



# Knightly News

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## The GCK Beat

By Ricky Atkins



Although hard to admit, when I first thought about being the Editor for the Knightly Newsletter, my thoughts started to wander and I day-dreamed about sitting at my desk, wearing one of those cool Fedora hats and barking out exciting newspaper terms like Stringers, Assignments, and Scoops. But then, when I snapped back to reality and thought about the lack of a crack staff of reporters and the fact that I wasn't exactly Ben Bradlee, I got a little scared and started wondering how I was going to come up with all the articles and content to fill a monthly newsletter. At that moment I thought to myself, wait a minute, I have all of the resources I need to make this the best Kiwanis club newsletter ever published. Those resources of course are all of you, our members. With your help, this newsletter is sure to be the finest of publications. So, whenever you are attending a service project or a social function for the club or even if you are just very passionate about something, be sure to drop me an email. All I need is the hard news, the five "Ws," Who, What, When, Where and Why (and sometimes an H for how). So all of you **Stringers** get out there and make those **Assignments**, cover those stories, bring me the **Scoop** and let's put this newsletter to bed!!! "OOPS sorry, I got a little carried away." [pres\\_elect@gckkiwanis.com](mailto:pres_elect@gckkiwanis.com).

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## Recent Service Projects

### Ronald Runs for his Life!

There's only one thing that can put a scare into Ronald McDonald and that's the Gold Coast Knights Spooky Halloween Dinner theme. On October 15, GCK members concocted a collection of blood curdling culinary treats for the residents of the Ronald McDonald house of Fort Lauderdale. Some of the fearful offerings included Anita and Frank's Mummy Meat loaf, Bari's Bat Mac-n-Cheese, Deviled Eggs and an assortment of other spooky cookies, cupcakes and treats. As a regular ongoing service project, our club provides meals to the residents of the Ronald McDonald house the third Saturday of each month. Please join us at the Ronald McDonald House on November 19 for a pizza party extravaganza.



## Recent Fund Raisers

### Gold Coast Knights Yard Sale

The Gold Coast Knights would like to thank everyone who contributed items and volunteer hours to our Semi annual yard sale. Proceeds from the yard sale are used for the much needed funding of service projects throughout the year. This year's yard sale began on Friday evening Oct 21st, at Carol and Loys House with a pot luck dinner and pricing party, and continued the next morning in the yard of their home in Delray. We would like to offer a very special thanks to Carol and Loys for hosting our Yard Sale and also would like them to know that their daughter Carolyn is in our thoughts and prayers and we wish her a speedy recovery from her recent accident.



## GCK & Kiwanis Upcoming Events

- **Monday November 14**  
Divisional Council Meeting @ Duffy's (Hypoluxo and Congress)
- **Thursday November 17**  
Club Meeting 7pm @ Carol & Loys House (Bring toiletries and books)
- **Saturday November 19**  
Ronald McDonald House Dinner 6 pm (Pizza Party)
- **Saturday November 19**  
Kiwanis Governor's visit 7pm @ Lantana Pizza

## Club Birthdays

Happy Birthday to the following GCK family!

11/11 Lauren Schooley Atkins  
11/15 Beth Shrack  
11/25 Bella and Noah Parton  
11/27 Ron Washam



## GCK New Member Spotlight Alpesh Patel



This edition of the *Knightly Newsletter* shines the spotlight on our new Gold Coast Knights member Alpesh Patel. We would like to welcome Al, his lovely wife Yash, and his two children Aayan and Aanya to the Gold Coast Knights family. Al is a dedicated advocate of both the Literacy Coalition and Sickle Cell Foundation of Palm Beach County,

and he works as an executive in the field of Internet marketing and branding. Al no doubt will make a great addition to our team for many years to come.

## Convention update

### Registration opens

Registration is now open for the 2012 Kiwanis International convention. This annual gathering of Kiwanians from around the world will take place in New Orleans, Louisiana, June 28-July 1, 2012.

Sign up today at [www.kiwanis.org/convention](http://www.kiwanis.org/convention).



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## News to Share?

Have news to share with club members? Send your articles to [pres\\_elect@gckkiwanis.com](mailto:pres_elect@gckkiwanis.com). The deadline for the next issue is January 15, 2012.