



Greetings from your President:

I am very blessed to be able to work with a group of people that have great ideas and know how to get things done. Our annual "Give A Way" was huge success! Your Board of Directors is second to none. We also have great volunteers that stepped up and are vital to our success. Of course we want to acknowledge all the people and businesses that gave to our silent auction. Last but not least, you folks that bought tickets that made it possible to have such a first class event. A heartfelt THANK YOU to you all.

As we celebrate my favorite holiday, Easter, it's time for us as Christians to acknowledge that this celebration makes us more mindful that we follow a man that is perfect in every way. A lot of other religions can claim a perfect person but none can say they have a man that died and rose from the dead like our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! How cool is that!

If you are ready to have a social, please let Carmen know. It is a great way to showcase your business.

Thank you for your support.

God Bless You,
Bryan Beer

New Members

*Hendry County Education Association
4001 School Circle
LaBelle, Fl. 33935
239-641-0305
*Taqueria San Julian
1100 SR 29 S
LaBelle, Fl. 33935
863-612-9235
*Main Street Executive Suites, LLC
90 N. Main St.
LaBelle, Fl. 33935
863-675-9066

April Events

4 th -5 th	Riverside Retreat Intro to Bow Hunting
4 th -6 th	Smith Family Cattle Drive & Rodeo
5 th	Caloosa Baptist Yard Sale
5 th	Spring Yard Sale-LaBelle Community Woman's Club
5 th	Family Fun Day-Benefit (Lakeport Community Center)
5 th -6 th	Gun & Knife Show
6 th	Arts of Inland-Majestic Golf Club (Lehigh)
8 th	Riverside Retreat- Easter Workshop
10 th	Seminole Heritage Day
11 th	Don's Steak House- Jeni Dyess Karaoke
11 th -13 th	28 th Annual Sugar Festival (Clewiston)
12 th	LaBelle Relay for Life (LaBelle High School)
15 th	South Central Fl. Car Club (Barron Park)
22 nd	2014 Lincoln-Reagan Day Spring Dinner
25 th -27 th	Firehouse Community Theater
26 th	Swing into Spring-United Way Dinner & Dance
26 th	Bull Pit Outreach Ministry-Benefit

A "BIG" THANK YOU to all of our chamber friends who donated
to our 2014 Give-A-Way & Fundraiser Silent Auction

Amanda Nisbet/Photography
Auto Zone
Big Smiles Child Care & Early Learning
Caloosa Massage Works
Carol Partain
CenterState Bank
Clewiston Chamber
CPR Tools
DJ Drae`
Dr. Earle Edwards, DO
Everglades Farm Equipment
EWI Design/Diann Gibson
Eye Centers of Florida
Family Eye Care
Firehouse Community Theater
First Bank
First Chistian Church
Fred Bird
Geraldine Nobles
Heartland Building Co.
K & M Drugs
Kiwanis

LaBelle Electric/ Brenda Barnes
LaBelle Plumbing
Langford Ford
McDonalds/Nisbet Enterprises
Mary & Craig Bartoshuk
Nick & Diane Fidanza
Phillip & Gail Pelletier
Porterfield Oil
Riverside Retreat
Seacoast National Bank
Sherriff Steve Whidden
South Central Florida Car Club
Spectacular Eye Care
TJ Lee Trucking
Tracy Langford
Whisper Creek
White's Furniture & Appliance



The 2014 LaBelle Relay For Life needs your help.

We have heard from a few businesses around town that they want to do Something to help at Relay. We are inviting businesses to come out on Relay night, April 12th at 6 PM to peddle your wares, have a chance drawing for a prize, sell food, or what ever you can come up with to do. We just ask that you donate your proceeds back to Relay For Life. You can also buy a track supporter sign or just walk some laps for teams. So what can you do to help? The next meeting is at First Christian Church in the social hall March 31st at 6 PM if you would like to attend. We need to know something by then.

If you have any questions feel free to call either
Tracy Miller at 863-673-4952 or Carmen Corbitt at 863-675-0125

**Please don't let the Relay For Life in LaBelle go away.
We need your support!**

April 26, 2014



SATURDAY

Swing into Spring

benefitting
**United Way of
Hendry & Glades**

**Prime Rib
Dinner,
Entertainment,
Live and Silent
Auctions**

5:00-8:00 p.m.

**RiverBend
Motorcoach Resort**

5800 W. SR 80, LaBelle
Individual Tickets \$50 per person
(\$30 tax deductible)

For Reservations
or additional information contact

Arlene at
(800) 887-9234 Option
#9 or

Julie at (863) 675-5982

EVENT SPONSORSHIP

GOLD	\$1,000	8 tickets Prominent recognition in program & reserved table
SILVER	\$500	6 tickets & recognition
BRONZE	\$250	2 tickets & recognition

Bull Pit Outreach Ministry

Jane Swails benefit Buckout

all proceeds going to help out with her ever increasing medical and care expenses

Saturday April 26, 2014

LaBelle Rodeo Grounds

Dinner starting at **12:00 NOON**

Pulled Pork, Baked Beans,
Cole Slaw, Roll & Tea

\$8.00/Plate

Bulls & Barrels

7:00PM

Bull/Steer riders call in
Tuesday April 22nd 7:00PM
(863)673-2765

Jesus said

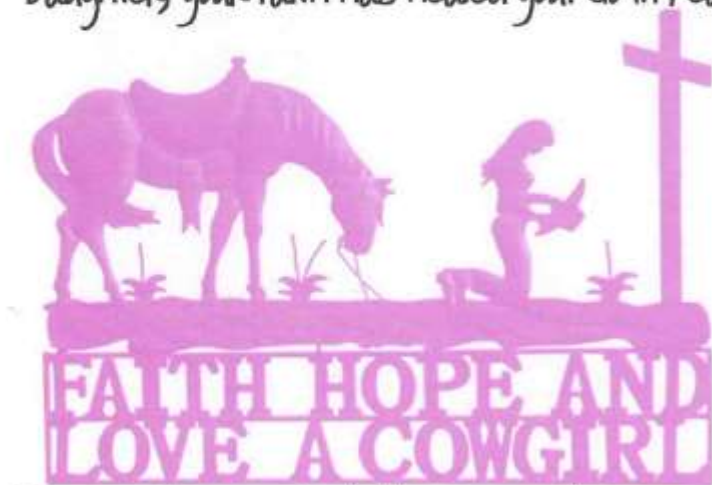
"DO NOT BE AFRAID, ONLY BELIEVE. SHE WILL BE MADE WELL." LUKE 8:50 NLV

We are BELIEVING and we know Jane is going to

FIGHT LIKE A GIRL

"Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in Peace and be free from your sickness"

Mark 5:34 NLV



- ◆ Raffles
- ◆ Auctions
- ◆ 50/50 Raffle
- ◆ Bake Sale
- ◆ & More

If you are unable to attend, and still want to contribute you can make a donation to Bull Pit Outreach Ministries and in the memo section of your check put for the Jane Swails Benefit and they will make sure the money is placed in the account they have set up. Contact Mike MacDowell (863)673-2765



Please help us collect
Canned Meat and Soup



The Salvation Army
LaBelle Service Center
133 N. Bridge Street
(863) 674-1441



If you would like to donate, please drop of
any size, new canned meat or soup
to the above address
Or bring back to this location.



Thank you for the support of
our food pantry!
We appreciate your help!



If you are a survivor or caregiver, please join us, bring family, friends and neighbors. If you know of survivors or caregivers, please forward, or pass this information along. Thank you.

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**2014 LaBelle Relay for Life
Survivor/Caregiver Luncheon
It will be a fun, Dr. Suess' Birthday Party
Sunday, April 6th
at the Woman's Clubhouse at 1 p.m.**

(Next to ACE Hardware)

It will be a covered dish, so bring your favorite dish, or just come!!

Meat, drinks, dessert and paper goods will be furnished.

Cancer Survivors and Caregivers will be honored while those we've lost will be remembered.

The Memory Boards will on hand with pictures of those we've lost.

Luminaries will be available to make a donation for a candle to honor or remember loved ones.

The luminaries will be placed around the track during the Luminaria Ceremony on Relay night, Saturday, April 12th, at the High School.

Join us, bring family, friends and neighbors.

It will be a celebration luncheon.

For more information, call Mary at 863-517-0307.

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GUN & KNIFE SHOW

April 5 & 6, 2014

SPONSORED BY AMERICAN LEGION POST 130

LaBelle Civic Center
481 W. Hickpochee Ave (SR 80)

HOURS: SATURDAY: 9AM - 5PM SUNDAY: 9AM - 4PM
ADMISSION: \$5.00ea. under 12yrs old FREE, Uniformed LEO &
Active Duty Military FREE! FREE PARKING
(American Legion Post 130 Members FREE w/ID Card)

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FOR TABLE RENTALS OR INFORMATION:
LEE COUNTY GUN COLLECTORS LLC

POB 151760

CAPE CORAL, FL 33915

Tel (239) 223-3370

Email: LEECOUNTYGUNCOLLECTORSLLC@COMCAST.NET

www.GunShowsFlorida.com

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NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2014

From Your President...

Thank you for allowing me to continue to work with you and your Board of Directors to help Arts of the Inland grow and expand our success during the coming year. We encourage you to participate and to share your ideas and suggestions with us to make your organization even better.

We continue to follow our Mission Statement which is: To facilitate and nurture the creation, development, promotion and education of arts and culture in the inland communities of South Florida.

However, THE ARTS OF THE INLAND NEEDS YOU! Please volunteer so we can make sure the AOI continues to thrive and provide you, its members, with opportunities and recognition for your many talents. Please consider volunteering and contact me at artsinland@gmail.com or 239-303-5849.



Original artwork by local artists will be on display and for sale at the *Inspirations Art Show*, Sunday, April 6, 2014 from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. at Majestic Golf Club Crown Room, 350 Homestead Rd. S., Lehigh Acres. The artwork will be judged by renowned David Meo with cash awards and ribbons for the winners. The annual judged art show is free to the public and features local pianist Millicent Calobre tickling the ivories for your enjoyment as well. Newly elected Honorary Mayor of Lehigh, Osman Gruhonjic, will be there to enjoy this cultural event also. Come enjoy a few hours on a Sunday afternoon viewing the beautiful artwork local artists have created.

The Art Show is presented by the Arts of the Inland. For complete information go to www.artsoftheinland.com or contact LaVon Koenig at artsinland@gmail.com or 239-303-5849. Last year's Best of Show Winner, Deb Kik is shown with her award winning painting "Queen Guigi."



Chuck Wood,
Playwright

Firehouse Community Theatre

"Night Watch" written by Lucille Fletcher and directed by Mike Shough will be performed April 25-27, 2014. This is the first "out of season" play offered by the theatre.

Clarence Bud Jones Memorial Playwriting Competition, sponsored by Firehouse Community Theatre in LaBelle is now underway. Sharpen your pencils and submit your creation to this fine competition. Go to www.firehousecommunitytheatre.com for complete details. Last year's competition winner was AOI member Chuck Wood for his play *Up Close from a Distance* which will be performed at the Firehouse Theatre during the 2014-15 season.

AOI Board Members Elected

At the Annual Meeting of the Arts of the Inland the following directors were elected:

LaVon Koenig, President
Jere Carrick, Vice President
Freida Miller, Secretary
Richard Georgian, Treasurer
Inke Baker
Dick Kennedy
Connie Killebrew
C. Rae Nicely
Mike Shough

AOI Echo Editor – **Connie Killebrew**

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artsinland@gmail.com

AOI Website:

www.artsoftheinland.com



Keiser University Gallery

.Our partnership with Keiser University has allowed us to have our own Art Gallery space in a respected academic setting with exposure to students, faculty and the public. Thank you to Keiser University Forum Campus President Nancy Tedros and Keiser for letting us share this on-going cultural experience.

Receiving is the 3rd Wednesday of each month from 1-3 p.m. Keiser is located at 9100 Forum Corporate Parkway, Fort Myers. The public is invited to stop by Monday – Saturday to view/buy the art. Their website is: www.keiseruniversity.edu.

ART COUNCIL OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

Your president is on the Board of Directors of the Art Council and as such, represents you and the interests of AOI. Our membership in ACSWF allows our Art Show winners exposure and recognition through their Biennial Winners' Circle and Biennial Spring Show.

Also, as members of the Art Council of Southwest Florida, members are eligible to sell their art through the ACSWF Co-op Art Gallery at Coconut Point Mall in Estero.

Complete information on the biennial art shows and the ACSWF Co-op Art Gallery can be found at the ACSWF website: www.acswf.org.

Welcome to our New Members/Sponsors:

Maureen Hahn, Visual Artist
The Artist KP, Ken Stanchi,
Visual Artist
Gilian Curd, Mixed Media
Linda Addison, Quilter
Shary Weckwerth, Visual Artist

New collaborative partnership:
Lehigh Community Services



AOI member Bobbee Cera has time available for more student pianists. Please contact her at 239-878-5653 for more information. She can also provide beautiful music for your business or event functions.



Reminder:

We are featuring our sponsors and members on our new website, www.artsoftheinland.com so if you haven't already submitted your logo/picture/art and your website link to be included, please do so now by e-mailing the information to artsinland@gmail.com. Help us to make our website even better.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 6, 2014 : Inspirations Art Show, Majestic Golf Club Crown Room, 350 Homestead Rd. S., Lehigh from 3-5 p.m.

April 14, 2014 : ACSWF Coop Gallery Receiving – 10 a.m.-1:00 p.m., 8074 Mediterranean Dr., Coconut Point Mall, Estero.

April 16, 2014 : AOI Receiving at Keiser University Gallery – 1-3 p.m., 9100 Forum Corporate Parkway, Fort Myers.

May 12, 2014 : ACSWF Coop Gallery Receiving – 10 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., 8074 Mediterranean Dr., Coconut Point Mall, Estero.

May 20, 2014 : Arts of the Inland Meeting, 6 p.m., Location to be announced.

NATIONAL NUTRITION MONTH RECOGNIZED

TALLAHASSEE – Governor Rick Scott has issued a proclamation recognizing the significance of National Nutrition Month. The Florida Department of Health recognizes March as National Nutrition Month and encourages all Floridians to consider ways to include healthy eating into their lives, helping Florida to become the healthiest state in the nation. Governor Scott's proclamation can be viewed [here](#).

"We are the sum of small choices over time. By eating right and being active in life, each of us can achieve a healthy weight," said State Surgeon General and Secretary of Health Dr. John Armstrong. "The Department appreciates Governor Rick Scott's proclamation in recognition of National Nutrition Month."

Proper nutrition is important for people of all ages and has beneficial effects for overall health and body weight. Good nutrition begins with smart food choices such as replacing an office candy bowl with Florida fresh fruit, choosing water over a sugary beverage and filling half of your dinner plate with fruits and vegetables.

In an effort to encourage healthier lifestyles and address Florida's number one health threat, weight, the Department has launched Healthiest Weight Florida. Currently, only 36% of Floridians are at healthy weight. Healthiest Weight Florida is a public-private collaboration bringing together state agencies, not-for-profit organizations, businesses, and entire communities to help Florida's children and adults make consistent, informed choices about healthy eating and active living.

As a result, Florida has improved from 19th to 12th healthiest weight state in the nation and has seen a 1.4 percent increase in adult Floridians who are at a healthy weight. More information is available at www.HealthiestWeightFL.com.

The Department works to protect, promote and improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county and community efforts.

Follow us on Twitter at [@HealthyFla](https://twitter.com/HealthyFla) and on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/HealthyFla). For more information about the Florida Department of Health please visit www.FloridaHealth.gov.



Hendry County Republican Party

Post Office Box 1142

LaBelle, Florida 33975

The Hendry County Republican Party
invites you to the
2014 Lincoln-Reagan Day Spring Dinner
Clewiston Country Club
Tuesday April 22, 2014
Reception 6:00 p.m. Dinner 6:45 p.m.
Cost \$50 per reservation

Keynote Speaker:

Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart
Representing the 25th District of Florida

Seating is limited and reservations are first come, first served

*** Please complete the form below and return with a check for your reservation. Checks should be made payable to:**

Hendry County Republican Party and mailed *P.O.* Box 1142 LaBelle, Florida 33975 *

This is our spring fundraising event to benefit the Hendry County Republican Party. Whether or not you are able to attend, please consider contributing financially to our local Republican Party today! Under Florida law, individuals and businesses can contribute any amount they desire. Be advised that political contributions are not tax deductible.

We look forward to your accepting our invitation and joining us for an enthusiastic evening as we prepare for a Republican sweep in the November general election.

Ron Zimmerly, Chairman

Hendry County Republican Party



Public Workshops PUBLIC WORKSHOPS

Thursday, February 20
Meeting Previously Held
Tuesday, April 8
4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Sarasota County

Lee County

Arts & Cultural Alliance
of Sarasota County
Alliance for the Arts,
10091 McGregor
Boulevard, Fort Myers
33919
Beef O' Brady's, 21 Lee
Street, LaBelle
Corner of Hwy 80 and
Lee Street
TBD

Wednesday, April 9
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Hendry County

Wednesday, April 23
TBD

Glades County

Monday, April 28
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Charlotte County

Charlotte County
Administration Building
at 18500 Murdock Circle,
Building B in Port
Charlotte
Naples, Marco Island,
Everglades Convention &
Visitors Bureau -
Conference Room 609-
610 at 2800 N.
Horseshoe Drive, Naples

Tuesday, April 29
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Collier County



Sponsored by
the GFWC
LaBelle
Community
Woman's
Club

Turn your unwanted items into CA\$H!!!

SPRING YARD SALE!!!

Saturday, April 5th * 8 am to 2 pm

The LaBelle Community Woman's Club is located on HWY 80 in downtown LaBelle, next to the ACE Hardware.

Spaces are available for \$10.00, payable the morning of the sale. Please bring your own table(s)! Restrooms and refreshments are available inside the club.

- Membership Drive inside the club
- Days for Girls Project demonstration
- See what the Woman's Club does to help the LaBelle community!

**FAMILY FUN DAY
for
DAVID "FISH" BECK**

When: Saturday, April 5th @ 11:00 am

Where: Lakeport Community Center

BBQ (Pork or Chicken) Baked Beans, Coleslaw & Roll for \$8.00

Will be Served at 12:00 pm

FUN FOR THE KIDS:

**Bouncy's~Dunk Tank~Baseball/Football Toss
~Pie Throwing~Pie Eating Contest,Egg Toss & MORE**

**Raffle~Auction~
50/50 Drawing~Arts&Crafts~
Car Show~Volley Ball**

Cornhole Tournament @ 11:00 am

**Indian Fry,
Pumpkin Bread
&**

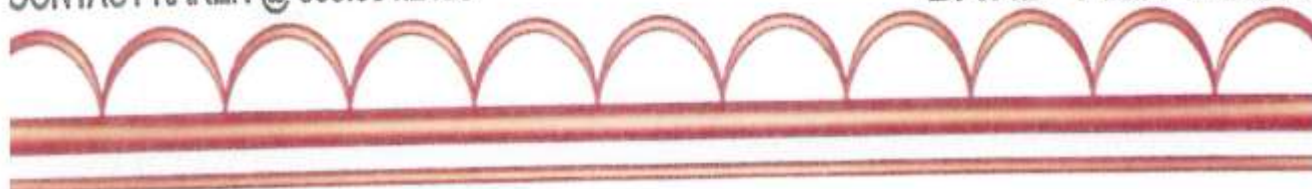
Additional Food Booths

Entertainment Provided By: The Jake Hair Band

**FOR MORE INFORMATION
CONTACT KAREN @ 863.634.2120**



**at FAMILY FUN DAY
for
DAVID "FISH" BECK**





QuickBooks Job Costing Workshop

For Your Business \$49.95

You're Invited

QuickBooks Job Costing Workshop

For Your Business

QuickBooks can handle Job Costing for your Business:

- *Learn how to create jobs in QuickBooks!*
- *Learn how to enter material for each jobs!*
- *Learn how to run profitability report by job!*
- *Great solution for construction industry and trade business like Electrical contractor and Plumbing!*
- *Awesome Solution for managing large projects!*

Register Now

Please contact me with registration questions or for any additional details by email at labelle@simplifiedtech.biz or by phone at 863-342-8251. Wed., April 23, 2014 11am-2pm

Beef O' Brady's
21 S. Lee St.
LaBelle, FL 33935

We look forward to seeing you at our Workshop. Thank You!

Sincerely,

Darius Joseph

Simplified Technologies LLC

darius@simplifiedtech.biz



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Spuds

HOME OF THE LOADED POTATO

POTATOES

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#2. Chili Cheese w/ Sour Cream...\$8.60	XL...\$2.00
#3. Bacon, Sour Cream & Chives...\$7.95	Soda....\$1.00
#4. BBQ Chicken...\$9.40	Water....\$1.00
#5. BBQ Pork...\$9.00	
#6. Cheeseburger...\$10.00	BBQ Chicken Sandwich....\$3.95
#7. Steak & Bleu or Cheddar Cheese...\$10.50	BBQ Pork Sandwich.....\$3.75
#8. Plain w/ Butter (ONLY)...\$5.00	Chef Salad (Loaded).....\$7.25
#9. Twice Baked...\$3.00	
#10. Sweet Potato (Loaded)....\$ 7.60	Homemade Sweet Potato Pie.....\$2.00 per slice
#11. Trashy Tater....\$6.50	
#12. Chicken, Bacon, Ranch.....\$9.00	
#13. Taco (Loaded).....\$9.00	
#14. Fajita (Loaded).....\$11.00	

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