



Building a Community that Supports the Success of Children

THE ROUNDTABLE REVIEW

April 2018 Issue

A Message From The Director:

In the wake of the Parkland Tragedy, March was a month of reflection as we witnessed youth standing up in our community, the state and across the nation with a resounding statement: "March for Our Lives". Though lots of controversy was a result of this discourse, the message was clear by the youth: I want to be safe, heard, supported and most important, relevant. Though there is always work to be done, I remain inspired by efforts of the members from the Roundtable and our esteemed community partners to heed the call and commitment to the youth of St. Lucie County.

If you look closely at the Roundtable logo at the top of the Newsletter, you will note the tag line says "Leaders United for Children". We recognize and applaud the responsiveness and efforts of St. Lucie County Schools, Fort Pierce and Port St. Lucie Police Departments, and St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office, as they united on the issues regarding school safety. TC Palm featured (February 26, 2018) Chief Bolduc, Chief Hobley-Burney, Sheriff Mascara and Superintendent Gent responding to the media regarding security measures. They recognized the need to be front and center on one accord, to address the need for our community to be assured the safety of our youth and school staff are a priority.

Our youth had a couple of opportunities to be heard by decision-makers in our community. Members from Youth Leadership participated in a dialogue with Law Enforcement at an event sponsored by the St. Lucie County Sheriff's Department. We commend the continued effort and willingness of the Department to provide a platform for our Youth Leadership, along with other youth in the community, to speak their truth and concerns. See page 4 of the newsletter for more details of this experience. Youth were also provided an opportunity to be heard at the Fort Pierce City Commission meeting last month, as they presented their vision and advocated for support of the revitalization of Coach Fenn Park. We hope we can make this dream a reality. See page 2 regarding their proposal.

Finally, we continue to unite and support our youth to make their hopes and dreams a reality. A "big ups" to the Boys and Girls Club of St. Lucie County, under the leadership of Will Armstead, for their tireless efforts to organize volunteers, to raise funds and provide a wide range of opportunities for the youth of St. Lucie County to dream and achieve. See page 6, for details about their successful Seafood Festival fundraising event and other amazing opportunities the Boys and Girls Club are providing to enrich our youth and the community.

Enjoy the Newsletter as you peruse the highlights of the continued efforts of our community to ensure our youth remain relevant. The Roundtable and its esteemed community partners are truly "Leaders United for Children". We are in fact "Better Together"!

Teresa Bishop



Fort Pierce Youth Council (YOCO) Officers address Fort Pierce City Council regarding the Coach Fenn Park Redesign.

The Roundtable of St. Lucie County is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization comprised of agencies working together with partners and stakeholders throughout the community to address the issues our children face at the root level. Its members are leaders of all aspects of society who come together to build a community of opportunity where every child succeeds.

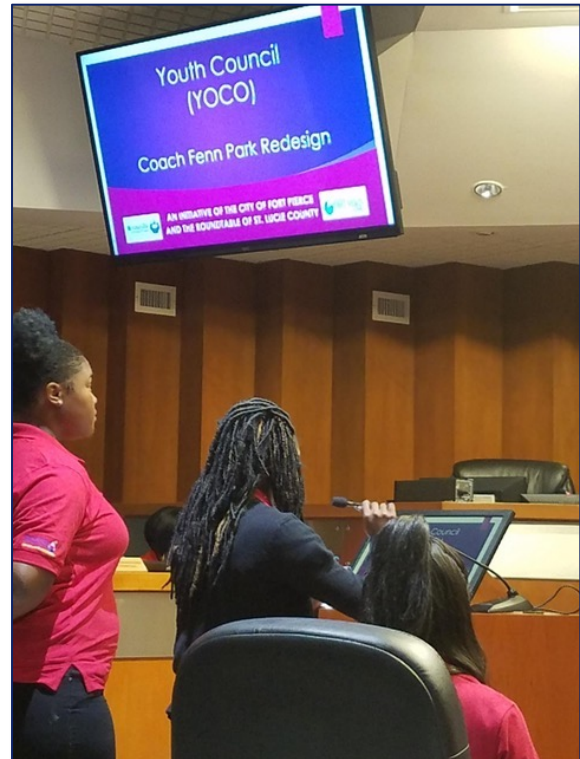
The Roundtable operates through networks, each of which focuses on key aspects that affect the lives of our children.



Fort Pierce City Commission Meeting

YOCO (Youth Council), which is comprised of the elected officers of Youth Leadership St. Lucie's Fort Pierce branch, gave their first presentation at the Fort Pierce City Commission meeting on March 19th. The team of officers dedicated a multitude of hours to prepare an impactful powerpoint presentation, which the Chair of YOCO eloquently narrated. The presentation focused on their current project, the redesign of Coach Fenn Park, located at Avenue D and North 22nd Street. The officers shared photos of the park in its current state and spoke on its deficiencies, such as unappealing, worn-down, and profanity-ridden playground equipment, and safety issues that include an unprotected entrance to the park. In contrast, they presented photos of a park in a neighboring community that contains inviting, developmentally appropriate, vibrant-colored playground equipment, as well as a child-safe gate at the entrance of the park. The officers enthusiastically shared their vision for Coach Fenn Park and called on the City Commission for their support in bringing it to fruition.

Currently, YOCO is compiling a cost analysis reflecting their proposal for the redesign of the park and will go before the City Commission again in the future to present their findings.

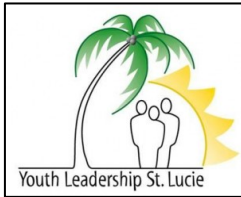




We want to thank the St. Lucie County Communications Division for selecting us as the winner of St. Lucie County's Video Service Announcement Grant for 2018. There were 10 applications and the Roundtable was the only one chosen. The grant provides us one 60-second video public service announcement.

The members of Youth Leadership St. Lucie will appear in the video. Youth Leadership St. Lucie includes members from both Fort Pierce and Port St. Lucie. It will focus on mental illness and the different faces of teenagers dealing with a mental health condition. Many teens are suffering in silence with depression, anxiety disorder, eating disorder, attention-deficit/hyper activity disorder, bipolar mood disorder, trauma disorder, and others.





St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office Youth Dialogue

Nine students from Youth Leadership St. Lucie joined seven other teens from the community as well as approximately 16 Sheriff's Deputies for the St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office Youth Dialogue held on March 1st. This event, designed to facilitate communication with, increase awareness among, gain understanding of, and break down barriers between these two groups, was a huge success. The groups engaged in candid conversation, sharing their opinions of and experiences with one another. Each teen chose a Deputy to dine with and engage in a more personal conversation. The evening was rounded off with a field simulation exercise where the youth and the Deputies reversed their roles. Both the deputies and the teens shared that they were not only enlightened by the time spent together, but that they also genuinely enjoyed the entire experience.

A young lady from Youth Leadership was interviewed by a local news channel, which featured footage from the entire evening see link: <https://www.wptv.com/news/region-st-lucie-county/slc-teenagers-and-deputies-reveal-what-they-think-of-each-other>



DRUG FREE ST. LUCIE

A Network of the Roundtable of St. Lucie County



Drug Free St Lucie Coordinator Kristy Conway spent four days at the National Coalition Academy in Tampa, where she was able to develop skills such as community assessment, problem analysis, developing a logic model and building capacity for the coalition.

A successful Drug Free St. Lucie meeting was held in March. The coalition was able to gain input about substance abuse priorities as we move forward with our year one efforts. The next two months will entail plans for collaboration, data collection and input from our community, The Roundtable, and Drug Free St. Lucie stakeholders.

Nominations are currently being accepted for the Secretary position. Please contact Kim at 772-871-5880 for nomination submissions.

Black History Month Essay Contest Winner



Several of the students that are in Youth Leadership St Lucie participated in the US District Court Southern District of Florida Black History Month Essay Contest. Marcus Holbert, a junior at Fort Pierce Westwood High School, placed fourth in the contest on the topic “Your Vote, Your Voice”. He was awarded a \$50 gift card. Several other Youth Leadership St Lucie students participated in the celebration program on February 28, 2018. Ervin Rogers and Shikinah Williams served as moderators for the panel discussion and Jada Rogers led the group in the singing of “Lift Every Voice & Sing”. Youth Leadership St Lucie was well represented and the youth had an opportunity to speak with several of the federal judges that were in attendance.

Tunnel of Hope at Samuel S. Gaines

A Tunnel of Hope was held to encourage and support the students at Samuel S. Gaines Academy during their Florida Standards Assessment for Writing on March 1st. Among those cheering the students on were Sheriff Ken Mascara and several deputies from the St. Lucie County Sheriff’s Office, staff from Samuel S. Gaines, and the Roundtable of St. Lucie County. Thank you to everyone who took time out of their busy schedules to support our community’s students!



Walmart Grant Award

The Roundtable was the recipient of \$1,000 Walmart Grant Award. A ceremony was held on March 1, 2018 at store #3527 located in St Lucie West. Kids at Hope Coordinator, Kevin Singletary and Executive Director, Teresa Bishop were present to receive the award.



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF ST. LUCIE COUNTY

Boys and Girls Club on the Move for Our Youth

The Boys & Girls Club has kicked off spring in high gear. Youth of the Year Rebecca Jaques is preparing for the state competition and has been networking and sharing her vision for America's youth with our community. She is pictured with Mayor Hudson. For Healthy Habits our kids pledged to be tobacco free on Kicks Butt Day. The Fort Pierce Teen Club has been taking neighborhood bike rides with the beautiful weather. The teens had a fun day at Cardita Formal Wear during a Passport to Manhood seminar with owner Clifford Pearl where they learned how to dress for special occasions and success. The highlight of the Month was the Port St. Lucie Seafood Festival, featuring Dr. Oz, where thousands of guests and community supporters came to the Port St. Lucie Civic Center to enjoy food, entertainment and fun. Pictured is Victoria Armstead, Will Armstead, CEO of Boys & Girls Clubs with Teresa Bishop.





Post Game Fireworks!



Saturday, April 28

6:30 pm
Gates Open at 5:30



Join us at
First Data Field
for an evening of
fun, prizes & more!

Help support our
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> Saturday, May 5th, 2018

> (Indian Hills Golf Course)
1600 S 3rd St, Fort Pierce, FL 34950

> Event Starts @10:30am



FREE PUBLIC EVENT
(772) 812-4713



Other Activities Include

- Mayors/Community Leaders from around the Treasure Coast areas
- NFL Hall Of Famer Mr. Rickey Jackson and other Special Guest + More
 - K-9 Demo from Fort Pierce Police Department
 - 9 Hole Putting Contest For All Ages
 - Food Trucks, Bounce Houses & Raffles + MORE
 - Live DJ & Entertainment + MORE

TOURNAMENT GOLFERS (Scramble Format)

\$75 PER PLAYER
Arrival Time 10:00am
10:30am TEE TIME
11:30am - 2:00pm LUNCH
(lunch only for golfers/special guest)

Bright Future Scholarships (All High Schools in the Treasure Coast areas)

High School students can complete he or she Bright Future Scholarship volunteer hours at this event. On the day of event there will be a sign-in form for your Bright Future Scholarship volunteer hours.

TO REGISTER Your Team

Contact by phone (772) 812-4713
with payment or online with payment
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If you are a sponsor or just a team/
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event or just a volunteer wanting to
help out at this event please contact
(772) 812-4713.

Take a Step to a Healthy 2018!

The Healthy St. Lucie Coalition launched a **Billion Steps Challenge** on January 1 to get St. Lucie moving more. Registration is open all year long. You can participate individually or form/join teams with co-workers, family, friends, or your faith community. Together we can reach the goal of one billion steps in 2018!



Join Today!

Registration is Easy



MOBILE PHONE

Download the **WALKER TRACKER** app & create an account.
Enter our program URL, healthystlucie.walkertracker.com

DESKTOP COMPUTER

Go to www.healthystlucie.walkertracker.com
Click on "Register Now."



www.healthystlucie.org



Healthy St. Lucie Coalition members, Jennifer Harris and Lesley George, and Clint Sperber, Health Officer and Administrator of the Florida Department of Health in St. Lucie, attended the Port St. Lucie City Council meeting on January 8, 2018 to accept a proclamation stating that 2018 be observed as the year of the Billion Steps Challenge.



Live at the Sunrise Theatre
for the Performing Arts

A BROKEN CHAIN

A LIVE TEEN DRAMA ABOUT TEEN DATING VIOLENCE

SAVE THE DATE!

FRIDAY
JULY 20TH, 2018



Please call **772.924.0470** for Sponsor and Vendor information!



Future Meeting Dates

NETWORK MEETINGS

ACADEMIC SUCCESS

First Wednesday of every month at 3:00pm at Children's Services Council.

CHILD & ADOLESCENT HEALTH (Healthy St. Lucie)

Healthiest Weight: Meetings are bi-monthly.

Infant Mortality: Meets quarterly.

Teen Pregnancy: Meeting date TBD

CHILD WELFARE

First Tuesday quarterly at 10:00am at Children's Services Council.

ECONOMIC SUFFICIENCY (Bridges to Prosperity)

Third Wednesday of every month at 12:00pm at the UP Center on Orange Avenue.

LINCOLN PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Fourth Thursday of every other month at 12:00pm at the Department of Health
714 Avenue C, Fort Pierce.

SAFE KIDS COALITION (Unintentional Injury)

First Thursday of every month at 9:00am at Garber Buick GMC on US1.
(Does not meet in July or November)

VIOLENCE & DELINQUENCY WORKGROUP

Quarterly on third Tuesday at 2:00pm. Location – State Attorney's Office on 2nd Street.

SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK

Third Tuesday of every month at 2:00pm at the State Attorney's Office on 2nd Street.

SCHOOL DELINQUENCY NETWORK

Meets monthly. Date, time, and location TBD.

STEERING COMMITTEE

Third Thursday of every month at 9:00am at Children's Services Council.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE (Drug Free St. Lucie)

May 22nd at 11:00am at Children's Services Council.



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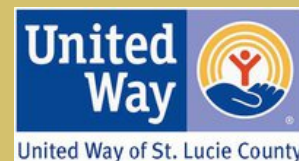
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