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calendar on our
website.

**SATURDAY Aug 29th: Strategic
Planning Meeting. PBMC
community center 9 AM**

***MONDAY 0830 Aug 31:
Business Meeting at Perdido Bay
Methodist Church (PBMC)
THURSDAY Sep 3rd: Perdido
Kids Park Grand Reopening.
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SEPT 7. LABOR DAY NO Mtg
MONDAY Sep 14th: NOON Mtg
**Lindsey Cannon, Executive
Director of Escambia County
Children's Trust.**

**TUESDAY Sept 22nd: Installation
of Officers banquet 5:30.**

COBALT'S RESTAURANT

**TUESDAY Sep 29th: 8:00 AM
Coffee&Visit .BUSINESS
MEETING starts at 8:30 AM**

*Improving the world and our
community, one child at a
time!*



Carmen Ciardello
August 30th



Paul "OD" O'Donnell
September 9th



ALL IN-KIDS WIN!

At our Aug 17 meeting, Bruce Cady, OPENING DOORS Executive Director, spoke about the challenges our community faces regarding homelessness. Over 1200 homeless people are living "rough" in our community. Escambia schools report nearly 1500 children without a home address. To learn more about how OPENING DOORS is helping, go to [CLICK HERE](#)



Ryo, the shelter dog, was a big hit with the membership.



At our Aug 24 meeting, Connie Bookman, founder of Pathways for Change, discussed the housing crisis for families in need in our community. Currently, one in four renters in Escambia County pay more than 30% of their income on rent. Studies show that a wage earner must make at least \$20 an hour in a full-time job to afford rent. Families are doubling up in inadequately sized housing. Seniors living solely on Social Security must choose among food, medicine, and rent.

Pathways for Change is giving the community hope through partnerships with faith-based institutions, government, and other non-profit organizations. [CLICK HERE](#) to learn more.



Mentors and individual donors from Big Lagoon represented Kiwanis at the annual "Kick Off" banquet for Take Stock in Children. New scholars in the 7th-9th grade for the 2026-2027 school year were recognized. When they graduate from high school, they will receive up to 4 years of tuition and fees at state universities, colleges, or trade schools. [CLICK HERE](#) to learn more.



Caylee Deleo
Bailey Middle



Zachary Galloway
Bailey Middle

We congratulated the two new scholars that Big Lagoon sponsored this year. They are our 43rd and 44th students sponsored by us, not including individual Kiwanians who have also sponsored TSIC scholarships. We continue to allow promising youth to break the chains of poverty and realize their dreams.



All TSIC scholars in 7th through 9th grade and their parents were invited. Big Lagoon mentors were glad to visit with their mentees following the summer break. Mentoring will restart after Labor Day when we'll meet back up in the schools with these scholars and 10th-12th graders we also mentor.



To receive their scholarship, recipients must meet with a volunteer mentor in the school throughout the school year. TSIC always needs more mentors—if you are interested in mentoring, [CLICK HERE](#)



SEPTEMBER Calendar-Events, Birthdays, Anniversaries

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
30 ● Ciardillo, Carmen	31 ● Morning Business Board Meeting	1	2 ● Readers will be Future Leaders	3 ● Perdido Kids Park Grand Reopen...	4	5
6	7	8	9 ● O'Donnell, Paul ● Readers will be Future Leaders ● EHCS Key Club Meeting	10	11	12
13	14	15 ● September Social-maybe?	16 ● Readers will be Future Leaders	17	18	19
20	21 ● Noon Meeting	22 ● Installation of Officers Banquet	23 ● Readers will be Future Leaders ● EHCS KEY CLUB Meeting	24 ● Kincaid, Robert ● Png, Gary	25	26 ● Walk For the POOR
27	28	29 ● Trett, Edward ● Return to Tuesday Morning Mee...	30 ● Readers will be Future Leaders	1	2	3

● Regular Meeting
● Comittee Meetings
● Events
● Anniversaries
● Birthdays

[CLICK HERE](#) for a detailed listing of all monthly activities



You're Invited!

PERDIDO KIDS PARK GRAND REOPENING EVENT



Join Escambia County and District 2 Commissioner Mike Kohler to celebrate new amenities and improvements to Perdido Kids Park!

NEW IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDE

- Durable playground equipment
- ADA accessible amenities
- New fencing
- And more!

Thursday, Sept. 3 • 10 a.m.
10004 Gulf Beach Highway

Kiwanians and friends of Kiwanis are encouraged to join us at the grand opening of the newly renovated Perdido Kids Park. We will have an information table to answer questions about Big Lagoon Kiwanis and the many programs. Kiwanis members, please show up at 9 AM to help set up our displays.

• *“Every kid is one caring adult away
from
being a success story.”*

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