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BY KEVIN LANE

## Broward General Medical Center To Hosts 1000+ Club Women of the Year Past Honorees At Lavish Reception



**2009 Women of the Year Honorees: (Seated) Diane Johnson, Valerie Cantet Knowanetz, Beth Holland, Paula Hutchinson, Noel Brown, (Standing) Kelly Cappola, Jean Rohrbaugh, Lisa Morgan, Judy Droder, Kim Naimoli, Doris Sipos, and Gail Smith**



**Barbara Reitsma, Carol Falkanger, Gina Stelnik, Lorraine Thomas and Jan Handley**



**(Seated) Holly Barnes, Joan Feizeo, (Standing) Kathie Capstack, Arthur Grissom, and Loretta Slater**

**B**roward Health, the Signature Sponsor of the 2009 1000+ Club Women of the Year Luncheon and Broward General Medical Center, have rolled out the red carpet through underwriting several pre-events. An example was the recent Honorees and Liaisons Breakfast meeting held in the 2nd floor Atrium Conference Room at Broward General Medical Center.

The working breakfast offered the honorees and their liaisons an opportunity to learn about the many pre-event activities, how to coordinate ads for the program journal, organizing tables at the luncheon and other details necessary to insure their goal of having 1000+ attendees

On Wednesday, March 18th, Broward General Medical Center will continue their much anticipated tradition of honoring 'Past Honorees' at a lavish reception. "This is an opportunity for our past honorees to socialize with friends and reminisce about their own special day," said Barbara Reitsma, Chairwoman of the 27th Annual Women of the Year Luncheon taking place on May 5th at the Marriott Harbor Beach Resort. The theme this year is 'Above and Beyond... The Volunteer.'

"We are so grateful for the support we receive from Broward Health, our Signature Sponsor and Broward General Medical Center. They really go above and beyond to help us insure a successful fundraising WOY luncheon, benefiting The American Cancer Society," said Barbara Reitsma.

The honorees for the 2009 Women of the Year include: Ann Storck Center, Doris K. Sipos; Cystic Fibrosis Gold Coast Guild, Diane Johnson; Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, Broward Chapter, Gail Smith; Goodwill Ambassadors, Jean Rohrbaugh; The Links, North Broward County Chapter, Paula Hutchinson; Lupus Foundation of America, SE FL Chapter, Lisa Morgan; Opera Society: Kim Naimoli; Pinion, Inc., Valerie Cantet Knowanetz; Poverello Center, Noel Brown; Royal Dames of Cancer Research, Judy Droder; Symphony of the Americas Society, Beth Holland; and Women & Wishes, Inc., Kelly Cappola.

Arthur Grissom, Chief Support Services Officer and Alice Taylor, Chief Operating Officer, both representing Broward General, stopped by the President's & Honorees working breakfast to welcome everyone and let them know how important their fundraising project is. Lorraine Thomas is Honorary Chair of the WOY and Jan Handley is the President of the 1000+ Club, benefiting the American Cancer Society.

For more information, call (954) 566-1155 or visit [www.1000plusclub.com](http://www.1000plusclub.com)

## Las Olas River House Residents Raise \$15,000 to Help the Homeless

Residents of the 42-story Las Olas River House Condominium (LORH) recently hosted a Casino Night benefit for Broward Partnership for the Homeless, Inc. (BPHI). The event netted more than \$15,000 for the organization.

Organized by the LORH Social Committee and led by Dr. Eileen Rolnick, the more than 100 guests enjoyed an evening of fine dining on the building's gorgeous pool terrace with breathtaking views of downtown Fort Lauderdale and the Riverfront. Guests danced to the music of T.K.'s Swing Blue Revue Band and as a finale, tried their luck at the "Casino."

Members of the Committee were: Jan & Larry Baum, Dan Boekelheide, Keith Douglas, Linda Glaser, Evelyn Gross, Cheryl & Joe Insalaco, Kaye Jacobs, Sue Kemp, Jamie Mizsrahi, John Quaintance, Eileen Rolnick, Bobbie & Jerry Schechter, Kathy & Jeff Schultz and Barbara & Larry Wall.

"The residents of the Las Olas River House wished to do something for the community and we selected Broward Partnership for the Homeless because of the fine work they do to help the homeless become productive citizens," said Dr. Rolnick.

Broward Partnership for the Homeless, Inc. (BPHI) operates two facilities - the Broward County Central Homeless Assistance Center on the Huizenga Family campus, a 200-bed emergency housing facility for homeless men, women and families with children, and Inverrary Station, a 62-bed transitional housing facility for the elderly homeless who are disabled.

For information, call Katie Foster at (954) 779-3990.



**Joe & Cheryl Insalaco with, Drs. Audie & Eileen Rolnick**

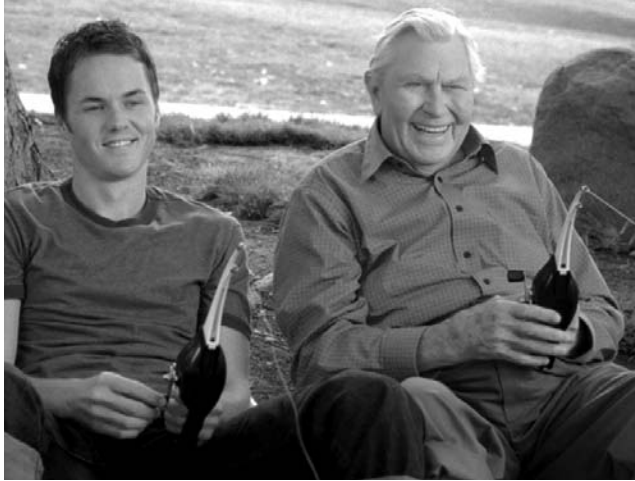


**Dr. Eileen Rolnick with Sue Kemp and Linda Glaser**



## Film Festival Scores Another Hit With 'Play The Game' Opening Throughout South Florida This Week

Chalk up another win for the Fort Lauderdale International Film Festival! 'Play The Game', a new romantic comedy with three entertainment icons - Andy Griffith, Doris Roberts and Liz Sheridan — received its World Premiere during the recent Fort Lauderdale International Film Festival and walked away with the Audience Favorite Award. The film went on to its second film festival in Santa Fe and won the Audience Award again.



Paul Campbell and Andy Griffith

The story proves that even after 60, you can find love, start dating and even "rise to the occasion" when you want to! Also starring Battlestar Galactica's Paul Campbell and Marla Sokoloff of The Practice, this award-winning film shines a heartwarming and surprisingly honest light on seniors as they go through the same excitement, jitters, and challenges as their 20-something grandchildren when it comes to romance, love and sex.

The movie is now opening in theatres throughout Miami/Ft. Lauderdale and West Palm Beach on Friday, February 27, 2009; rated PG-13 for sexual content and language. To learn more about the movie, visit their website at [www.playthegamemovie.com](http://www.playthegamemovie.com).

This column congratulates everyone at FLIFF for picking another winner!

## Walk For The Animals Presented By VCA Animal Hospitals To Benefit the Humane Society of Broward County

Join over 4,500 fellow animal lovers and dogs for a morning of fun at the Humane Society of Broward County's "19th Annual Walk for the Animals" presented by VCA Animal Hospitals. The event will take place on Saturday, March 7th at a new location; Huizenga Plaza in Downtown Fort Lauderdale. Registration opens at 8:00 a.m. and the 1.25 mile walk begins at 10:00 a.m. People can walk with or without a dog. Help raise money to support the shelter and its programs, while earning goodies for your self. Last year \$475,000 was raised!



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To participate, visit [www.walk4theanimals.com](http://www.walk4theanimals.com) to download a collection form. You can also create your own fundraising web page and personalize it with a photo and message. Once created, the link can be sent to friends and family and they will be able to easily make a donation by credit card towards your fundraising goal.

IHOP will be serving breakfast to all the participants, kids can get their faces painted and there are so many great sponsor booths to visit, most of whom have great giveaways for the walkers and their canine friends.

For more Walk de"tails" please contact 954-266-6817 or visit us at [www.walk4theanimals.com](http://www.walk4theanimals.com)

## Family Services of Unity Ft. Lauderdale Plan Internet Safety Workshop

On Sunday March 1st from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., Unity of Fort Lauderdale will host an Internet Safety Seminar, focusing on educating participants on steps they may take to ensure a safer online experience for themselves and their children.

Special Agent Bob Breeden with the Florida Department of Law enforcement will present informative topics to include: current trends in online exploitation of children, potential dangers of social networking websites, fraud and the Internet.

"A few weeks ago, one of our astute Government Officials referred to the Internet as a precarious place to be and to play. He had an enormous problem on Face book," said Joni Rosenthal of Unity. Technology is here to stay and it is very important that we all learn as much as we can to defend ourselves, our children and our homes from predators and hackers. "Knowledge is our greatest asset!" A 'Love Offering' donation will be taken.



Phoebe Ross with her grandmother Alys Marks

## Friends of The Mental Health Association of Broward Plan 2009 Epic Awards

The 14th Annual EPIC Awards Luncheon, honoring community leaders who have made a positive contribution to the mental wellness of others in the community, is planned for Wednesday, May 20th at the Embassy Suites at 1100 S.E. 17th Street in Fort Lauderdale.

The event, which stands for Exceptional People Impacting the Community, is being presented by the Friends of the Mental Health Association of Broward, (MHA) under the chairmanship of Sandra Booth and Chuck Williams.

"For the past 13 years, we have honored close to one-hundred community leaders," said Anita Godfrey, the long-time President and CEO of MHA. "Not only is this one of our major fundraisers, it's an opportunity to bring positive attention to the programs we have and the importance of a better understanding of mental health challenges.

Last year's EPIC honorees included Larry Davis, Marsha Ellison, Marie Hayes, Regina

Igoe and Mary Sharp O'Donnell, with a special EPIC Award presented to legendary singer /actress Connie Francis, in recognition of her efforts on behalf of her mental health advocacy.

Some of those programs include Listen to Children Mentoring, I'm Thumbody, parent training for more than 1,000 "at risk" parents including families of children with mental illness, 9Muses Art Center and the SETH Line that reaches over 3,000 people each year.

Tickets are \$50.00 each and can be purchased by calling MHA at (954) 746-2055. For sponsorship opportunities, call Chuck Williams at (954) 326-8219. Proceeds of the event will support some of the key services and advocacy of the Mental Health Association, an affiliate of Mental Health America & World Federation for Mental Health.

To learn more about the organization, visit [www.mhabroward.org](http://www.mhabroward.org). For directions to the Embassy Suites, call the hotel at (954)527-2700.



Chuck Williams, Sandra Booth, Anita Godfrey and Linda Strutt



Sandra Booth with Yolanda Randolph, Embassy Suites Catering Sales Manager and Chuck Williams

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## Royal Dames 39th Annual Tiara Ball An Opulent Event... Fit For Royalty



Patricia Rowe, Ray Fererro, Jr., with Patty Grace



Drew and Sandy Romanovitz

As conceptualized and brilliantly executed, Chairwoman Renee Quinn created a three-tiered event with the theme, A Time For Remembering "The Royal Dames... Past, Present and Future", celebrating the Royal Dames contributions to cancer research from 1969 to 2008. Bernadette Castro flew in especially to attend the 39th Annual Tiara Ball. She told the guests that when her mother, Theresa Castro created the Royal Dames of Cancer Research, she insisted that the women wear Tiaras. Theresa was President from 1969 to 1975.

Guests entering the Pier 66 Hotel and were escorted to the reception line by strolling violinists. They then enjoyed a lavish cocktail party at the 'Circa 69 Lounge,' followed by the elegant dinner-dance in the Crystal Ballroom. The first-ever 'Over the Top - After Party' was held in the revolving Pier Top. A Sunday Champagne Brunch, which included an indulgent experience with a truly lavish buffet, family-style offerings, unique pasta dishes and scrumptious desserts, capped the annual fundraiser. Thanks to the Signature Sponsor, Premier Beverage, guests enjoyed the finest libations at all three events, including the newly concocted especially for this event, Grey Goose Tiara-tinis.

Sharron Navarro, President of the Royal Dames, announced that over \$100,000.00 for the Rumbaugh-Goodwin Institute at Nova Southeastern University. Lorraine Thomas was the Diamond Tiara Sponsor and Underwriting Chair.

Working on the Tiara Ball were Judy Droder, VP Ways & Means and Executive Coordinator; Sharon Gustafson, Ruby Tiara Sponsor and Underwriters Party Hostess; Janet Davis and Robin Hirschman, were Honorary Ball Chairs and Journal Chairs; Deborah Sadriwalla, was in charge of the History & Pictures Chair; and Dr. Nell Lewis McGuire, Founding Member Coordinator & Reservations Chair.



Bernadette Castro with Bernard & Peggy McCormick



Judy Droder, Sharron Navarro, Lorraine Thomas, Joe Marotta and Renee Quinn



Peggy Sudbrink, Ann Rentoumis, Mary Kay Follin and Linda Balent



Susan Rindley, James Johnson, Allison Morgan, Sharon Gustafson, Barry Florescue, Gretchen Florescue, Shannon Brooks and Joe Brooks

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## \$108,000 and Still Counting Raised for Lymphoma Research Annual South Florida Luncheon - A Fun-filled Event & Financial Success

"We want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to each and every attendee who helped us raise close to \$110,000 for critical lymphoma-focused research," commented Judy Bronsteen and Jane Yudell, Event Chairs of the Third Annual Luncheon Benefiting the Lymphoma Research Foundation (LRF).

For the third year in a row, the women of South Florida society gathered at the elegant St. Andrews County Club for a fashion show by Neiman Marcus featuring spring trends and a chance to win amazing prizes via the "Unlock the Cure" treasure hunt. As in the past, attendees not only came from the immediate area but flew in from as far away as New York, Chicago, Philadelphia and Canada. Judging from the sold out crowd, it is very clear that that Luncheon has become one of South Florida's "must attend" events.

Speakers included Errol M. Cook, Chairman of LRF, Suzanne Bliss, President of LRF, and Michael Yudell, lymphoma survivor and son of Event Chair Jane Yudell. Michael is the President of LRF's Philadelphia/Delaware Valley Chapter and has attended the Luncheon each year to share about his personal triumph over lymphoma and to provide guests with updates about the progress of LRF funded research.

For more information, visit [www.lymphoma.org](http://www.lymphoma.org)



Carole Korn, Elaine Sarnoff, Ellen Goldberg and Maxine Goodman



Laurie Johnson, Judy Bronsteen and Elisabeth Dalfen

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# Social Calendar

## St. Jude Parish's 16th Annual Gala



(Back Row) J. Albert Johnson, Esq. and Ronald Hoekzema with (Front Row) Carole Whitaker and Yvonne S. Boice (right end) Event Co-Chairs Mary Ellen and Morris Brown

**Saturday, February 28th**, the 16th Annual St. Jude Parish Gala takes place at the Delray Beach Marriott Hotel in the Seacrest Ballroom. The Black-Tie event is being chaired by Morris and Mary Ellen Brown and starts at 7:00 p.m. Honorees include J. Albert Johnson, Esq., Yvonne S. Boice, Ronald Hoekzema and Carole Whitaker. Tickets are \$195.00 per person and includes a lavish cocktail hour, dinner, dancing with music provided by Gelpen Productions, a unique raffle/auction and the awards ceremony. Call Harry Fear at (561) 392-8172, ext. 13 or Marie Leible at (561) 392-8172, ext. 15.

## Marie-Bristol Power At All Saints Book Review

**Monday, March 16th**, Marie Bristol-Power will present a book review on *The Language of God* by Francis Collins and *The God Delusion* by Richard Dawkins. The review will discuss the search for God by two different scientists, using different approaches. The morning starts at 10:30 a.m. in the Neaverson Chapel, where you can enjoy coffee, tea and sweets with the book review starting at 11:15 a.m. All Saints Episcopal Church, at 333 Tarpon Drive, one block south of East Las Olas Boulevard and one block west of S.E. 15th Avenue. Tickets are \$10.00 per person, with advance reservations requested at (954) 467-6496.

## Florida AIDS Walk 2009 Will Raise Funds For HIV Testing. Medical Care & Support Services Statewide

**Sunday, March 15th**, the Florida AIDS Walk begins with an opening ceremony at 9:15 a.m., followed by the start of the walk at 10:00 a.m. at Huizenga Plaza, located across from the Museum of Art, which is at #1 East Las Olas. Funds raised will benefit AIDS Healthcare Foundation, AHF Pharmacy, Out of the Closet Thrift Stores, Broward Human Rights Initiative, Gay and Lesbian Community Center of South Florida and The Pet Project. The Las Olas Association is one of the many sponsors. Contact Mark Bode at (954) 383-8007 or visit: [www.FloridaAIDSWalk.org](http://www.FloridaAIDSWalk.org).



Antonio Adolfo and Carol Saboya

## Brazil's Vocal Sensation Carol Saboya in Concert

with her father, pianist Antonio Adolfo, who is among the elite of Rio de Janeiro's jazz scene. She will be performing with the Antonio Adolfo Quartet, with special guest saxophonist Gary Campbell at the Rose & Alfred Miniaci Performing Arts Center on the Nova campus, 3100 Ray Ferrero, Jr. Blvd. in Davie. Tickets start at \$10.00 for students to \$35.00. Call (954) 462-0222 or visit [www.southfloridajazz.org](http://www.southfloridajazz.org).

**Saturday, March 7th**, South Florida Jazz welcomes, direct from Rio de Janeiro, vocal sensation Carol Saboya, performing

## Art Institute Hosts Annual Art Exhibit

Through **Friday, February 27th**, the public is invited to view the Broward Art Educators Exhibition in the Mark K. Wheeler Gallery at The Art Institute of Fort Lauderdale, 1799 S.E. 17th Street. Teachers participating include: Glenda Lubiner, Coconut Palm Elementary; Ellen McMillan, Monarch High School; Liberty McMillan, Tradewinds Elementary School; Sandy Bachmann, Rock Island Elementary; June Reichenbach, Hollywood Hills High School; Linda Casey, Nova Middle School; Jackie Sachs, Coconut Creek High School; Brooke Anderson, Stoneman Douglas High School; Brian Fitzgerald, Fort Lauderdale High School and Bizzy Jenkins, Cypress Bay High School. Admission is free. Call (954) 308-2109.

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