

THE ROUNDTABLE REVIEW

November 2018 Issue

A Message From The Director:

It's hard to believe November is upon us as we look to kick off the holiday season and celebrate our thankfulness. I have many things for which I am thankful. Last month, with much gratitude, I completed my first year of working for the Roundtable. I remain thankful for the privilege to serve with so many individuals who are leading organizations and working in the trenches to make a difference in the lives of others across our county.

I would like to express a big "THANK YOU" to the outgoing chair of the Roundtable, Chief John Bolduc, for all of his support for me in my new position, to our staff and initiatives, and to his commitment to lead the Roundtable. Words cannot capture our gratitude. Next, please join me with extending a warm welcome and thank you to our new Chair, Mayor Linda Hudson, a proven leader in our community, for her willingness to lead us into the next chapter of collaboration for youth and families in St. Lucie.

Also on my list of thanks are to those of you who work long hours, late nights, and busy weekends to serve the citizens of our community--truly a labor of love. Speaking of love and issues of the heart, remember to check out the Jessica Clinton Foundation and the Health Department's "Know Your Heart" free screening event. For more information, see page 9. As you peruse the November newsletter, I encourage you to mark your calendar, support the efforts of our community partners, and remember to thank them for their tireless work and putting the true meaning in "community".

Next, I would like to thank all of you who participated in our day long Implicit Bias training. It was a huge success that left those who attended in a better place of understanding. Please see page 2 for some snapshots of our experience. If you weren't there, let's just say "you missed it!" We hope to have more training opportunities like these in the future to help us be "better together".

One thing I am not so thankful for—Bullies!! November is National Bullying Prevention Month. We've heard that saying "sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me". That's good in theory, but words can cut to the very core of a human being. Many young people (and even adults) face bullying on a daily basis. We have an opportunity to support the Pace Center for Girls, which is choosing to use words to build others up at their "Lighting the Way With Words" poetry event. Please see page 10 for details. Let's remember to speak life to others -- especially in this season of Thanksgiving.

Teresa Bishop



New Chair Mayor Linda Hudson presents a "Thank You" plaque to outgoing Chair Chief John Bolduc.

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.



Implicit Bias Training

On October 22nd members of many St. Lucie County agencies had the pleasure of learning how to better serve our community by learning about implicit bias and how we can become more culturally competent by being more self-aware of our unconscious and conscious biases. This full day Retreat offered powerful discussion and insight through sharing and exploring our own ideas and misunderstandings. The bond between the facilitators Colber Prosper and Vandy Kemp offered a glimpse into how understanding and openness can create relationships that can enhance the effectiveness of us as a community.





Youth Leadership New Member and Parent Meeting

Youth Leadership St Lucie is off to the races for the 2018-2019 program year. The 2nd Annual New Members & Parent Meeting was held on November 23, 2018 at the Old City Hall Building in Fort Pierce. It was a great turnout with over 50 people in attendance.

The Executive Director of the Roundtable, Teresa Bishop, greeted everyone and shared how valuable Youth Leadership St Lucie is in invoking positive change in our community.

Several returning members spoke about their personal growth and development in the past year. Others teens talked about how they make Youth Leadership a priority in their busy schedules. Additionally, they talked about the upcoming filming of the Public Service Announcement in early November on teen mental health issues.

The highlight of the evening was the returning teens displaying their Photo Voice Project for their families and guests. Instead of written captions, the teens spoke about the meaning and message of each photo. The parents, guests, and new members were given the opportunity to ask questions about the Project. The new members are excited about rolling up their sleeves and getting to work to make a difference in St Lucie County.



A community team comprised of local leaders (Mayor Hudson, Nick Mimms, Will Armstead, Judi Miller, Deb LaBella and Joe Smith) and St. Lucie Public Schools district personnel joined with St. Lucie Elementary Schools' leaders to brainstorm support strategies for students. The value of partnerships is immeasurable. Thank you to all our valuable partners.

- October 2018 St. Lucie Links newsletter of St. Lucie County Public Schools

E.N.D. It! Packs house for ‘A Wedding Knight To Remember’

The Santa Lucia River Club of Ballantrae was packed to capacity Oct. 20 as just over 180 guests arrived to a wedding like no other. Ladies dressed in their finest velvet garments, and Knights courageously bearing swords and shields took their seats at the wedding reception for the second annual E.N.D. It! Mystery Dinner Theater fundraiser “A Wedding Knight To Remember.”

Set in Medieval times, guests enjoyed a scrumptious three-course meal featuring an enormous smoked turkey leg with plenty of sides and dessert, guaranteed to leave no one hungry. Along with a highly competitive silent auction, a live musical ambiance and ample photo opportunities set against a decorative Medieval wedding reception backdrop, many first-time E.N.D. It! event guests were both belly laughing and curiously engaged in the original play “A Wedding Knight To Remember.”

The script, co-written by E.N.D. It! Executive Director Sonia DuPree and teen members of the performing arts team, called for audience members to not only be passive onlookers as the story line about the pending prearranged nuptials between Lady Isabella Worth and Sir Nicholas Wellington unfolded, but the audience was drawn into the play as active participants as the seemingly perfect wedding slowly unraveled into disaster.

See full article and complete photo gallery at: <https://www.tcpalm.com/story/specialty-publications/luminaries/st-lucie-county/2018/10/29/e-n-d-mystery-dinner-theater-fundraiser-port-st-lucie-proves-wedding-knight-remember-182-guests/1759701002/>



Left: Jayden Westberry and Emanuel Murray duel during “A Wedding Knight To Remember”



Above: Sinclair DuPree, Jayden Maynard, Sophia Olsinski and Sydney DuPree.



Left: Jayden Westberry, Eric Howard, Jayden Maynard, Sophia Olsinski, Sinclair DuPree, Sean Boyle of Children’s Services Council, Sydney DuPree, and Emmanuel Murray.

**United Way of
St. Lucie County**



United Way of St. Lucie County's Day of Caring on Campaign Kick off

ST. LUCIE COUNTY -The United Way of St. Lucie County kicked-off its Annual Fundraising Campaign, Day of Caring. It connected volunteers with local nonprofits in St. Lucie County for a day of doing well. The event began with a continental breakfast at 8 a.m. at River Walk Center in Fort Pierce and at 9 a.m. the teams began their projects.

It was a busy day with over 400 volunteers and nearly 30 teams. Each team was assigned to a project at Treasure Coast Food Bank, Mustard Seed Ministries, Boys & Girls Clubs of St. Lucie County, PACE Center for Girls, Multicultural Resource Center, Inner Truth Project and more. There were 11 projects that included painting, cleaning, landscaping, and food packing.

"I couldn't be more thrilled with the turnout this morning," said Board Chair Andrew Treadwell. "Volunteerism is at the core of our mission and the work we do today will immediately make a difference in our community!"

Friends, families, and co-workers came together and helped our funded partners. Some of the teams were Publix, Fort Pierce Utilities Authority, Wells Fargo, Indian River State College, Martin Health System, and more. The event sponsor was Dean Mead Attorneys at Law.

"Over 300,000 people live here, and that number is increasing by 6-7 thousand every year. That brings new opportunities and new challenges as well. Today is kicking off the opportunity to give back to this community," said Campaign Chairman Howard Tipton.

United Way of St. Lucie County encourages people to LIVE UNITED by giving to the annual campaign, spreading the word about the positive impact United Way is making in our community, and volunteering to make our community a better place for us all. We support numerous programs that enhance the lives of children.

For more information on how you can LIVE UNITED and help create a brighter future for those in need in our community, please call 772-464-5300, like us on Facebook or visit our website www.unitedwayslc.org.





New Clubhouse a Community Game-Changer

For hundreds of children in Fort Pierce's Lincoln Park neighborhood, the newly renovated Boys & Girls Clubs' Infinity Clubhouse is more than just a place for kids to play. It's "a game-changer for an entire community", said Will Armstead, CEO of Boys & Girls Clubs of St. Lucie County.

Infinity Clubhouse re-opened in October after undergoing a major renovation over the past year. Located at 1011 N. 23rd St., in Fort Pierce's Lincoln Park, the Club is open every day after school from 2:00 to 7:00 PM, and from 7:30 AM to 6:00 PM on most holidays and during the summer. More than 100 kids attend every day.

Without the Club, these kids would be home alone or on the street. At the Club, children complete their homework during Power Hour, participate in programs that teach leadership and healthy lifestyle skills, and they eat dinner – for free. The Clubhouse is also available for neighborhood groups and organizations to hold functions during the day while kids are in school.

"We're so grateful to Fort Pierce Housing Authority for remodeling the building. It's beautiful, functional and a real asset to the community," Armstead added. The City of Fort Pierce has future plans to re-model Coach Fenn Park which is adjacent to Infinity Clubhouse.

Boys & Girls Club is grateful to the following for their contributions to furnish and outfit the new building: Allegany Franciscan Ministries; Attorney Cynthia Angelos and Friends; PNC Foundation; the Chuck Hill Golf Classic; Nelson Family Farms; Wal-Mart Distribution Center; Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Hunt; and the Lincoln Park Common Good Initiative.

To register a child or for more information, contact Infinity Club Director Tanesha Jones at (772) 242-1599 tjones@bgcofslc.org.

PHOTO CAPTION: Kevin Singletary and Kim Reid represented the Roundtable at the Infinity Clubhouse Grand Opening held October 25th. They let kids spin for prizes and also provided a fun dress up photo booth that both adults and kids enjoyed.



FortifyFL Safety App Available for Anonymous Reporting

ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FL - FortifyFL – A new safety app is LIVE. Any student, educator, parent or member of the public can report school safety concerns directly to law enforcement and school administrators anonymously and easily through the FortifyFL app or www.getfortifyfl.com. The Florida Legislature directed this tool's development in the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act.

The app, which is available for download on Apple and Android mobile devices, is critical to ensuring all Florida schools are safe environments where students and educators can experience and share the joy of learning without fear.

St. Lucie Public Schools (SLPS) is proud to spread the word about this new app and the opportunity it affords users for yet another enhancement to the See Something, Say Something safety and security measures. Students, educators, parents, and community members in the District now have opportunities to anonymously report through the new FortifyFL app, its See Something Say Something predecessor on the St. Lucie Public Schools app, and through Treasure Coast Crime Stoppers.

SLPS will continue to use the School Messenger robo-call system as a means of communicating via phone calls, emails, and text messages to mobile devices. To support timely and accurate reporting, the District encourages parents and guardians to make sure their contact information is up-to-date. If families have had a phone number or address change or are not receiving calls from their child's school or the District, contact the school's data specialist to update information or make changes directly by logging into the Skylert parent portal.

About St. Lucie Public Schools

St. Lucie Public Schools (SLPS) proudly serves students as the highest-ranking District on the Treasure Coast and fifth in Florida with a graduation rate of 90.1 percent. As a B rated District, there are no failing schools, and SLPS is ranked among the top one-third of Florida's districts for student achievement. The District also has the distinction of being recognized as one of St. Lucie County's Best Places to Work. The mission of SLPS is to ensure all students graduate from safe and caring schools equipped with the knowledge, skills and desire to succeed. For more information, visit <http://www.stlucieschools.org>.



Call For Service Projects

Youthbuild is an education and skilled trades training program for youth ages 16-24. We are actively seeking construction-oriented service projects to benefit non-profit organizations in St. Lucie County.

Does your organization have a need for play houses for children? Dog houses? Sets for a community theater or school play? Picnic table? You supply the plans/dimensions and materials, Youthbuild will make it happen! Please keep in mind that most projects will require at least 60 days of construction time.

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SATURDAY / SEPTEMBER 29, 2018

Join us for a dedication ceremony, at the Jessica Clinton Community Park, in remembrance of Jessica Clinton, 17 year old honor student that passed away on Oct 2nd, 2003. This is a free event, a day of fun and games for the entire family. Hosted by the City of Port St. Lucie. Event starts at 10:00 am. Address: 3200 S.E. Southbend Blvd. Port St. Lucie, FL 34984

FREE ANNUAL HEART SCREENING EVENT

SATURDAY / NOVEMBER 3, 2018 LARRY J. LEE PUBLIC HEALTH BUILDING

Free Heart Screening for students ages 5 to 20 years old. Event will be held at the Florida Health Department in St. Lucie County, between the hours of 8am to 4:30pm.

**For more information contact: Cheryl Lalloo
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CHILDREN AND GRIEF

While grief is a personal and unique experience for children and teens after the death of someone in their life, there are certain truths that are collective. It is imperative that professionals and volunteers who support youth have an understanding of these truths. This training will explore the collective truths that exist for all bereaved youth, and provide an approach for supporting bereaved youth and their families. This interactive presentation will explain effective modes of support, along with techniques for identifying and supporting the needs of each individual youth.



Facilitated by **Jacki Nardone, LCSW**, Director of Counseling and Pediatric Services and **Kate Priest, LCSW**, Good Grief Counselor, this interactive workshop will:

- Describe the collective truths of grief and their role in providing support to grieving children, teens, and their families.
- Demonstrate increased knowledge of the occurrence of grief and its impact on those effected.
- Identify potential collaborators and partners to support needs of the bereaved youth in our community.

**Wednesday,
November 14th**

9am-Noon

**Children's Services Council
of St. Lucie County
546 NW University Blvd,
Port St. Lucie 34986**

TO REGISTER:

Click here or visit www.cscslc.org to register for your seat at this FREE community workshop.

CONTACT:

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The Children's Services Council of St. Lucie County is proud to offer professional development workshops to individuals working with St. Lucie County children and families. For more information about other workshop opportunities and available dates, please visit our website at www.cscslc.org.



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

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)

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 United Way of St. Lucie.

LINCOLN PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK

Location and time TBD.

DELINQUENCY WORKGROUP

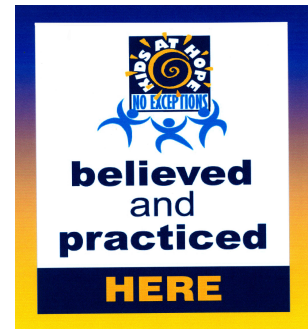
Location and time TBD.

STEERING COMMITTEE

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

SUBSTANCE ABUSE (Drug Free St. Lucie)

Fourth Tuesday of every month at 11:00am at Children's Services Council.



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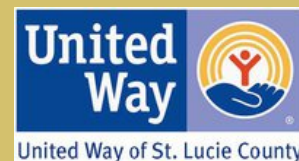
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