

Nature Coast Ministries is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) located on the west side of the county. With our very own Sonja McCaughey at the helm as Executive Director, they have embarked on a very necessary mission to bring a free dental clinic to the area. Supported by charitable donations, grants, and proceeds from their thrift shop, they have been able to provide over \$2 million in services through 2014. They are powered by local dentists, some of whom are retired, as well as local hygienists, assistants, and staff, all of whom are strictly on a volunteer basis. Their facility has three operatories, and they provide filling and extractions with occasional cleaning. The clients they assist are veterans, as well as those that qualify by Federal Poverty Guidelines and reside in this area. Dental health impacts the health and well-being of each and every individual. Oral disease transcends to damage other vital organs if left untreated. The need for this care is huge, and this mission just barely scratches the surface of what is needed overall; but thank goodness they are here, doing what they can to make a difference in the lives of their fellow men. Sonja did remind us that they have a fantastic thrift store in Homosassa manned by wonderful volunteers ranging in age from 70–90 years. The thrift store will take almost anything it can resell, and they will also recycle or resource what they don't. She hopes that we will keep that in mind before we just dispose of our unwanted stuff. As she reminds .....One man's trash is another man's treasure! Thank you to Sonja and Nature Coast Ministries for the work you do.

Other News:

March 1-2 – Strawberry Festival, Floral Park

March 7-8 – Outdoor Expo, Liberty Park

March 22 – BREWFEST, the Depot

March 29- Six Club Social, George Washington Carver Community Center

Happy/sad - \$100

50/50 - \$43 to Ken Fagan

Reminder: The booze wagon for the Brewfest still needs donations. Bring your unopened bottle contribution to the next club meeting. One of the committee members will be glad to take care of it for you! Thanks.