

## M E M O R A N D U M

Date: October 21, 2015

**TO:** Town Commission  
**FROM:** Dave Bullock, Town Manager  
**SUBJECT:** Confirmation of Continued Support of Longboat Key Kiwanis Club  
Gourmet Lawn Party

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At the November 7, 2011 Regular Meeting the Town Commission agreed to continue the Town's support of this annual charitable fund raising event.

It was brought before the Commission at that time because the format had changed somewhat from the previous 25+ years from being known as the St. Jude's Luncheon (benefitting only St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital) to the Kiwanis Club Gourmet Lawn Party benefitting several *local* non-profit children's organizations.

Since that time, the Commission has reaffirmed each year, their continued support of this annual community event.

This year the event will take place on Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at the Longboat Key Club and Resort at the Islandside Driving Range. Last year the proceeds of this annual Longboat Key Kiwanis Club event benefitted the following charities:

- Boys' & Girls' Clubs of Sarasota - \$2,000
- Boys' & Girls' Club of Manatee - \$2,000
- Child Protection Center - \$5,000
- Girls, Inc. - \$3,500
- Girl Scouts of Gulf Coast Florida - \$2,000
- Forty Carrots - \$2,500
- Big Brothers & Big Sisters - \$3,500
- United Community Center "Reading Buddies" - \$2,000
- Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation - \$4,000
- Dance-The Next Generation, Sarasota Ballet - \$2,000
- Library Foundation of Sarasota - \$500
- Anna Maria Island Community Center - \$500
- Feeding Empty Little Tummys, Bradenton \$3,500

and  
Longboat Key Kiwanis Foundation Scholarship Fund

The Town has traditionally assisted the Longboat Key Kiwanis Club organizers by providing limited staffing of Public Works employees who assist with the delivery and set-up of tents and small generators. We also store (in Town facilities) the 66 +/- tents that are utilized for this one-day event. The estimated Town cost for the personnel and equipment associated with the Gourmet Lawn Party is \$2,300.

This item is placed on the November 2, 2015 Regular Meeting Consent Agenda to reaffirm Town Commission's support for this annual event.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need further information.



**End of Agenda Item**