

Al Kinkle Receives Humanitarian Honor

Lee Memorial Health System Foundation has named Al Kinkle of Fort Myers as the winner of the first annual Frank Haskell Humanitarian Award. Kinkle was honored at the foundation's Evening of Appreciation, on January 13, which hosted over 250 health system supporters at Lexington Country Club.

Kinkle was recognized for his many charitable activities directed toward helping patients at Lee Memorial including his current position as chairperson for Barbara's Friends – Golisano Children's Hospital Cancer Fund – and his role as past president of the Lee Memorial Auxiliary. The nominees said his leadership and unwavering commitment to the cause of health care has benefitted thousands of patients from all age groups and walks from improved access to vital medical services. Kinkle is a resident of Fort Myers and is the chief operating officer for Lexington Country Club.

"Al has done an outstanding job galvanizing philanthropic and volunteer support from across Southwest Florida and from the Lexington community in particular," said Skip Leonard, chief foundation officer. "His commitment to



Al Kinkle, chairperson of Barbara's Friends, received the first annual Frank Haskell Humanitarian Award for leadership in enhancing quality health care.

helping young cancer patients receive the care they need through Barbara's Friends is especially noteworthy. Add to that the significant role he played in enhancing patient care while serving as president of the Lee Memorial Auxiliary and you see why he is so deserving of this award."

Set to be an annual honor, the Frank Haskell Humanitarian Award recognizes outstanding leadership in the advance-



Skip Leonard, chief foundation officer, Lee Memorial Health System Foundation; award namesake Frank Haskell of Barbara's Friends; and Jim Nathan, president, Lee Memorial Health System at the award ceremony

ment of quality health care for the citizens of Southwest Florida. It is named in honor of Frank Haskell, co-founder, with his wife Betty, of Barbara's Friends. For the past 20 years, Haskell has worked to help local children fight cancer and life-threatening blood disorders.

"We're truly fortunate to have the opportunity to honor Frank Haskell's

ongoing support of young cancer patients by naming the award in his honor while at the same time recognizing Al Kinkle for his tremendous contributions to the healthcare landscape," said Leonard. "We're pleased to publicly acknowledge the outstanding impact these two gentlemen have had on our community."✱



Tomas and Mina Edison in their later years

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Hymn Sing

alleviate hunger and suffering in Lee County. The church has continued to support its ministry there by providing volunteers in The Soup Kitchen and delivering hot meals to home-bound seniors.

Galloway, who originated the hymn sing in 1989, said he wanted to do something to honor Mrs. Mina Edison during the Edison Festival celebration.

"We hear a great deal about the wonderful work of Thomas Alva Edison, but we don't do a lot to honor his wife who also volunteered a great deal of her time and talent to making Fort Myers what it is today. This hymn sing is a way to honor her good work too," Galloway said.

This year's hymn sing will feature the First Presbyterian Sanctuary Choir and many other singers, including members of the Mastersingers, guest soloists, along with a piano-organ combination.

Mrs. Edison's Hymn Sing is the first of three hymn sings sponsored annually by the Galloway Family of Dealerships. The other two are First Celebrates Freedom in July and the Christmas Carol Sing in December. All three events benefit The Soup Kitchen of Community Cooperative.

For more information or directions to the church, call 334-2261 or visit www.fpcfortmyers.org. For more information about Community Cooperative, call 332-SOUP or visit www.ccmileecounty.com.✱



Stained glass window at First Presbyterian Church

FSW Big Band Concert At St. Peter Lutheran

The St. Peter Lutheran Church Concert Series will feature the FSW Big Band on Monday, February 1 at 7 p.m. The concert will feature an evening of stylings from the

Big Band era with music from the '30s and '40s performed by the 20-piece group from Florida SouthWestern State College under the direction of Dr. Tom Smith. There is no admission charge but donations are welcome. St. Peter Lutheran Church is at 3751 Estero Boulevard. For more information, call 463-4251.✱

Vino's Picasso Begins Classes At The Estates

Join Vino's Picasso and your artistic-minded friends and neighbors under the famous Mysore fig that sits along the Caloosahatchee on the Edison & Ford Winter Estates on Sunday, January 24 and Sunday, February 21 from 2 to 4 p.m. Each seat includes entry to the grounds, an all inclusive two-hour paint session with all painting materials and access to a bellini, mimosa, wine and beer cash bar (paid separately). Additional Vino's Picasso sessions will be held back at the Estates in March.

Vino's Picasso is not about fine art but fun art. They are a locally grown and locally owned paint studio comprised of an authentic co-op of local artists that work together to create fun paintings. At Vino's Picasso, creative people can drive their artistic expression with a great drink, good friends and fun, step-by-step instruction.

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