



Lighthouse for the Blind
of the Palm Beaches

Happy Independence Day!

Illuminations Newsletter

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1st Annual Lighthouse Ladies KDW Fishing Tournament

Presented by Stingray Fishing Outfitters, this tournament put the ladies first! This was an all ladies angler tournament for women of all ages, to benefit the Lighthouse for the Blind of the Palm Beaches. If you didn't have a boat to fish on, there was no need to worry because a group of captains and their boats were corralled to take ladies out for the day. On June 4th, fishing began at 8:00 a.m. and lines out at 3:00 p.m. Raffle winners were announced over the radio throughout the day, during actual fishing.

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Fishing Tournament Award Party

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1st Place Winners Christine Benton and June Phillips

The awards party, which was open to the public, was at Wylder's, located at Jupiter Pointe Marina. The Silent Auction and Tea Cup Raffle winners were announced that evening. A special thank you goes out to all the captains who donated their boats and time to the ladies who did not have boats to fish from. The Captain of the boat that brought in the heaviest fish was Captain Steve Bolte on the "Bite Me." Mark your calendars for next year's event on June 2, 2012! To view pictures, go to [Lighthouse KDW Fishing](http://www.LighthouseKDW.com).

Congratulation to the winners!

Dolphin Category Winners

- 1st: Christine Benton, 27.2 lbs
- 2nd: Stephanie Simon, 26.4 lbs
- 3rd: Kristy Grant, 25.2 lbs

Kingfish Category Winners

- 1st: June Phillips, 20.6 lbs
- 2nd: Dawn Birchenough, 16.8 lbs
- 3rd: Sara Smith, 14.8 lbs

Book Club Update

The first Book Club Meeting was on 5/20/11 and the meeting went very well. The group discussed "War Time Lies," by Louis Begley. We decided that for June and July we will join the Talking Books Summer Reading Program. To register, please call 1-888-780-5151.

Upcoming Meetings:

June 15, 2011 at 2:00 p.m.

July 21, 2011 at 2:00 p.m.

June and July's meetings will take place at the Talking Books Library Annex:

Mil-Lake Plaza
4629 Lake Worth Road
Greenacres, FL 33463



In August we will resume our group meetings at the Lighthouse and we plan to review "Plot Against America," by Philip Roth.

Summer Camp Update

Thanks to generous support from community sponsors and other donors, we have not only met our fundraising goal for Summer Camp 2011, we have well exceeded it! Camp will be held in two locations in addition to four combined field trips involving campers from both locations. The camp will take place in West Palm Beach from July 18th through July 21st and in Stuart from July 25th through July 28th, as well as four field trip dates scheduled for Fridays on July 22nd, July 29th, August 5th and August 12th.

Field trips will include: the Norton Museum, a mall scavenger hunt and visit to the Apple store, Okeeheelee Park, as well as the Ft. Lauderdale Museum of Discovery and Science to include a Tri-Rail and bus ride. Please note that field trip activities are subject to change.

Space is limited and admittance is on a first come, first served basis. For additional information on all of the exciting activities planned for Summer Camp, please visit our [Summer Camp Website](#).

Thank you to all of the donors who have helped to make Summer Camp 2011 possible!



A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR SUMMER CAMP 2011 SPONSORS!

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Lighthouse Receives NAC Accreditation!



From the desk of **Kathy Spencer**, Vice President of Program Services for the Lighthouse for the Blind of the Palm Beaches and Gulfstream Goodwill: “We have just received word that NAC (**National Accreditation Council for Agencies Serving People with Blindness or Visual Impairment**) has awarded the Lighthouse for the Blind of the Palm Beaches a **5 year accreditation!** This is the highest award that an agency can receive. Many congratulations to Mary Allen and the wonderful staff of the Lighthouse. The accreditation surveyors were so impressed with the work that they do that they did not have any recommendations for improvement in the area of services. It is wonderful to have a partnership with such a great agency.”

Among the commendations received in the on-site peer review report, the reviewers commented:

“The Lighthouse staff members are highly qualified and have many years of valuable experience in their respective areas of expertise.”

“The staff is highly qualified and maintains knowledge of new technologies.”

AiSquared Donates Zoom Text to the Lighthouse!

Thank you to AiSquared for donating a copy of Zoom Text to the Lighthouse! They have been campaigning on Facebook and for every 100 new fans, they have been donating a copy of Zoom Text to a different non-profit agency. The Lighthouse is among one of the most recent to receive a donation. For information, please visit: www.aisquared.com.

AiSquared is on Facebook at:
<https://www.facebook.com/aisquared>
<https://www.facebook.com/ZoomText>

Calendar of Events

Focus Group

Focus Group provides socialization opportunities, educational speakers and other activities. Meetings are on the 1st Friday of every month from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Upcoming Focus Group Meetings:

7/1/2011 Tomas Boiton
Transportation Consultant and Advocate.

8/5/2011 Patty Guttu, SHINE:
Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders Program (SHINE) offers comprehensive health insurance counseling to Medicare beneficiaries.

9/2/2011 Dianne Verner, Florida Power & Light Company, Special Consumer Services: Energy assistance programs and FPL programs.

Highlight from last quarter:

FoundCare Health Center

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2330 South Congress Avenue
WPB, FL 33406
561-432-5849
www.foundcare.org

FoundCare Health Center is a nonprofit full-service community health center providing medical care for Palm Beach County residents with limited or no health insurance. FoundCare is supported financially through local, state and federal government sources, Medicaid, Medicare, sliding fee scale based on verified income, donations, other agency and foundation grants.



Gavel Club



Want to become a more effective communicator and listener? Toastmasters International is dedicated to making better communication a worldwide reality. Meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays from 1:30 P.M. to 3:00 P.M. Please RSVP to Cathy-Alice Koyanagi via email at: Cakoyanagi@gmail.com or 321- 424-0721.

Meeting Dates for Gavel Club:

July 12 and 26, 2011
August 9 and 23, 2011
September 13 and 27, 2011
October 11 and 25, 2011

For more information on events, please contact the Lighthouse.

Tech Tip: Beware of Scams!

**By Rachael Trinkowsky, CRC, Ed.S
Technology Training and Vocational
Coordinator**

In the past few months, we have been hearing more about phone and e-mail scams. One participant shared her recent experience, which created unnecessary anxiety and almost lost her \$6,000.00. For confidentiality purposes, we will call her "Annie."

Imagine this: Annie answered the phone to hear a girl crying hysterically and screaming, "Granny, Granny, please, I need help." Having several grandchildren, Annie tried to calm the girl down, to no avail. Out of fear and frustration, Annie named one of her granddaughters and asked if it was her. The girl on the phone sobbed a "yes," then continued to say that she was in prison in Canada and needed help. The conversation continued on and the girl stated that she was caught with drugs, but that she was innocent and needed to be bailed out of jail. When Annie asked why she didn't call her parents, the girl stated that she was scared that they wouldn't help her and begged, "Please Granny, don't call my Dad!" Annie agreed, desperate to help the girl, who she believed to be her granddaughter. The girl stated that an officer would call back in 10 minutes.



Right on time, Annie received a phone call from a man who named himself, stated that he was an officer and provided a badge number. The officer told Annie that she would need to send bail to an address located in Haiti. Annie hung up and proceeded to the bank. While her husband went to withdraw the money, Annie asked to speak with the bank manager, who immediately identified the issue as a scam. Annie was convinced that she spoke to her granddaughter. She reluctantly contacted her family and the police department in Canada to find that her granddaughter was home safe and there was no such officer. There are many different types of scams going around using the phone and E-mail. Please be careful not to be a victim! Here are some links for additional information.

[Fox Business Article About Scams That Target Retirees](#)

[FBI E-mail Scams](#)

[Recognizing and Avoiding E-mail Scams from US Cert](#)

LIONS INTERNATIONAL



ZONE 3 DISTRICT 35-N Meeting

Thursday July 21, 2011
5:30 p.m. Meet & Greet
6:00 p.m. Meeting

LOCATION

The Braille Club
4801 South Dixie Hwy West
Palm Beach 33405

Guests welcome
Limit 40 people.

R.S.V.P with dinner choice by
July 17 to:

Allen Preston - Zone 3 Chair
Prestonad542@comcast.net

Dinner is \$15.00
Choice of Baked Chicken or
Roast Pork, salad, corn,
potato, roll, dessert and
beverage.

Rachael Trinkowsky will
demonstrate the latest
technology for people who are
blind or visually impaired and
provide an update on
happenings at the Lighthouse
for the Blind of the Palm
Beaches.



**Lighthouse for the Blind of
the Palm Beaches is Online!**

www.lighthousepalmbeaches.org

Facebook

[Lighthouse for the Blind of the Palm
Beaches](#)

Twitter

www.twitter.com/LighthousePB

The “**Florida a State of Vision**” license plate helps blind and visually impaired residents in our 5-county area. Lighthouse for the Blind of the Palm Beaches will receive \$25.00 for each tag purchased in Palm Beach, Martin, Indian River, St. Lucie and Okeechobee counties. Contact the tax collectors office in your area to get your own STATE OF VISION license plate or ask about purchasing it as a gift.



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Ink and Cell Phone Recycling Fundraiser

We are continuing to participate in an exciting program that will help us acquire FREE technology and/or money to support our programs and services! Through the FundingFactory Recycling Program we are recycling empty printer cartridges and used cell phones and earning funding for Lighthouse programs and services. The program is FREE and easy, but it won't work without your support.

Let's make this recycling program a huge success by working together to collect as many empty cartridges and used cell phones as we can. You can donate your cartridges and cell phones at the Lighthouse. Thank you!