauren: Charity by Design** presented by Northern Trust. I would especially like to thank Charlene Barnette and the Fundraising Committee, Kristine Meek and the Development Committee and Donna Loomis, who single-handedly handled COF, for their hard work. With the help of our business partners and generosity of our Circle of Friends, a total of almost \$335,000 was raised, a record amount. This means that after our Community Involvement Committee completes its process and the grants are awarded next spring The League Club will have donated to local charities almost **\$4,300,000**. We can be proud of this fact and the fact that, through our grants, we have been able to directly affect the lives of many low income and underserved members of our community.

Now your 2017-2018 Board is hard at work. We are thrilled that Lesley Stahl will be the speaker at next year's fundraiser to be held at the Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort on Friday, February 23, 2018, with a Patron Party to be held the night before. Please mark your calendars. We hope to see you at both events.

We look forward to the return of those of you who have left the Gulf Coast, and, for those of you who remain, we hope to see you at our summer luncheons and Interest Groups. They are a way to stay connected with each other and The League Club.

It is a privilege to serve as President of such a great group of women. The Board and I will work hard to see that our mission of friendship, education, volunteerism, and philanthropy is strengthened throughout the year.

Enjoy summer!

Liz





EVENTS ON THE HORIZON

**Luncheon at the Club at Barefoot Beach
Wednesday, July 19 at 11 AM**

Cost is \$31

**Reservations due by July 14 and may be made
online or by sending a check to
The League Club, P.O. Box 110868, Naples FL
34108**

**Brunch at the home of Suzie Kountz
Thursday, September 14 at 11 AM**

Membership Meetings Scheduled for the coming year

We have some exciting programs focused on education encompassing Naples, Collier County, and our place in the world as we travel here and elsewhere. We hope you will enjoy, and learn! Please remember to make your reservations on the website to pay by credit card or mail your check to be received by the posted deadline to guarantee your seat.

Thursday, November 9 : Naples Botanic Garden w/Donna McGinnis and staff

Thursday, December 7: Barron Collier High School Choir

Friday, January 12: Cocktails w/Mark Strain, Collier County Planning Chair

February NO MEETING: Lesley Stahl Fundraiser

Wednesday, March 14: Citizen Response to Active Shooter Events CCSO

Tuesday, April 10: Annual Meeting

Wednesday May 9 Anne Fleming General Manager, Waterside Shops The Future of Retailing



DUES RENEWAL

If you did not pay your 2017-2018 dues to The League Club by May 31st they are now overdue. The Standing Rule states:

The annual financial commitment of a League Club member is \$175 (\$125 for administration and \$50 for Community Trust Fund) This obligation is payable on or before May 1 and is delinquent May 31, after which date a delinquency fee of \$25 will be added.

Members who have not paid dues by August 1 will be removed from the membership rolls no later than the October Board Meeting.

We hope that you will retain you membership. Remember that mail should be sent not to the office but to The League Club, PO Box 110868, Naples, FL, 34108.

Welcome Our New Members

Diane Bedran, Mary Beidler, Cynthia (Cindy) Heitzman, Sharon (Sherry) Purdie, Susan (Sue) Smith, Susan Walker, and Paula Whitelaw

New members and their mentors are encouraged to sit at the New Member Table when attending their first meeting. Please sign-up at www.leagueclub.org when paying on line or write NM on your check. New members may also call the TLC office or send an email to the VP Membership to reserve a seat at the NM Table. If you have a friend to propose or would like to be a mentor to new members, please contact Denise Hadley ,VP Membership.

Endowment Fund

The Endowment Fund has grown to \$149,030, and after the annual dues up-payments, will have grown to over \$150,000!!! Thanks to all of you for your generous donations adding to annual dues payments, for choosing Endowment to honor other members, spouses, special occasions or in memoriam. You will be or have already received your acknowledgement tax letters shortly, but there are too many of you to list in this newsletter.

Special Thanks:

- Margaret Brodeur for honoring Sue Benson for Woman of Initiative, honoring her 2016-2017 board, and in memory of Dick Harris
- Anne Thomas for recognizing Dusti Beaubien and Sue Benson
- Susan Mainwaring for honoring Margaret Brodeur and Liz Winebrenner and in memory of Dick Harris

Thanks to all members and new members: What a wonderful turnout we had for the J. McLaughlin event after the new member coffee as we received a large check from them for \$3,179.55!

And especially, thank you all for letting Rosie encourage you to make Endowment grow. Mary Lou Swartz will be the new gal in town to ask for your support, and I give her all my wishes for a successful year- she has some exciting ideas in her role as Endowment Chair!

Mary Beth Jones

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CORRESPONDENCE TAKES HEART

Sympathy cards were sent to:

Pam Becker, on the death of her son Greg Swaim
Bill and Ellie Buchanan on the death of his sister Lynette Bennett and brother-in-law
Charles Merrill
Dee Dee Harris on the death of her husband Richard

Get well and thinking of you cards were sent to:

Ray Barry, Kris Buck, Ruth Condit, Sarah Johnson, Marian McMaster, Connie
Mockenhaupt, Nancy Peters, Karen Champion Smith, Steele Stewart, Sue Synnott,
Ann Westerfield, Farron Wings, Roz Wyche

Electronic Thinking of You messages were emailed to:

Floss Bogdan, Judy Perkins, Anne Wetzel

League Club wishes are sent to those in need. If you are aware of anyone who would appreciate hearing from us, please email Mary Cooper, Corresponding Secretary at jdcmw2@earthlink.net or call (239) 591-0883. Committee members include Bette Aymar, Gail Barry, Bev Metcalf, Susie Yoder and Susy Warren.

TLC Past Presidents at Annual Meeting





CALLING ALL MEMBERS WITH A TECHNOLOGY BACKGROUND!

We are looking for technology savvy members that are new to the League club and want to get more involved. This new ad hoc committee will initially operate within the V.P. for Communications Oversight.

SCOPE OF WORK

- ✚ Develop and execute a plan on how to provide technical support to TLC members on the use of the organization's website.
- ✚ Review TLC Facebook page and make recommendations for expansion/improvement and best way to keep it current.
- ✚ Explore the feasibility of a TLC Snapchat account
- ✚ Develop a TLC Blog
- ✚ Digitize all TLC photo albums in the League Club Office

If this is something that interests you please contact Nancy Taylor at taylor1consulting@gmail.com or text 315-723-6878 for more information. We will hopefully get organized over the summer regardless of where you reside. Please consider this opportunity and we will also have some fun!



Thank you to everyone who has responded to the request to update profile information so that our database and printed directory are up to date! If you have not had a chance to send any updates, please email the office at office@leagueclub.org or mail written changes to The League Club Office, PO Box 110868, Naples, FL 34108 by **July 15**.

The newsletter is published quarterly and edited this year by Julie Wade. If you have any questions or ideas for articles, please contact me at jfw222@gmail.com.

Interest Groups

We have many varied Interest Groups to pique your fancy throughout the year – most are on hiatus for the summer months, but we want to draw your attention to two that need your input now:

ART APPRECIATION

The Art Appreciation Group meets four times between October and April. The chairwoman arranges a variety of events from tours of private collections, artist's studio visits, meeting artists at local galleries, lectures at Florida Gulf Coast University and guided tours of exhibits and art centers. We look for a wide range of styles to include everything from traditional to cutting edge. ***As of this time, there is no chairwoman - would you like to be the chair? Please call Donna Sawers at 443-834-9559 or email at donnasawers@comcast.net.***

PICKLEBALL

Many members have shown an interest in playing Pickleball. We would meet at Veteran's Park starting in October and will try to pick a day that is good for all. Please contact Donna Sawers at donnasawers@comcast.net if you would like to join this new interest group. There will be an instructor to teach us finer points of the game for \$15 to \$20 a session. We anticipate having members sign up for a period of drills throughout the Season, then moving over to Open Play sessions with other League Members. This would allow additions of players each month.

In addition, here is a heads up of the fall Book Club Selections for your summer reading:

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

The Book Discussion Group meets on the third Friday of the month at 2 PM at the Moorings Park Clubhouse. Co-chairs are Lynne Nordhoff (lynneclnordhoff@gmail.com or 239-594-8420) and Betty Collamore (bcollamore@aol.com or 239-262-2795). We welcome all readers. Please contact Betty if you would like to attend. To be added to the email roster, please contact Lynne.

These are some of the books to start off next season:

Oct 20: **The Eastern Shore** by Ward Just

-- **A Gentleman in Moscow** by Amor Towles

-- **LaRose** by Louise Erdrich

-- **The Women in the Castle** by Jessica Shattuck

-- **As I Lay Dying** by William Faulkner



Community Trust Fund Donations Acknowledged

Donations in honor of TLC members:

Donor

Thomasina Pia Schiro
Donna Loomis

Gift in honor of

Ann Westerfield
Liz Winebrenner

Annual contributions from Special Interest Group:

Treasurer

Bev Metcalf
Karen Lutz
Denise Hadley

Name of Group

Food & Wine Group
Food & Wine Trois
Food & Wine Encore

Donations in addition to dues payments:

George Ann Bardenheimer
Karen Boucher
Jan Brenneman
Janie Brown
Marcia Carthaus
Sheila Cole
Joyce Coughlan
Caryn Edwards
Carol Georgieff
Sandy Grady

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Delighted 2017 CIC Grant Recipients at Annual Briefcase Breakfast



Area Non-Profits Seeking Volunteers

Throughout the year, we are going to let you know about opportunities to volunteer with agencies in a variety of ways, large and small. Many of these are old friends who receive funding through our CIC grants. Here are some programs with summer involvement/training possibilities:

Literacy Volunteers of Collier County: is always seeking volunteer tutors for its Adult Literacy and runs training courses monthly including summer. Training is about 3 hrs/day from 10.00 to 1.00pm w/lunch. We will also have **Children and Parents Reading Together** tutor training on July 14 from 10.00 to 2.00pm to prepare tutors for the upcoming school year. This is the program the League Club supported. Commitment is about 3 hours/week for each 8 week session per semester. For more information on adult tutoring please call 239 262 4448, ext 304 or for CPRT e-mail cpert@collierliteracy.org



JFCS of Southwest Florida's Dementia Respite Support Program offers weekly groups that provide socialization and wellness to individuals with early to mid-stage dementia. Our two newest groups are starting this summer at Emanuel Lutheran Church on Mondays and Thursdays from 10:30 – 2:30. Dementia Group Volunteers assist the staff and lead a number of the activities. This can be an extremely fulfilling volunteer job. For more information please contact Marna Barany, Manager of Volunteer Services at 239-325-4444 or mbarany@jfcswfl.org.

Southwest Nature Conservancy A variety of volunteer opportunities are available to work with the public or our animal rescue team, while enhancing your knowledge about environmental issues facing Southwest Florida. If you are interested in joining us, please visit our website to see how you can make difference: <https://www.conservancy.org/get-involved/volunteer>



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