

Athena Society



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December, 1997

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ATHENA SOCIETY

P.O. Box 10813
TAMPA, FLORIDA 33679

Upcoming Meeting

WHEN: Tuesday, December 9
5:30 p.m. - Cocktails (cash bar)
6:15 p.m. - Dinner

WHERE: Centre Club
Westshore at Kennedy

PROGRAM: Holiday Dinner & Gift Exchange
Entertainment
Suits for The Spring & WAGES
(see below & President's Corner)

MENU: Sliced NY Strip (Option: Chicken
Francaise w/brandied cherries -
indicate on card)

RSVP: By December 5 with enclosed card or
call Eleanor Hubbard (251-9172).

MEMBERS ONLY - NO GUESTS

The highly acclaimed Athena Players are taking a well-deserved rest this year, but be assured we'll still have some wonderful entertainment, another **Helen Gordon Davis** surprise!

Our gift exchange, as always, will be by number drawing but it's nice to include the giver's card; a \$12.50 limit is suggested.

Your gently worn suits and other business attire will be enthusiastically accepted. (See next page for details.)

Both of these exchanges are, of course, optional. Please join us for a very special evening of FUN and fellowship.



President's Corner

One of the strongest suits of the Athena Society is the membership requirement of community service. Our members are leaders in so many worthwhile endeavors and, to their credit, usually are inclined to take on even more.

In that spirit, former Athena President **Moira Burke** was talking to a friend who suggested how good it would be if women could find a way to donate suits to other women who were just entering the work force, through WAGES (Work and Gain Economic Self-Sufficiency). Moira shared that conversation with **Elaine College** who related it to me, and I'm proud to say that the Athena Society is on board this holiday season to help not only WAGES clients but domestic violence victims from The Spring who are ready to start work but don't have the necessary clothes.

At our December 9 meeting, we urge women to bring suits, dresses, appropriate work attire and shoes up to the Centre Club. Our own member, **Mabel Bexley**, Executive Director of The Spring, will be there as well as a representative from the group working with WAGES. WAGES State Executive Director **Phyllis Busansky**, also our member, is thrilled that we are going to pitch in, as is Mabel.

This is the season to give, and what better way for a network of professional women to give than to help other women who are embarking on a new and possibly frightening path. We can at least give them the security of knowing they are appropriately dressed.

I've spoken to several of you already and have gotten a great response. So reach into your closets, take out those suits that you keep meaning to wear but never do and give someone in need a really happy holiday.

Just remember, giving is a strong Athena suit, and this is a group with literally a lot of suits!

Athena "Housekeeping"

Our January meeting is scheduled for noon Thursday, January 8, at the Centre Club. Program will be presented by the Public Issues Committee.

As the pace is beginning to pick up during the holiday season and stress sets in, you may wish to think ahead to a day of relaxation and tranquility: the Spa! We're planning a one-day Athena Plus at the Safety Harbor Spa in February and will provide details in next month's newsletter. It's going to be a wonderful day with all spa services available. Plan on gifting yourself!!

If you are interested in serving on the Bylaws Committee or have suggestions for areas that need review, contact **Lee Blanton**.

Last call for those who'd like to be included in Athena's first Members' Resource Directory. If you've lost your form, call **Eleanor Hubbard**.



Community Foundation Update

by Linda Fries

Imagine this Tampa Tribune headline in the year 2010: ATHENA FOUNDATION AWARDS \$50,000 IN CAREER ASSISTANCE GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS. It's possible! All we need to do is grow the fund. The holidays offer us a wonderful opportunity to make a lasting gift in a sister Athena member's name. It's also tax-planning time, and a check to the Community Foundation instead of the IRS will ensure that your money is applied to women's interests. Let's set a goal (\$1 million ??) and get excited about the Athena Society Women's Education Fund!

Holiday Buffet – December 6

Annual highlight of the season is Athena's Holiday Buffet to be held this year at the home of Gene and Helen Davis, 45 Adalia Avenue on Davis Islands (first sharp right immediately after the bridge). Don your party apparel and prepare yourself for a congenial crowd, festive atmosphere and superb food! No charge for members plus one guest; additional guests are \$20. Make your reservations on the enclosed card or by phoning Eleanor Hubbard prior to December 3. Please list your guest's name. Party hours are 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Invitation to ACC Holiday Show

Enclosed are possibly your first gifts of the season: two complimentary VIP passes to the American Craft Council's annual holiday show, compliments of Deanne Roberts.

This year's event is scheduled for December 5, 6 and 7 at the Tampa Convention Center. Doors open at 10 a.m. each day.

Browse as you would in a museum or shop for the holiday season. You'll find a wide range of fine jewelry, baskets, sculpture, dishes, hand-painted clothes and unusual and zany collectibles. Enjoy!

Directory Changes

The new directory is out and already we have changes, so please make them in your book:

Marva Crenshaw
Office phone: 272-5809

Babs Evans
Home phone: 250-1282

Those who haven't gotten theirs may pick them up at either of the December functions.



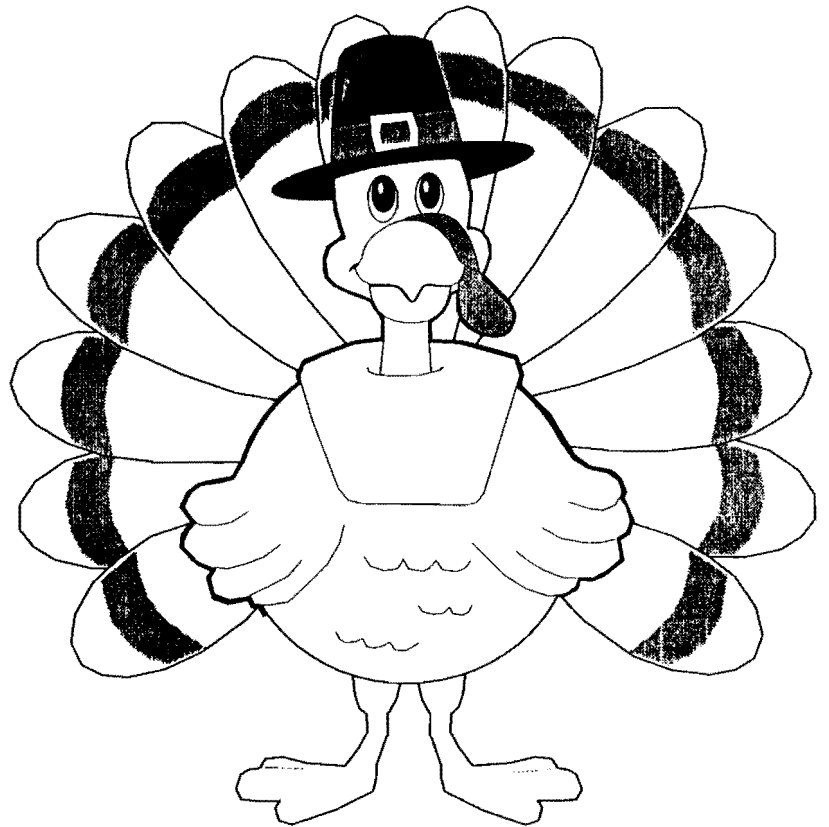
News About Members

Sylvia Richardson was re-elected Chair of the National Joint Committee on Learning Disabilities, a national group representing the 10 organizations concerned about those with learning disabilities and representing about 350,000 individuals.

Sandy Frye has been elected Chair of the Hillsborough Arts Council; **Jan Abell** is a member of the Council.

Judi Breuggeman has been chosen for a five-week program sponsored by the Group Study Exchange of Rotary International to visit India in January. Three other team members were chosen from applicants from Hillsborough, Pasco, Polk and Hernando Counties. Judi has promised us details when she returns.

Marsha Rydberg has been installed as the first female president of The Exchange Club of Tampa which dates back to 1923.



*Happy
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Upcoming Meeting

- WHEN:** Thursday, November 6
11:55 a.m. - luncheon
- WHERE:** Centre Club
Westshore at Kennedy
- PROGRAM:** "Our Stake in Women's Success"
- SPEAKER:** Judith Roales
Publisher & Executive VP
St. Petersburg Times
- COST:** Guests - \$20
- RSVP:** By November 3 with enclosed card or call
Eleanor Hubbard (251-9172). If you haven't
mailed your card by SATURDAY, please call.

OPEN MEETING - GUESTS WELCOME

Judith Roales is one of only two women publishers of the 50 major newspapers in the United States. She is responsible for advertising, circulation, production, finance and administration and all non-news activities at the newspaper. Since joining the Times in December, 1994, she has led the company through major business changes.

Ms. Roales' 30+ year career has been in the newspaper industry and in the federal government. She began in journalism at the Wilmington (DE) News-Journal in 1964 as its first female hard news reporter. In 1975 she joined a privately owned newspaper group - Independent Newspapers Inc., where she worked her way up from reporter to editor to Washington Bureau Chief and then switched to the business side as publisher, then corporate VP and finally president of the group's 24 newspapers. Join us to hear about the steps along the way to her remarkable success.



President's Corner

As I'm writing this column The International Alliance's 1997 Annual Conference has just concluded in Tampa, co-hosted by the Athena Society, the Florida Women's Alliance and the Network of Executive Women. Recognizing the multiple demands on everyone's time, Athena had a respectable showing among attendees, and there was a general consensus among those who participated that the conference was well worth the effort.

In observing our members at the conference, I couldn't help but think about how we have so many outstanding women in Athena that we tend to take their achievements for granted. For instance, **Susan Dellinger**, who is in demand for her seminars all over the world, donated her time, energy and considerable insight in a session on "Communication in a Changing World." Susan had us all laughing and spell-bound and we rose to give her a well-deserved standing ovation when she was done. Other panelists who left a profound impression on conferees were three of our renown physicians: **Sue Schler**, **Dorry Norris** and **Bonnie Saks** who shared their wealth of knowledge on the panel "Medical Issues for Women Under Stress." And **Kathy Betancourt**, another Athena treasure whose schedule seldom permits attendance at meetings, was her usual funny but profound self as a panel member on "Ethics in a Diverse Society."

Other Athena members eloquently introduced speakers such as **Helen Gordon Davis**, **Gwynne Young** and **Paddy Moses**. And this conference would not have been possible without the untiring efforts of co-chairs **Suzy McLain** and **Pat Frank** and committee members **Gabriele Faulkner** (who more gracious and creative to handle hospitality!), **Mary Lou Harkness** and **Shirley Ryals**. **Eleanor Hubbard**, our Administrator, was key to the conference's success, and **Nancy Ford**, who had helped initiate it, made an appearance at Thursday evening's opening reception, a thrill for many of us who hadn't seen her in recent months due to illness.

Mayor Dick Greco, who welcomed us on Thursday, couldn't help but be impressed. Aren't we really lucky that we are part of a network that has so many impressive women, outstanding in their areas of expertise as well as community leaders. To those of you who attended, your participation enhanced the conference; to those who didn't, you missed a special experience.

Athena "Housekeeping"

Enclosed for your consideration is the proposed 1997-98 Athena budget. If you have any comment or question, please contact Treasurer **Linda Fries** (287-2280) prior to noon, Wednesday, October 29.

As in the past, an Athena table is planned for The Spring's Annual Gift of Peace Breakfast to be held on Wednesday, December 10, at the Tampa Convention Center, 7:45-8:45 a.m. If you'd like to join us, please mail your check for \$27.50 (payable to Athena) to **Eleanor Hubbard**, P.O. Box 10813, Tampa, 33679 prior to November 20. (FYI: Individual tickets are \$30; \$27.50 for table participants.)



News About Members

Welcome back to **Irene Hadley Bodeman**, one of Athena's "Founding Four". After several years' absence from the group, she has rejoined and looks forward to renewing old friendships and making new ones. We're so pleased to have her back!

Tampa Palms has been rated the top female-friendly private course in Florida by Golf for Women Magazine's Top Fairways. **Virginia Gregory** and her golf partner can attest to that: they recently won the club's mostly male Ambassador Classic Golf Tournament.

Our sincere sympathy to **Ann Ross** for the recent loss of her mother.

Dena Leavengood, the Florida Aquarium's first paid employee, has left the Aquarium and is looking forward to pursuing new opportunities in the Tampa Bay area. Her first big adventure begins November 2 with a three-week trip to Costa Rica where she'll be living with a family - Spanish classes in the morning and local field trips in the afternoon. Weekend field trips are planned to the rainforest and to volcanoes. She'll surely have some great stories to tell upon her return!

Marsha Griffin Rydberg, who recently joined the firm of Foley & Lardner, has been named to the Executive Committee of The Florida Bar. She'll also chair the Board Review Committee on Professional Ethics and serve as Bar liaison to the Business Law Section and the Federal Court Practice Committee. In addition, she will continue her service on the Bar's Legislation Committee.

Ann Leavengood Giles has been recognized as Berkeley Preparatory School's Outstanding Alumna for 1996-97.

Karen Domio Mincey is recovering from a brain aneurysm that was successfully removed recently and, apparently, is doing very well. She'll be at home (1919 W. Union Street, Tampa 33607) for the next several weeks; we all wish her a speedy recovery.

So where did **Leslie Stein** take **Moira Burke** for her birthday lunch? Hooters, of course. They were the only ladies in sight that day and it was (in Moira's words) a hoot!

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you for your enduring support during my six weeks stay at St. Joseph's Hospital. I'm home and on the mend and may even see you at the November luncheon albeit a little frailer than usual. Athena is a wonderful second family to us all. Sincerely, **Patti Breckinridge**

Paddy Moses, Deanne Roberts and Marsha Rydberg were recently elected to the Board of Governors of the Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce.



Community Foundation Update

by Linda Hanna

It's that time of year when the frost is on the pumpkin and the newsletters in the mailbox abound with end-of-the-year income tax planning ideas. One of the best is to remember the Athena Society Women's Education Fund when you are writing checks between now and December 31. Because the Fund is a part of the Community Foundation of Tampa Bay, all contributions to it are fully deductible for income tax purposes.

There are many ways to grow our fund, but one of the best is through member contributions and those contributions have the happy secondary benefit of providing a tax deduction.

In addition to the end of the year tax planning, there are numerous other occasions at which a gift to the Fund is appropriate. **Susan Bucklew** has led the way in celebratory contributions, making several for the birthdays of Athena friends, a thoughtful present for the friend who has everything! In addition to celebratory gifts, from time to time it will be appropriate to make gifts in honor of other members and, sadly, as memorials.

In future newsletters we'll describe different ways we can add to the fund during our lifetimes and in our estate planning arrangements - all to the greater good, and to the detriment only of Uncle Sam's coffers.

Anyone for Disney?

Athena Plus co-chairs **Katherine Essrig**, **Anne Kantor** and **Betty Tribble** have initiated plans for the first Athena Plus program of the year, an outing to The Disney Institute.

The idea was generated by the enthusiasm of those who attended the recent retreat and by the inquiries of those unable to attend in July. The dates of November 15 and/or November 22 have been suggested. The schedule would be as follows:

8 a.m.	Meet in Tampa to carpool to Disney
10-noon	First course
Noon	Lunch together - either on or off the property
2-4 p.m.	Second course

Cost is \$99 for two courses, and the list is extensive: animation and story arts, culinary arts, gardening and the great outdoors, sports and fitness, television and film, etc. (These are the major categories. For more details, call **Eleanor Hubbard** and she'll fax you the complete list.)

We'll select the date best for most or, if there's enough interest, we'll plan on both dates. If such an outing appeals to you but neither date is practical, let us hear from you anyway. Any comments, suggestions or questions may be directed to Eleanor.

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- WHEN:** Wednesday, October 8, 1997
11:55 a.m. - lunch
- WHERE:** Centre Club
Westshore at Kennedy
- PROGRAM:** "Women's Stake in Nutrition"
- SPEAKER:** Dr. Nagy Kumar
Director of Nutrition
Moffitt Cancer Center
- COST:** Guests - \$20
- RSVP:** By October 6 with enclosed card or
call Eleanor Hubbard (251-9172).

Note Date Change

Open Meeting - Guests Welcome

Our usual meeting date has been changed this month as the first Thursday is the Jewish New Year, a holiday celebrated by many of our members.

Since October is National Breast Cancer Month, we felt it important to focus on women's health issues. Dr. Kumar is an international expert and a researcher for the National Cancer Institute on Women's Health and Nutrition. In addition to her duties at Moffitt, she teaches at the USF College of Public Health and the College of Nursing.

Though a native of India, she has spent half of her life here in the U.S. and has won numerous awards for her findings on the dangers of many household pharmaceuticals and vitamins. She is a fascinating speaker, and we are fortunate to have her in our community.



President's Corner

A syndicated news story from the New York Times reported this week that, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the wage gap between men and women is widening again which, according to the Times, piqued "confusion and concern among economists and women's groups alike."

That reality underscores the importance of the Athena Society's remembering our core values such as our commitment to the never-passed Equal Rights Amendment and to pay equity. It also highlights the value of programs such as our September meeting where actress Barbara Rowe touched all of us who were fortunate enough to attend with her portrayal of Susan B. Anthony. Athena owes VP/Programs **Helen Gordon Davis** a special thanks for choosing such a unique and thought-provoking way to begin our new year.

Whenever we start to become complacent about how far we've come, it's important to remember how far we still have to go and what brings us together as a group. As our bylaws state, our "shared purpose is that of interaction and the promotion of equality and opportunity for women."

To promote opportunity for one another, we are launching our first Members' Resource Directory. You will find a form in this newsletter, and if your business or professional needs can be met by inclusion in this directory, please mail or fax (254-5585) your form to Administrator **Eleanor Hubbard**. We have such talented members in our organization, and the purpose of this directory is to heighten our awareness of one another's professional skills.

In our Articles of Incorporation, dated 20 years ago this month, one of the purposes of Athena was to "encourage the expansion of career opportunities for women." Hopefully our Members' Resource Directory will be well read - and really utilized.

Community Foundation Update

As announced in the July issue of *Briefings*, Athena has created the Athena Society Women's Education Fund within the Community Foundation of Tampa Bay Inc. It is now accepting contributions! You may wish to donate in memory of a loved one or in recognition of a celebration: birthday, wedding, retirement or simply friendship. Checks should be made payable to the Community Foundation of Tampa Bay and are tax deductible. Attach a note indicating that these funds are for the Athena Society Fund and in whose honor. If you wish to have an acknowledgment sent, give the individual's name and mailing address as well. Send to the Community Foundation, 4950 W. Kennedy Boulevard, #250, Tampa, 33609.

Susan Bucklew got the ball rolling by making a contribution in honor of **Adelaide Few** and **Carolyn Reed**, both of whom had birthdays last month. What a great way to celebrate friendship!



Members' Projects

A private black tie cocktail party - "A Tribute to Diana, Princess of Wales" - will be held October 18, 7 to 10 p.m. at the home of Maureen Roreck to benefit the Boys & Girls Clubs of Tampa Bay. Highlight of the evening will be the first display of all 13 gowns purchased by Ms. Roreck and a tour of her recently restored historic estate in South Tampa. Attendance is limited and by invitation only; tickets are \$250 each. Any Athena member wishing to attend may call **Paddy Moses** at 875-5771.

Linda Saul-Sena and a partner have teamed up to present a new form of entertainment that will enrich understanding and appreciation of Tampa's Latin Quarter: Ybor City Ghost Walk! This new venture will introduce visitors to the colorful characters who shaped that area with an actor/guide who will lead Ghost Walkers through the inspired architecture of Ybor City spinning tales of the pioneers, romantics and entrepreneurs who shaped it. The walk will take place Thursday - Sunday evenings at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 13. For reservations or additional information, call 242-WALK.

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month and **Vivian Reeves** of Reeves Import Motorcars invites Athena members to participate in BMW's Drive for the Cure on Thursday, October 9, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. On that day the company will donate one dollar for each test drive mile to the Moffitt Cancer Center to benefit breast cancer research projects. Moffitt experts will be on hand to answer questions and refreshments will be available throughout the day. For reservations (recommended) or additional information, call 915-9104, ext. 229.

New Financial Policies

At a recent board meeting, the following new financial policies were adopted by the board. They will be included in the 1997-98 directory.

All requests for unbudgeted contributions, funds or sponsorships must be submitted in writing two weeks prior to the board meeting in order to be considered. The request must be on the written board meeting agenda.

All requests for funds must demonstrate they conform to Athena's long range planning guidelines as well as specify benefits and recognition available as a result of our participation. A standard form is available and is required.

A sum of \$20,000 - designated as reserve funds - must be carried over each fiscal year..

Any unbudgeted item that results in invasion of the \$20,000 reserve must be brought before the general membership.

A restricted funds category has been added to the balance sheet to include retreat funds. These funds are not available for any other purpose.

A current board cannot impose debt of \$1000 or more on a future board without membership approval.



News About Members

A stunning color photo of **Sylvia Richardson** adorns the cover of the summer issue of Montessori Life, the official magazine of the American Montessori Society. And that's just a start! Inside is a fascinating 4-page interview replete with family photographs. Very nicely written, the interview gives the reader an insight into the "real" Sylvia Richardson who is known worldwide for her work in speech pathology, learning disabilities, dyslexia, etc. She has served on the faculty at Columbia, Boston, Harvard, Oklahoma and Cincinnati Universities and received more awards than can be enumerated here. Anyone who would like to see the article may call Eleanor Hubbard.

Jan Platt has been elected President of the Tampa Bay Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa Alumni Association. In that capacity she attended the organization's National Conference in Chicago this month.

Patti Breckenridge is recuperating from surgery and, while not yet ready for visitors, would welcome notes and cards. Her address is 406 So. Westshore Blvd., Tampa, 33609.

Athena "Housekeeping"

Don't forget the outstanding program set for The International Alliance Conference being held at the Sheraton Grand, October 16-18. Because this is going to be a first-class event with exceptional speakers (and Athena is a co-sponsor of the conference), it is hoped that many Athena members will attend. For a reservation form or additional information, call **Eleanor Hubbard**.

Calendar of events for remainder of the year:

Thursday, November 6 - Luncheon, Centre Club

Saturday, December 6 - Holiday Buffet, home of Helen Gordon Davis

Tuesday, December 9 - Holiday Dinner, Centre Club

An ad hoc committee (Membership Involvement) has been established to investigate ways to increase involvement and participation of more members. The committee will look at time, financial and other barriers. If you're interested in serving on the committee, call Chair **Candy Olson** at 258-3143.

Classified Advertising

Brand new townhouses for sale: Don and **Babs Evans** have developed and are living in one of the four units at 2408 Jetton Avenue in New Suburb Beautiful. Priced at \$224,000, the units are 1950 square feet, 3BR, 2 baths with 10 ft. ceilings, crown molding, hardwood floors downstairs, carpet upstairs, fireplace, security system and many other appealing features. For additional information call Babs at 225-7233.

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11:45 a.m. - lunch
- WHERE:** Centre Club
Westshore at Kennedy
- PROGRAM:** Celebration of Women's Equality Day
(August 26)
- SPEAKER:** Surprise guest artist
- COST:** Guests - \$20
- RSVP:** By August 29 with enclosed card or
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Note Date Change

"Our Stake in History"

Helen Gordon Davis, VP/Programs

Women have come a long way since we achieved the right to vote in 1920. But we still have not achieved equality in pay (72% according to the Department of Labor, 1994) equality in government, in being recognized in the Constitution, in control of our bodies, in freedom from abuse and harassment and in equal representation on corporate boards.

However, more women voted in 1996 than ever before and we can take direct credit for putting Bill Clinton into office. And the value of Athena is that while the days of consciousness raising of the 60's and 70's may be gone, we as a group and individually have helped by example, by being seekers of expertise to formulate a more humane and equitable world.

Let's all celebrate together the work of our foremothers. We have a surprise guest artist at this meeting whom you will all recognize. She can only appear in Tampa on September 3, so please try to attend as you are in for a remarkable luncheon and a special treat.



President's Corner

As I write this column for our September issue, I am hit with the inescapable reality of the calendar our summer respite will soon conclude. Even though our members are known to operate at break-neck speed all-year round, hopefully you and your families have had some time for yourselves before the accelerated pace of Fall begins.

Athena members who attended our retreat at the Disney Institute had a wonderful weekend of bonding and exploring, thanks to the Institute's wide range of activities. Whether you were adventurous enough to rock climb, as a few of our members did, or indulgent enough to eat your way through the chocolate truffle cooking class as I and others did, it was a great opportunity to relax and share. Retreat Chair **Barbara Koenig** and her committee did an outstanding job of planning - so much so that some of our members didn't want to leave! Don't be surprised if there's an Athena Plus day trip planned to the Disney institute.

Speaking of day trips, we are exploring the idea of having a mini-retreat, for just one day, sometime during this year, in addition to our regular summer outing. We had a one-day retreat several years ago and we are revisiting the idea. There are members who are unable to get away for a weekend retreat and lunches and dinners offer limited opportunity for spending time together. Let me know your thoughts and ideas on this subject.

Our main goal is to get more women involved in Athena and for us to really get to know one another. In the recent survey you completed, friendship - not surprisingly - ranked highest. The second highest category for what you want to get out of Athena is networking. We received some great suggestions, and if you have any more, please pass them on.

The following members have agreed to chair committees this year: Bylaws - **Lee Blanton**; Community Action - **Joanna Tokley**; History - **Mary Lou Harkness**; Hospitality - **Rhonda Trainor**; Public Issues - **Pat Frank**; Publications/PR - **Mary Estes**; Young Women of Promise - **Sandy Frye**. **Katherine Essrig**, **Anne Kantor** and **Betty Tribble** will devote their collective energies toward developing our Athena Plus programs.

BRIEFS...To meet my personal goal of inclusion, I have appointed Board Member **Candy Olson** to chair an ad hoc Membership Involvement Committee....Along that line, we are hoping to publish a Members' Resource directory to help us network better professionally. **Susan Freeman** has been very helpful in that effort....And please mark your calendars for The International Alliance's annual conference to be held at the Sheraton Grand Hotel in Tampa, October 16-18 (see enclosure). Athena is one of the hosts; an all-star lineup is planned; and you can select which events you wish to attend if you can't make them all.



Editor's Note

News in this and the following issue of *Briefings* may not be as "fresh" as usual but it's no less important and, we hope, no less interesting. We're playing catch-up as the last two issues were too full to accommodate all the news. (Great problem to have!)

A nice addition to the information we'll be keeping on members in the future is their birthday - not the year, ladies, just month and day! We began the list at the retreat and have made some calls since then, but we're still short about 50. If your birthday is one we need, this newsletter is marked with a red check in the upper right corner. Please call **Eleanor Hubbard** at 251-9172 or fax to 254-5585. We'll distribute a list when it's complete and add it to the directory in future years. Another opportunity to communicate with each other on special days!

June BBQ Huge Success

by Paddy Moses

The June 7 BBQ at the home of **Alex Sink** and Bill McBride was great! Weather couldn't have been better; we had a delightfully cool breeze the entire afternoon. Members and their guests had a beautiful and relaxing atmosphere to enjoy each others' company. Alex and Bill were terrific hosts and it was a pleasure to see their lovely home.

Bill gives VERY EXCITING tours of Lake Thonotassasa. The story surrounding this outing is one that can never be printed. Athena, along with **Jane Peppard** and **Patti Breckenridge**, intends to hold Bill hostage to blackmail for a long, time. Let it suffice to say if Bill invites you out, make sure you have a quarter to call a good attorney and bail bondsman!! Thanks, Bill, for one of the most interesting experiences ever! And Alex, don't give up, keep working on him. And for those members who missed it, our lips our sealed.

Nominating Committee Elections

At the June meeting, members were asked to vote for six individuals for the 1997-98 Nominating Committee - four to serve as regular members and two to serve as alternates until the annual meeting in 1998. The following were elected:

	Jan Abell	Gabriele Faulkner
	Judy Munson	Juel Smith
Alternates:	Patti Breckenridge	Phyllis Marshall



Athena Meets With Chamber

In April, at the invitation of the Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce, ten Athena members met with Ike Tribble (current chair), Rhea Law (1999 chair) and Don Barber, the organization's chief professional officer. The purpose of the meeting was to explore ways to improve communications and understanding between the chamber and leading businesswomen in Tampa.

Attending for Athena were **Dottie Berger, Patti Breckenridge, Linda Fries, Linda Goldstein, Paddy Moses, Candy Olson, Deanne Roberts, Marsha Rydberg, Alex Sink** and **Mimi Stamps**. (Deanne and Marsha also serve on the chamber's board.)

The chamber officials heard such recommendations as better representation of women in leadership roles, more attention to small business and increased opportunities for involvement in chamber committees. In short, a good exchange of ideas and a healthy conversation took place.

An immediate outcome to the meeting is that Athena, which has been a member of the chamber for years, will now have an official representative in **Candy Olson**. Candy plans to participate in one or two committees on our behalf. (Special thanks to **Barbara Romano** for allowing the group to meet in her home.)

News About Members

Just got word that **Babs Evans** is a not-so-new grandmother! Daughter **Tevin Licciardello** gave birth on January 12 to **Karsyn Reece**, Babs' first grandchild. Tevin and family live in Tampa so Babs has the joy of "watching her development up close."

Nancy Ford reports that her previously scheduled surgery has been postponed as her doctor is hoping for recovery with medical treatment. She's getting stronger each day and would welcome calls or notes.

Jenna Venero has chosen to retire from the Florida Marine Patrol after twenty years of service. She will be, as she says, "... finally free to be a fulltime Mom to Alex!" As soon as life settles for her (and her family!), she plans to seek more community-oriented volunteer work and write a novel about (what else?!) women in law enforcement.

Congratulations to **Susan Cooper** and husband **Joe DeMattia** who welcomed a new son, 7 lb. 12 oz. **Matthew James**, on June 27. He's the baby brother of 3-year-old **Michael Joseph**. Susan's already back at work at the #1 Equitable insurance agency in the nation - the **Cooper Agency**. Hers is an incredible story: When she took over this agency in 1993, it ranked 88 out of 90, and she guided it to #1 in less than four years! Congratulations again!

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Upcoming Meeting

No luncheon meetings in July or August, but 55 members are looking forward to a unique experience at The Disney Institute for Athena's annual retreat, July 25-27.

If you'd like to join the group for dinner either night or for the Sunday program (9:30 a.m. - noon), call Eleanor Hubbard for details. Our Sunday speaker will be Gordon H. "Stumpy" Harris, one of Florida's most respected trial lawyers, a classic citizen leader and one of Orlando's most colorful characters. He believes each of us carries on our shoulders an awesome weapon for affecting positive change in our lives. Learn how your subconscious communicates with you and how to apply his principles for amazing results in reaching your personal goals.

Athena Creates Scholarship Fund

by Linda Hanna

Athena has accomplished a lot over the years, some things directly and some indirectly. But numerous members have regularly expressed a common desire to make a concrete, lasting expression of Athena's commitment to support women in this community. Finally, we found a way!

As Paddy Moses announced at the 20th anniversary dinner on May 31, Athena has created the Athena Society Women's Education Fund within the Community Foundation of Tampa Bay Inc. and contributed to it \$1,000 for each year of Athena's existence. The purpose of the fund is "...to provide support for the education of women residing in Hillsborough County." The fund may provide grants for a broad range of educational support including (but not limited to) scholarships for tuition, books, transportation,

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President's Corner

"Two roads diverged in a wood, and I -
I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference."

That line from the poem, "The Road Not Taken," by Robert Frost comes to mind when I reflect upon the Athena Society's recent 20th anniversary. As we enter a new era, we all owe a real debt of gratitude to our Founding Four who took the road less traveled and started our organization, embracing concepts that were not universally accepted, such as the passage of the Equal Rights Amendment (which never did pass in this state!).

It is because of **Nancy Ford**, **Susan Leisner**, **Suzy McLain** and **Irene Hadley Bodeman** that our organization is a reality today. We have a very special legacy upon which to build. It is now our responsibility to move forward in new directions, meeting the needs of our members today. And that is where YOU - each and every member of Athena - come in. We cannot meet your needs if we don't know what they are. We cannot deal with your concerns unless we know them.

My goal as President of the Athena Society for the coming year is inclusion. We distributed a questionnaire for members to fill out at our June meeting. If you were not there - or did not respond - please take a few minutes to do so now (it is included in this mailing) and fax or mail your form to Eleanor Hubbard.

The Athena Society is only as strong as the commitment and participation of our members. I recognize that we are an extraordinarily busy group of women, but we belong to Athena because it IS a priority. Let us join together to strengthen the foundation built by our Founding Four - to enrich all of us and our community.

Speaking of participation, as Chairman of the recent 20th anniversary gala, I want to thank so many members for attending - we had a total of 119 people in attendance - and making it such a success.

Our hardworking committee deserves the lion's share of the credit: Founding Mother **Suzy McLain** who planned the menu and personally addressed all of our invitations; **Terry Cone** who handled the invitations and gifts for the Founding Four and members of the Public Service Hall of Fame; **Noni Brill** who donated our special 20-year logo and worked with **Alice Luckey** on the decorations; **Carol Dyches** who wrote the Founding Mothers brochure and the program; and the supportive efforts of members **Juel Smith**, **Helen Gordon Davis**, **Elaine Shimberg** and **Sharon Kilpatrick**. A special thanks goes to **Linda Hanna** for her time and professional expertise in setting up the Athena Society Women's Education Fund. (See front page for details.) **Sandy Frye** contributed her talent in writing a sonnet for the members of the Athena Public Service Hall of Fame. **Nancy McDonald** did a wonderful job in recording the event as our "roving photographer." And **Eleanor Hubbard**, our administrator, helped us to put all the pieces together, as always.



News About Members

Last week **Barbara Koenig** moved to Orlando to reunite with her husband John who has been working there since last August. She and her business partner have merged their advertising agency (Winner Koenig & Associates) with several others and soon will be announcing the new name of the combined firms. As Executive VP of the Florida operation, Barbara will be based in the Orlando office but will commute frequently to Tampa and plans to maintain her Athena ties. Her home address is 110 Detmar Drive, Winter Park, 32789; 407/644-0812.

Beth Higgins is relocating to Las Vegas where her husband will be the General Manager of an independent television station. She and her 9-month-old twins will be leaving for Vegas the first of September - or earlier if their home is sold. (See classified ads for those details.)

Another loss to Athena is **Pam Horton** who is moving to Muncie, Indiana where she will assume the role of President of the United Way of Delaware County. She'll be at 4720 No. Pebble Court, Muncie, 47304; phone 765/288-6154; e-mail Pam206@aol.com.

Our warmest wishes go to **Pam Jordan** and Tom Wolf for a long and happy life together! They were married on April 19.

Diana Furr is the founder and president of a new company, Triunity Consulting Inc., a name selected to symbolize her spiritual beliefs and her desire to incorporate them into her business practice. Because Diana believes people are still the most important asset a company has, she delights in helping organizations create an environment that leads to better communication and higher performance. Her recently published book, Total Quality in Managing Human Resources, offers strategies and best practices to create a "world class work culture." Diana's address is unchanged; her new phone number is 301-9145.

Our sincere sympathy to **Sharon Kilpatrick** for the recent loss of her father-in-law.

Note From Nancy Ford

To my Athena friends: Many of you have helped me through a terrible ordeal. Your cards, calls, notes, flowers and messages have warmed my heart and given me great encouragement. I want you to know I appreciate tremendously your kindness and concern for me. Your friendship and affection are treasured and I thank you.

Missing the twentieth anniversary celebration was a bitter disappointment for me. I knew it would be a first class event and, from what I've been told, it was. I'm going to frame my placemat bearing your notes from that evening. I loved it.

The occasion certainly called for celebration. We've survived twenty years; we've established a dynamic and viable organization of like-minded women; we can and do have influence in our community. I trust that in the years to come Athena will meet each member's expectations and will strive to use its influence and ingenuity in positive ways to affect the lives of other women.

Again, thank you for the support you have given me. Affectionately, Nancy



Athena "Housekeeping"

The slate announced in the June newsletter was modified prior to the annual meeting due to the transfer of proposed board member Pam Horton. (See "News About Members.") **Wilma Smith** was selected by the Nominating Committee for the one-year term. **Rhonda Trainor** was approved to fill a vacancy on the Membership Committee.

If you didn't fill out the enclosed questionnaire at the June meeting, please do so today. We need your input! It may be mailed to the Athena P.O. box or faxed to Eleanor Hubbard at 254-5585.

Classified Advertising

Gorgeous sunsets from a house with 4200 square feet - 6 BR, 5B, two-car garage, dock and lots of custom features. If you'd like more information on this open bay location in Sunset Park Isles, call **Nancy McDonald**, 831-8118.

Another South Tampa home: 4BR, 2 1/2B, 3306 square feet with hardwood floors and beautiful crown moldings throughout. This spacious 5-year-old home has a gourmet kitchen, library, pool and oversized garage. If you're interested, call **Beth Higgins** at 636-5000 or 831-1108.

The Salesian Center Boys & Girls Clubs needs sewing machines and weight equipment. Please call **Paddy Moses** if you can donate either or know someone who can.

Athena Creates Scholarship Fund

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child-care or any other purpose which enables a woman to pursue post-secondary education. Post-secondary education is defined to include trade school, college, graduate, postgraduate education.

The existence of this fund provides an opportunity for contributions not only by Athena as an organization but also by members and others. It is a perfect way to make a celebratory or memorial gift honoring friends or family. In addition, because the Community Foundation is a tax exempt entity under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, the Athena Education Fund for Women provides a convenient vehicle for tax deductible charitable contributions either during our lives or by way of bequests in our wills and trusts. If you have any questions about making a gift to the Fund, please call me or call George Baxter at the Community Foundation, 282-1975.

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Upcoming Meeting

WHEN: Thursday, June 5, 1997
5:30 p.m. - Cocktails
6:15 p.m. - Dinner

WHERE: Centre Club
Westshore at Kennedy

PROGRAM: Business Meeting - Agenda to include:
Election of Nominating Committee
Election of Officers/Directors
Installation
Re-introduction of new members

RSVP: By June 2 with enclosed card or call
Eleanor Hubbard (251-9172).

CLOSED MEETING - MEMBERS ONLY

Please join us to show your support for those who have led this year and those who will lead during the next.

There will be no luncheon or dinner meetings in July or August. Plan to "retreat"...see page 3.

Fun Ahead - June 7 BBQ

A reminder that a wonderful day is planned at the home of **Alex Sink** on Saturday, June 7, from noon to 4 p.m. Activities will include tennis, volleyball, water skiing, boating and other water sports (but no swimming). The cook-out begins at 1 o'clock.

June 3 is the reservation deadline; feel free to indicate on the enclosed green card or fax information to Eleanor Hubbard at 254-5585. Please indicate number of children (and their ages) and number of adults. Cost will be \$10 for adults; \$5 for 6 to 12-year olds; no charge for those under 5.

The home of Alex and Bill McBride is at 12411 Ft. King Highway on Lake Thonotossa. We'll mail driving instructions prior to the party. Previous family parties have been a huge success; we'll planning on another. Bring family or come solo—we're going to have a great time being together!



President's Corner

Writing this last letter as president, I have been reflecting back on the year which has truly been eventful and special. Every officer, board member and chairperson worked together in total team concept. Views were expressed, ideas exchanged and consensus materialized. Committee members were enthusiastic, dedicated and carried out their charges above all expectations.

Our year was quite full. We sponsored the "Kaleidoscope of Women" seminar and had good press coverage. **Pam Horton** and the Community Action Committee hosted a wonderful Christmas party for The Spring children and also did a "Huggers and Rockers" night there. Other community involvement by the committee included a "Day of Beauty" in a nursing home and a read-to-children session at the Tampa United Methodist Center.

There were a number of Athena Plus events, thanks to **Patti Breckenridge** and **Betty Tribble**. The Judy Chicago show at the Holocaust Museum was a memorable evening. Our last Plus event will be on June 7 at the home of **Alex Sink**.

The "Young Women of Promise" Committee began work at the very beginning of the '96-'97 year, and we saw the fruits of their labor on May 1. Hats off to **Diana Furr** and her wonderfully charged up committee. **Barbara Koenig** and her committee also started work at the beginning of the year, and they've put together a unique kind of retreat for us at the Disney Institute. (I understand reservations are coming in daily; it's very unusual for us to act so quickly!!!)

The 20th Anniversary Gala is for all of us who have wondered about the impact we've made as we look over the years since Athena was formed. That night will be very special, and every member will go away knowing that our 20 years of hard work and dedication has paid off.

Thank you for entrusting me with the presidency this year. It has truly been a pleasure for me. You have all been so kind and supportive. My heartfelt thanks to everyone.

20th Anniversary Alert

We hope that by now you've already sent in your card to attend our exciting 20th anniversary gala at the Wyndham Harbour Island Hotel. If not, please do!

This promises to be a very special event, and it's hoped that all Athena members will attend. As noted in the invitation, there is no charge for members; guests are \$50.

Entertainment will be provided by the Paul Wilborn Trio with cocktails at 6:30 and dinner at 7:30. Mail in your RSVP cards (no phone reservations, please) by May 21. Cancellations not received by May 28 will be assessed \$50 for each reservation. (We regret the tough policy - it's invoked by the hotel.) We look forward to seeing you on May 31!



Retreat Deadline June 6

Reservation forms have been pouring in, so it looks like we're going to have another very successful retreat. Scheduled for July 25-27 at the Disney Institute, the program is unique this year in that each member may plan her own day - as many already have. If you haven't, please call 800/282-9282 ASAP as many of the classes are filling up. The green registration form is to be mailed to Eleanor Hubbard with a \$175 check which covers meals, program, etc. Eleanor will be making the reservations for accommodations, but you need to get your form into her by June 6. (You'll pay Disney for accommodations upon checkout.)

Please note, however, that accommodations are not cancellable. If someone must cancel, either their roommates must absorb the charge for lower occupancy or we will attempt to put a late registrant in their place. The registration fee (\$175) is fully refundable up to July 18. If you have any questions, please call Eleanor Hubbard (251-9172) after May 28 or Barbara Koenig (229-5333).

Nominating Committee Elections

At the May meeting, members were asked to vote for 12 individuals eligible to serve on the 1997-98 Nominating Committee. The following are being presented as the result of this preliminary ballot:

Jan Abell	Phyllis Marshall
Jean Amuso	Judy Munson
Lee Blanton	Jane Peppard
Gabriel Faulkner	Linda Saul-Sena
Sharon Kilpatrick	Juel Smith
Alene Mahin	Laura Waller

The final election shall take place at the June meeting at which time six members will be selected - four to serve as regular members and two to serve as alternates until the annual meeting in 1998.

If you do not plan to attend the June meeting, you may wish to implement Article V, Section 10 of the bylaws: PROXIES - At all meetings of the members, a member may vote by proxy, executed in writing, designating the specific meeting to which it applies; but no proxy shall be valid for more than one meeting. Each proxy shall be filed with the Society secretary before or at the time of the meeting.

New Members to be Introduced

We are pleased to announce the following women have accepted Athena's invitation to membership and will be formally introduced at the May 31st Anniversary Gala as well as at the June 5 annual meeting:

Susan Cooper - Managing Director, The Equitable
Dena Leavengood - Community Liaison, Florida Aquarium
Judith Lisi - President, Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center
Jeanette Taft - President, Taft Consulting
Akiko Tanaka - President, Tampa Bay Research Institute

Welcome! Welcome! Welcome!



1997-98 Slate

The following slate has been proposed for 1997-98 by the Nominating Committee:

President..... Linda Goldstein
President-Elect..... Lee Blanton
VP Membership..... Terry Cone
VP/Programs..... Helen Gordon Davis
Secretary..... Jean Amuso
Treasurer..... Linda Fries
Imm. Past President..... Paddy Moses

BOARD MEMBERS

Two-year term:	One year term:
Marva Crenshaw	Pam Horton
Suzy McLain	Returning:
Mary Jane Saunders	Candy Olson
	Joan Zinober

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

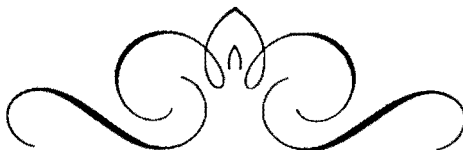
Two-year term:	Returning:
Susan Freeman	Nancy Ford
Elsie Garner	Jenna Venero
Judy Munson	
Alternate: Sue Schler	

Closing Notes on YWP

by Diana Furr, Chair

Another year is behind us now that we celebrated the accomplishments of twelve outstanding Young Women of Promise on May 1. The committee deserves kudos for making this an extra special year through the creation of a yearbook containing honorees' essays, an engraved silver gift box and a \$100 cash gift! I wish to thank all team members for their hard work and outstanding contributions: **Lee Blanton, RoseAnne Bowers, Marva Crenshaw, Rhoda Franklin, Susan Freeman, Eleanor Hubbard, Lee Leavengood, Barbara Pennington, Sylvia Richardson, Linda Saul-Sena, Leslie Stein, Jeanne Tate and Rhonda Trainor.**

Our enhancements this year required some "above and beyond support" which came through the spontaneous generosity of several members. **SPECIAL THANKS** to **Jeanne Tate** who donated \$150 and whose firm (Hill, Ward & Henderson) produced the yearbook; **Candy Olson** who donated \$500 and **Sylvia Richardson** who donated \$1000!!



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Upcoming Meeting

WHEN: Thursday, May 1, 1997
11:45 a.m. - lunch

WHERE: Centre Club
Westshore at Kennedy

PROGRAM: 1997 Young Women of Promise

SPEAKER: Betty Castor, President
University of South Florida

COST: Guests - \$20

RSVP: By April 28 with enclosed card or
call Eleanor Hubbard (251-9172).

OPEN MEETING - GUESTS WELCOME - SPACE LIMITED

Following Betty Castor's brief remarks, the major portion of the program will be devoted to highlighting the accomplishments of the honorees. Twenty-two nominations were submitted by counselors and faculty from which the following outstanding young women were selected:

Melissa M. Cantwell	King High School
Emily M. Eckhardt	East Bay High School
Melissa A. Kemp	Gaither High School
Eunice J. Kindred	Tampa Preparatory School
Elizabeth Le	Thomas Jefferson High School
Claudia Marcelo	Academy of the Holy Names
Cynthia F. Marks	Brandon High School
Kelly McDonald	Hillsborough High School
Lauren E. Peterson	Tampa Preparatory School
Alison M. Pool	East Bay High School
Amy K. Rao	Berkeley Preparatory School
Amanda L. Wetherington	Bloomington High School

This is always a "feel good" meeting because these young ladies represent everything positive about teens today - the cream of the crop from both public and private schools. You'll be impressed and inspired by their achievements. Join us to meet them and show your support.



President's Corner

Instead of a President's letter this month I thought you'd enjoy hearing from one of our members about a very special trip she took recently. Here is Moira Burke's narrative of her trip to Nepal:

"The travel was rigorous but the sense of tranquility attained was very rewarding. It is hard to capture in words or pictures the gentleness of the people, the extraordinary scenery and the harmony of religious philosophies.

I traveled alone, my itinerary was developed en route. First stop was Kathmandu and the ancient towns of Pattan and Bhaktapur where Buddhism and Hinduism co-mingle architecturally and philosophically. Then I set out for Chitwan National Forest where I stayed in a jungle camp, took nature hikes, rode elephants, canoed and witnessed tribal religious customs in remote Thuru villages. I then went to Pakhara in western Nepal where I trekked into the Annapurna mountain range with a Sherpa and porters.

After more than a week without electricity, I returned to Kathmandu to visit a college friend who is now in charge of overseeing all the Fulbright fellowships in this catchment. Her husband coordinates all of the Nepalese literary programs and had recently been featured as a "Visionary" on a PBS special. They gave me a unique insight into their life in Nepal during the past 30 years.

En route home I stopped in Varanasi, the holiest city on the Ganges, site of Hindu ritualistic bathing and Buddha's first sermon. In Delhi I visited the everlasting flame at Gandhi's pyre and the B'ha, lotus temple. Then it was the long flight home through London and Boston. I will be happy to share more details with anyone who is interested."

Moira Burke

20th Anniversary Celebration

Your personal invitation to Athena's 20th Anniversary Gala will be in the mail shortly. There will be no charge for members; guests will be \$50 per person. Because of the expense of this very special event, if you RSVP and do not cancel by noon Wednesday, May 28, you and/or your guest will be assessed \$50 each. In anticipation of this celebration, Margaret Fisher penned this limerick:

"A Unique Occasion" ¹

Athena turns twenty this year! ²
Let members and guests now draw near ³
To join in festivities ⁴
And share our proclivities
For feasting and song and good cheer!

¹ An anniversary celebration for Athena

² Please, send no presents; your presence (singly or in pairs) will suffice

³ Come to the Wyndham Harbor Island Hotel

⁴ Dinner on the evening of May 31 at 6:30 p.m.



News About Members

Stella Thayer was listed as one of the "Tampa Bay Business Hall of Fame" members in a supplement of the Journal last month. Of the eighty honorees, four were women.

Cindy Sontag is at home resting comfortably following surgery last week.

Suzy McLain loves new experiences, so she'll be teaching an etiquette course for young children at the Interbay Boys and Girls Club. ("Can anyone think of a more appropriate person?" asks **Paddy Moses**.)

Ruth Barnes Kinsolving was one of eight women honored by the YWCA of Tampa Bay for achievements that have made them role models in the community. Ruth was recognized in the area of government/law.

Virginia Gregory has just returned from a 12-day vacation in Amsterdam, Brussels and Paris. She had wonderfully relaxing and interesting visits to Bruges, Ghent, Antwerp; toured the Van Gogh and Rijks Museums and had a great lunch at her stepdaughter's (Bonnie Galagan) tearoom in Paris though Bonnie was in Boston at the time.

BBQ Ahead!

We'll end the current year with a special Athena Plus program: a family BBQ on Saturday, June 7. **Alex Sink** has graciously invited us to her home on Lake Thonotosassa (12411 Ft. King Highway) for an afternoon of water activities, games, conversation and great food.

Attire, obviously, will be casual; bring your bathing suit. Guests are welcome as are children of all ages. Hours are noon to 4 p.m. with the cookout planned for 1 o'clock. There will be a nominal fee noted in next month's newsletter as well as driving instructions to Alex's home. June 3 is the reservation deadline; feel free to include it on the enclosed green card or fax information to Eleanor Hubbard at 254-5585. Please indicate number of children (and their ages) and number of adults.

We haven't had a family gathering for several years; the last one was a huge success. This one will be too, so don't miss it!

Community Action Committee

Please join the Community Action Committee on Thursday, May 22, at 5:45 p.m. at Tampa United Methodist Centers to play games and read to children while their parents meet with teachers. For additional details and/or to sign up, call **Pam Horton** at 274-0904.



The International Alliance

by Suzy McLain, TIA Delegate

The International Alliance (TIA) opens a world of opportunity for women! An international network that unites, supports and promotes executive and professional women, it creates an environment to assist women in achieving their individual potential and enables them to contribute significantly in business, the professions, academia, the government and the not-for-profit sector.

TIA provides leadership training and skill enhancement for women; serves as a resource and talent bank to corporations, institutions and government; encourages the placement of talented women on government, corporate and international boards; supports equal opportunity and promotes greater recognition of women's achievements. What a group! Athena will be one of the co-sponsors of the Fall meeting in Tampa...plan to be a part of it.

Members' Projects

If you've been looking for sales in all the wrong places, you're a candidate for **Louise Thompson's** upcoming sales training seminar. Sponsored by Intuition Magazine, the training is broken down into four segments. You'll learn sales pro secrets to prospecting, setting more appointments, creating winning presentations and overcoming objections. The two Saturday morning classes begin May 3; the four Wednesday evening classes begin May 14. Athena members get a \$100 discount by registering prior to April 28. Call Louise at 287-8955 for additional information.

Calander of Events

Lots of Athena events during the coming months...too many to easily keep straight, so we've compiled a calendar for your planning convenience. (Maybe you'll stick it on the frig???)

May 1	Monthly luncheon (Young Women of Promise)
May 22	Community Action project
May 31	20th Anniversary Dinner - Wyndham Hotel
June 5	Installation dinner - Centre Club
June 7	Family BBQ - Alex Sink's home
July 25-27	Retreat, Disney Institute, Orlando

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ATHENA SOCIETY

P.O. Box 10813
TAMPA, FLORIDA 33679

Upcoming Meeting

WHEN: Thursday, April 3, 1997
11:55 a.m. - lunch

WHERE: Centre Club
Westshore at Kennedy

PROGRAM: "The Youth Arts Corps/Juvenile
Justice Arts Program"

SPEAKER: Mary Ann Assiff, Coordinator

COST: Guests - \$20

RSVP: By March 31 with enclosed card or
call Eleanor Hubbard (251-9172).

OPEN MEETING - GUESTS WELCOME

The Florida Department of Juvenile Justice District V has funded an exciting, innovative new program designed to bring the arts to youth in local Juvenile Justice-funded prevention and intervention programs.

The program is a component of a state-wide initiative to utilize the arts to help prevent youth from participating in criminal activity which either brings them into or keeps them in the juvenile justice system.

Four pilot artist-in-residence programs will be implemented in Hillsborough and Pinellas Counties. The programs will use visual arts, poetry, theatre, dance and performance to help youth find a healthy, challenging and creative form of expression and to explore career opportunities in the arts. Professional artists will facilitate the programs.

Coordinator Mary Ann Assiff brings to the program over 15 years experience working with at-risk and troubled youth. She feels that "the arts provide an incredibly effective youth development opportunity for young people. Through dance, poetry, visual arts, storytelling and theatre, young people are able to explore a safe, intimate form of expression - the first step in healing and in gaining personal insight."



Young Women of Promise

Early reminder that next month's program will be Athena's annual tribute to outstanding young women, all high school juniors. On Thursday, May 1, at the Centre Club ten will be honored with the presentation of an award as well as a monetary gift. Serving as the keynote speaker will be USF President Betty Castor.

The YWP Committee, under the direction of Diana Furr, has made a number of changes including the creation of a yearbook which, hopefully, will serve as a networking tool for the recipients. Each young lady will have her own table and an Athena "hostess" who is familiar with her background. Members will be invited to fill in the open seats at the tables.

Committee member **Susan Freeman** noted that "the drive, determination, academic excellence and integrity these young women possess are truly an inspiration to others. We hope we can help them by serving as role models and perhaps someday as mentors."

This program is always a favorite with members, and we'll also be welcoming school counselors and recipients' parents. Plan on making your reservations early; space is limited.

News About Members

Margaret Mathews has been elected the first female managing partner in the Tampa office of her law firm - Akerman, Senterfitt & Eidson, P.A.

Elaine Shimberg's new book "How to Get Out of the Hospital Alive" will be published mid-May by Macmillan. Her co-author, Sheldon Blau, M.D., will be promoting it on a five-city tour. Elaine is now in the process of writing a book on step-parenting and would welcome your thoughts if you are one or were a step-child (as an adult or child). For an interview, contact her at 259-9673; all information will be kept confidential.

Jean Amuso was recently named Social Worker of the Year by the Tampa Bay Unit of the National Association of Social Workers.

The Pinnacle on Bayshore Boulevard may soon be dubbed "Athena Central"! Currently living there are **Katie Brown**, **Virginia Gregory** and **Sylvia Richardson**; they'll be joined by **Phyllis Marshall** who just bought a lovely 2BR apartment on the first floor. Longtime resident of Pebblecreek (in north Hillsborough County), she's very much looking forward to life on the south side. Her 2300 sq. ft. house is now on the market (by owner), so if you know anyone who would be interested, call her at 973-3391. It's a 3BR, 2 bath with family room, screened lanai, spa and 2-car garage.

Earlier this month several Athena members were named 1997 Women of Distinction by the Suncoast Girl Scout Council. In the category of The World of Outdoors - **Jenna Venero**; in The World of People - **Adelaide Few** and **Gwynne Young**.

Anne Kantor has simplified her life and now has only one Boulevard Shop (down from five stores), the one in Belleair Bluffs to which she commutes each day. Last year Anne closed two stores - in Tampa and Clearwater - and is happy to report that the Belleair store (which was the largest in both size and volume) is doing better than ever! Anne left last week for India to visit and travel with daughter Janet Echelman who is on a four-month Fulbright grant to teach in India at the Art Institute. More on her return!



Athena "Housekeeping"

It's coming on May 31...Athena's long-awaited 20th anniversary gala! The committee is planning an elegant celebration at the Wyndham Harbour Island Hotel with hopes that every single Athena member will participate. In addition to highlighting our first 20 years, we'll honor the new members to be announced next month. Invitations will be mailed in 2-3 weeks.

If the retreat isn't yet on your calendar, please add it now: July 25-27 at the Disney Institute. The complete information packet will be distributed next month. This will be a unique experience you won't want to miss!!

Don't forget to bring your donation of sample-size toiletries for The Spring to our April luncheon.

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International Alliance

Athena members working on the upcoming International Alliance Conference (TIA in Tampa Bay) October 16-18 are **Helen Gordon Davis, Nancy Ford, Pat Frank, Linda Goldstein Mary Lou Harkness, Suzy McLain, Shirley Ryals, Alex Sink and Cindy Sontag**...with more to join in as the event draws closer. Invited to be the luncheon speaker is Cokie Roberts who will be sponsored by WFTS, the local ABC affiliate. Joining Athena in hosting the conference are the Florida Women's Alliance and the Network of Executive Women. The Sheraton Grand will serve as the headquarters hotel. Mark your calendar for this very special meeting.



Enjoy the lazy, crazy days of Spring!

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Upcoming Meeting

- WHEN:** Thursday, March 6
5:30 p.m. - cocktails
6:15 p.m. - dinner ←
- WHERE:** Centre Club
Westshore at Kennedy
- PROGRAM:** "Restoring Hope in an Age of Cynicism"
- SPEAKER:** Michael Lerner
Rabbi and Psychotherapist
- COST:** Guests - \$25
- RSVP:** By March 3 with enclosed card or
call Eleanor Hubbard (251-9172).

OPEN MEETING - GUESTS WELCOME

Michael Lerner is the inspiration behind a new movement to replace power and money with compassion and caring as the basis for all human activity. This movement supports the belief that if all people, all industries, all nations, cities and neighborhoods place a high value on the common good, everyone will be better off.

Lerner modeled this campaign after the women's movement and launched it last April in Washington, D.C. He is in town for Tampa's first major conference outlining the movement's call to action.





President's Corner

All too often we are not aware of the many good and kind deeds members of Athena provide. I'd heard about the work **Sylvia Campbell** had done in Haiti and recently read the journal she kept. It is entitled "The Journey" and it cannot be read without tears. It is such a moving story. This experience made me realize we don't provide enough programs featuring some of the most interesting stories possible...from none other than our own members!

As our programs have been scheduled for the remainder of this year, I've asked Sylvia to share her experiences with us next year. I'm sure the '97-'98 Program Chair would welcome having a program already on line. When Sylvia speaks, I would like to distribute copies of "The Journey." A poem on the next two pages is a sample of her thoughts.

The Community Action Committee planned a terrific program at Su Casa on February 15; the residents were so grateful for our visit. These programs have given members an opportunity to get to know each other better while doing good deeds. Please make an effort to participate in their next project; we really have a good time together!

20th Anniversary Celebration

The date has been set and plans are underway for Athena's 20th anniversary gala. It's an event you'll want to share with family and friends - an elegant affair (black tie optional) at the Wyndham Harbour Island Hotel on Saturday evening, May 31. We'll release details as they're confirmed but, in the meantime, mark your calendar: MAY 31.

News About Members

One of two operations **Patti Breckenridge** oversees at the Tribune has received an international award. Tampa Bay Online was named one of the top online newspaper services in a competition that included 1500 World Wide Web publications from 26 countries on six continents. TBO - at <http://www.tboweb.com> - offers news and classified advertisements from the Tribune plus information about travel in Florida, a home and business relocation guide and a Florida weather center. This marks the second national honor for TBO in recent months. The Tribune's newspaper site was named the Best Media Page of 1996 by Windows magazine.



Editor's Note: The following excerpt is from "The Journey" by Sylvia Campbell, M.D. (Referenced in President's Corner, page 2.)

HAITI

Real.
what is real.
where is real.
the heat, the pressing heat,
like a blanket covering me...
faces glisten as the sun
rises higher...
eyes wide with fear,
with pain.
eyes deep with sadness,
eyes burning into my soul,
my being...
searching...

Peace.
the sound of lilting voices
carries through
the still darkness.
their words unknown,
blending into the music of the night.
the music of their soul carries on...
quiet acceptance of the life given.
quiet desperation of the life given.

Stripped away of falsehood—
of the outer layers that cover
my existence.
I stand within the mountain people.
stripped to my true self,
not covered with the layers of protection
I have built around my inner soul—
unable to control the raw emotion.
I am.
in all my falsehood and pain
I find a part of me
that lies deep within.
I smile.

Painful.
each lesson in life
is one to be earned,
not given.
and this lesson to my soul
is great
as my heart is
broken open
to these people in need.



LOUISE

I see her face the first night,
the mammogram held tightly
in her hand, clutching.
the story not clear, but somehow
seeming to say
help me, please help me.

Cancer.
found hiding in the breast,
found when the mass announced itself
to her hand, not before
as screening is not done here.
the biopsy done,
costing so much.
the mastectomy needed,
but impossible to this woman in
this remote Haitian village,
high in the mountains.
the future cloudy, unknown.

help me.
help me.

so little to ask.
so much to ask.

a plane ride, over the mountains.
a plane ride, through the fear of the trip,
through the unknown.
they came to St. Croix,
they stood, alone, lost.

Louise and her husband.
a strange town, a strange hospital.

cancer.

help me.

recognition—her eyes met mine.
we could not speak words,
but she heard.

help me.

It is fini.
your wife is fine.
it is fini.

lost in the bed,
her face shining in the heat of the evening.
her bandage intact, the drains exiting
from the base.
the bleeding slight.
the pain little.

it is fini.

merci.

merci, Louise.
to you I say merci.

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Upcoming Meeting

WHEN: Thursday, February 6
11:55 a.m. - lunch

WHERE: Centre Club
Westshore at Kennedy

PROGRAM: "Coming of Age for Architecture"

SPEAKER: Jan Abell, Architect

COST: Guests - \$20

RSVP: By February 3 with enclosed card or
call Eleanor Hubbard (251-9172).

OPEN MEETING - GUESTS WELCOME

We are delighted to have an opportunity to hear from longtime Athena member and highly respected local architect, **Jan Abell**. Winner of many awards, Jan is well known throughout the state and beyond for her active role in preservation projects.

In 1994 Jan was inducted in the prestigious College of Fellows of the American Institute of Architects - the only person granted the honor in Florida that year. Last year she was selected a recipient of the Beinecke-Reeves Endowed Chair in Historic Preservation at the University of Florida.

For the past two years she has been working on the restoration of Ca'd'zan, John Ringling's home in Sarasota. She estimates the project to take another 2-3 years and will tell us (and show) abit about it on the 6th.

Jan has seen Tampa struggle, architecturely, from an adolesent to an adult and will share with us some of the very positive changes she's observed.

PROGRAM NOTE: The March 6 meeting will be an evening meeting (5:30 cocktails, 6:15 dinner) - open to guests.



President's Corner

There was a very important change in the Florida Legislature in 1996: The welfare program, Aid to Families with Dependent Children, was replaced with WAGES, Work and Economic Gain Self-Sufficiency.

In the early 80's, when I was doing volunteer work with the Private Industry Council, I created a task force with other personnel services to develop a training and employment program to help mothers get off welfare. The training was in place, and we had companies who made a commitment to hire and give career opportunities to this group.

Can you imagine my amazement when I learned that these women would lose their subsidized housing, medical benefits, food stamps, transportation and many other benefits when they collected their first pay check! Any mother who cared about her children wouldn't consider being employed. At the time minimum wage was \$3.95 per hour and it was calculated that a woman would have to earn more than \$9 an hour to compensate the benefits of welfare. Women didn't stand much of a chance to become productive citizens in that kind of environment.

WAGES will certainly help implement these necessary changes. Families will be able to use this program for only 4 years, but this is ample time to get established and on their feet. More than anything, they will have pride and feel good about being a contributing member of society. Women are finally getting some much needed help in this particular area!

News About Members

Katherine Essrig and Kevin Napper are the proud parents of Emma Carolyn born on Christmas morning at 8:25 a.m. Those who attended the January luncheon had an opportunity to meet the little beauty and also to congratulate the beaming grandmother: **Cecile Essrig**. Maybe Emma will be the first third-generation Athenian???

With deep sympathy we report the recent death of **Linda Fries'** father and **Louise Thompson's** brother.

Sylvia Richardson was elected 1997 Chair of the National Joint Committee on Learning Disabilities (NJCLD). The NJCLD is comprised of representatives of the 10 national associations concerned with learning disabilities. Approximately 350,000 individuals constitute the memberships of the organizations represented by the NJCLD.

Ruth Himes was married at dawn on January 1 to fellow Carlton, Fields attorney, Larry Kinsolving. The ceremony took place at their new home (5816 Bayshore Boulevard, 33611) with only her son and her two dogs, Larry's two children and two close friends in attendance. Ruth described the wedding as "the start of a new year with a new life and a new name: Ruth Barnes Kinsolving". We wish them a long, happy life together!

Dottie Berger was named one of the Tampa Tribune's "People to Watch in 1997". Dottie currently serves as Chair of the Hillsborough County Commission. The St. Pete Times, in their Business Preview, named **Jan Platt** one of the "People to Watch" in 1997.

Moira Burke spent the holidays in Bogata with her new extended family. Margarita, her new daughter-in-law, graduated from medical school there and her grandparents celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with relatives flying in from Spain and France. There was lots of activity, and Moira had a wonderful visit.



Athena "Housekeeping"

February 14 is the deadline for submitting nomination forms for new members. The forms must be in the hands of VP/Membership **Mary Scriven** or Administrator **Eleanor Hubbard** by that date.

Though you won't hear all the details until April, you'll want to enter the retreat dates on your calendar now: July 25-27. Except for the fun and fellowship, it will be a retreat quite different from those in the past. We'll be at the Disney Institute in Orlando where the possibilities for exploring new vistas is almost limitless. You'll design your own day of activities from the more than 40 programs offered: gourmet cooking, rock climbing, photography, gardening, animation, etc. This will be a truly unique experience...DON'T MISS IT!

Don't forget to bring your donation of sample-size toiletries for The Spring to our February luncheon.

Members' Projects

Linda Saul-Sena invites Athena members to the Third Annual Tampa Bay Antiques Show and Sale presented by Berkeley reparatory School on March 1 and 2 at the West Tampa Convention Center. An exciting pre-sale event will be a luncheon and lecture by **William Stahl** of Sotheby's New York on Thursday, February 27. For additional information, call Linda at 254-6275.

Community Action Committee

Members will have a wonderful opportunity to spread cheer on Saturday, February 15, from 9 to noon at Su Casa Nursing Home, 1514 E. Chelsea St. The plan is to paint fingernails, massage hands, help serve lunch to some of the residents and generally make it a "Day-after-Valentine's-Pamper/Feel-Good" Day. If you'd like to participate, call **Pam Horton** (274-0904) to signup and get additional details.

The Community Action Committee thanks the following companies for food donations made to the December 21 party that Athena hosted at The Spring:

- Alessi Bakery, 2909 Cypress Street
- Domino's Pizza, Hillsborough County
- Lenny & Vinny's Pizzeria, 533 So. Howard
- Papa Louis' Pizza House, 4140 Henderson Blvd.
- Pizza Hut, 716 No. Dale Mabry
- Publix Supermarkets, Lakeland
- Rico's Pizza, 909 W. Kennedy Blvd.

The kids had a memorable afternoon as well as the moms and also the Athena members who participated.



Great Books - Athena Style

Editor's Note: Many of our members are avid readers, eager to share news of a particularly good book, especially one with a strong female message. This feature will appear "as needed." Members are invited to contribute.

This month's review comes from **Mary Lou Harkness** - Anne Perry books:

I like mystery novels for my recreational reading as I know many other Athena members do. One of the most prolific authors (15 books since 1979) whose books I enjoy is Anne Perry. Perry's books are set in Victorian England and give, I believe, a fairly accurate description of that era, especially as individuals were affected.

The murders which are the centers of Perry's plots mostly involve individuals at high levels in society and the government; both the crimes and their solutions prove that the proper Victorians were often very improper indeed.

Although the crimes usually involve the upper classes, Perry writes about people in all classes from the lowest to the aristocracy and the place of women during that time. Women of the gentry and the aristocracy were in the privileged classes; however their lives were very circumscribed by both the legal system and social mores. Perry's spirited heroines have more freedom than their more docile sisters but often must rely on guile and understanding male relations and friends to achieve more independence.

As restricted as the upper class women are, they are very fortunate compared to the women of the servant and even lower classes. Perry's description of the degradation of women who have meagre education and skills is only a little less heartbreaking than her picture of their children. Although these are only sidelines to the main plots, the images remain with the reader long after the criminals are unmasked.



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Upcoming Meeting

WHEN: Thursday, January 9, 1997
11:55 a.m. - lunch

WHERE: Centre Club
Westshore at Kennedy

PROGRAM: The State of our City

SPEAKER: Mayor Dick A. Greco

COST: Guests - \$20

RSVP: By January 6 with enclosed card or
call Eleanor Hubbard (251-9172).



OPEN MEETING - GUESTS WELCOME

For the past several years the Athena Society has ushered in the new year with a visit from Tampa's mayor. The tradition will continue in '97 when Mayor Dick Greco gives us an update on the city's many new developments and shares with us his vision for the community. Time will be allotted for questions.

Those of you who attended last year's session can attest to how informative and interesting it was, so please mark your calendar and plan to attend. (Note the date...the SECOND Thursday.)

Guests are welcome and encouraged. Incidentally, if your guest is a prospective candidate for membership, please notify Eleanor when you make your reservation.



President's Corner



Thanks to your gifts, some Boys & Girls Clubs kids had a brighter holiday. We serve 3500 children every day and a high percentage come from disadvantaged homes with single mothers. There are always many needs, and we couldn't begin to fill them without the support of good folks like you. Thank you for your generosity!

Also this year we had a party for children at The Spring. Some Athena members brought their children and grandchildren to help The Spring children make gifts for their moms. When I explained to my grandson what The Spring was about and what we were going to do, his question was, "Why are you helping children make gifts for their mothers who hurt them?" I was glad he questioned this as it allowed us to talk about how bad things can happen to families and children. And most importantly, it presented an opportunity to show there are people who care and want to help.

We are now starting the down curve of the Athena year. How time flies! This first half could not have been better. Everyone has been so supportive and willing. We've had such a great six months, and I know the next will be even better. We still have many good things to come.

Happy New Year to all!

News About Members

Congratulations! Congratulations! **Beth Higgins** and husband Mark are the proud parents of twins born October 21: Savannah Rose and Daniel James. Though extremely busy (really!), Beth is in a comfortable routine and looks forward to resuming her Athena activities in the near future.

Marsha Griffin Rydberg has been named as a Director of the Jacksonville Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta. She will serve a three-year term beginning January 1, 1997. Marsha has also been appointed 1997 Vice Chair of the Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce Committee of 100.

Barbara Ann Blue recently accepted an invitation to be the statewide chair of the Florida Children's Campaign which unites Floridians around ways to help children and tries to elect public officials who will commit to making kids a priority and to invest in their future.

Sylvia Campbell was one of two selected as Women of the Year by the Carrollwood Business and Professional Women's Club.

Judi Breuggeman was recently elected to board of both "First Night" and Riverside Readers and Writers Festival.



Athena "Housekeeping"

Nomination forms are available to anyone planning to sponsor a new member. If you'd like one sent to you, call VP/Membership **Mary Scriven** or Eleanor Hubbard. Deadline for submitting the forms is February 14, 1997.

Attention members who plan to "clean up and throw out" after the holidays. The Community Action Committee, in preparation for an arts & crafts project, would welcome the following discards: sequins, beads, art puzzle pieces, buttons, jewelry and fabric paint...or anything else along these lines. Please bring all to the January meeting for collection.

Athena members are invited to a Great Gatsby Casino Night, a gala event to benefit The Spring on Saturday, January 18, 7 to 11 p.m. in the lobby of NationsBank. You'll receive play money to gamble with and can use your winnings to purchase raffle tickets. Included in the \$50 per person ticket are gourmet food, drinks and lots of "money". There will be fabulous prizes and raffle merchandise! For tickets, call 968-6235.



Directory Changes



They say there's no such thing as a truly up-to-date directory. It's true. Our new one had been in circulation only a few days when members began calling with changes. They are as follows, and you may wish to note them in your copy:

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Great Books - Athena Style

Editor's Note: Many of our members are avid readers, eager to share news of a particularly good book, especially one with a strong female message. This feature will appear "as needed." Members are invited to contribute.

This month's review comes from **Jean Amuso: Mutant Message/Down Under** by Marlo Morgan:

This book should be viewed as a fable - a story of a 50-year-old female physician who walks across the continent of Australia with a tribe of aborigines. Although fiction, it is inspired by actual experience and seeks to address the issues of life concerned with differences and oneness.

This is the story of a journey across desert and jungle with no conveniences as we know them. The main character, a woman accustomed to material comforts, clothes, position and money must face the reality of relying on herself to overcome barriers while learning the culture of a small tribe who greets each day with thankfulness and asks for only what is needed. She learns the concept of oneness; harmony with the earth; primitive but effective healing; and the importance and function of each person within a group. Material possessions are eschewed; rather one learns the importance of memories vs. mementos.

While the reader ponders this, there are powerful principles of peaceful, meaningful values while searching for truths that are buried under the gravy and spices of convenience, materialism, insecurity and fear. It is now time to save the earth from destruction, to value what we have, to stop senseless waste and to understand our oneness.

The message is delivered in a simplistic writing style that often masks the strength and sharpness of the message. The writer returns to normal life, valuing the meaning of life as she learned it on her journey but the adaptation of her experiences is indistinct. Viewed as a fable, the messages are clear but the ending seems weak - perhaps because it is up to each reader to provide an answer for herself.

**HAPPY NEW
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Upcoming Meeting

- WHEN:** Thursday, December 12, 1996
5:30 p.m. - Cocktails (cash bar)
6:30 p.m. - Dinner
- WHERE:** Tampa Yacht & Country Club
5320 Interbay Boulevard
(Complimentary valet parking)
- PROGRAM:** Holiday Dinner & Gift Exchange
The Athena Players
Gifts for Boys & Girls Club (See below)
- MENU:** Beef Tenderloin (Veggie plate available;
indicate on card)
- RSVP:** By December 9 with enclosed red card
or call Eleanor Hubbard (251-9172).



MEMBERS ONLY - NO GUESTS

The Athena Players promise you a unique romp (well, all right, a meander - as we all get older!) down memory lane in honor of our 20th anniversary. Leave your propriety and sensibilities at the door as we recreate the sass and the spirit of raising the feminist flag over the hide-bound 1970's in Tampa Bay.

Anyone wishing to join the cast should call **Terry Cone** (949-1270). This is a great opportunity for new members to have fun and to poke fun at the same time. Neither acting nor singing talents are required; however, energy, enthusiasm and a sense of fun are all useful. The ability to move from the sublime to the ridiculous is essential, and being impervious to embarrassment is an absolute must.

In addition to exchanging gifts with each other, we're also going to collect gifts for children at the Boys & Girls Clubs in the area. Please bring a new, unwrapped toy for a child (ages 6 to 12). If you are unable to attend the dinner, feel free to bring the toy to the holiday buffet (see next page) or drop off at the Boys & Girls Club of Tampa Bay, 3020 W. Laurel Street.

Both these exchanges are, of course, optional. Please join us for a very special evening of FUN and fellowship.



President's Corner

Athena is rocking and rolling! At our last meeting, all attendance records (except for Young Women of Promise) were broken...we had 101!

On November 5th we had members crawling around on the floor, playing peek-a-boo in cabinets, reading stories, rocking and hugging the little ones at The Spring while their moms were in classes. If any of us would have remembered to bring a camera, we would have had some wonderful pictures. We all certainly looked a lot different than when seen at our regular meetings!

At our next event - with box suppers in hand - we piled into a big Boys & Girls Club van and motored over to the Judy Chicago show at the Tampa Bay Holocaust Museum in St. Pete. If you haven't yet seen this exhibit, do put it on your list. Her work is fascinating and thought-provoking.

The real joy of participating in these Athena Plus outings is the fun of getting to know each other better and having more "bonding time" than our regular meetings allow. We are such a diverse group, so it's wonderful to be able to share these times.

As the holiday season approaches, let us all be mindful of how fortunate and blessed we and our families are. There are many, many children with single mothers who are hungry and living in poverty. The Community Action Committee is working and planning to do even more than we've done in the past. Let's all support their efforts when they call on us for help. **Gabriele Faulkner** gave me a wonderful plaque and I would like to share the verse: "One Hundred Years from Now" it will not matter what my bank account was, the sort of house I lived in or the kind of car I drove...but the world may be different because I was important in the life of a child.



Holiday Buffet - December 7



An annual highlight of the season is Athena's Holiday Buffet to be held this year at the home of Jack and **Barbara Romano**, 5021 Shorecrest Circle. Don your party apparel and prepare yourself for a congenial crowd, festive atmosphere and fabulous food! No charge for members plus one guest; additional guests are \$20. Make your reservations on the enclosed red card or by phoning Eleanor Hubbard prior to December 4. Please list your guest's name. Party hours are 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

An Invitation to Florida's Premier Craft Show

Enclosed are possibly your first gifts of the season: two complimentary tickets to the ACC Craft Fair scheduled for the Tampa Convention Center, Friday through Sunday, December 6-8. Doors open at 10 a.m.

This museum-quality craft show, sponsored by the American Craft Council, has become a holiday tradition in the area and is promoted by **Roberts Communications & Marketing**. (Thank you, **Deanne**, for your thoughtfulness and generosity.)

Browse as you would in a museum or shop for the holiday season. You'll find a wide range of fine jewelry baskets, dishes, sculpture, hand-painted clothes and unusual and zany collectibles. Enjoy!



Athena "Housekeeping"

For those wishing to sponsor new members, nomination forms will be available as of November 29. If you'd like one sent to you, call VP/Membership **Mary Scriven** or Eleanor Hubbard. Deadline for submitting the forms is February 14, 1997.

Party at The Spring - And You're Invited

The Community Action Committee is hosting a party for children at the Spring on Saturday, December 21, 1 to 3 p.m. All Athena members are invited - as are their children or grandchildren. Share the joy of the holiday season with those in crisis by attending this very special event. RSVP to **Pam Horton** (274-0904) with your name and the names and ages of the children you are bringing. Enjoy singing and holiday refreshments in addition to helping kids make gifts for their moms...an occasion you'll long remember!

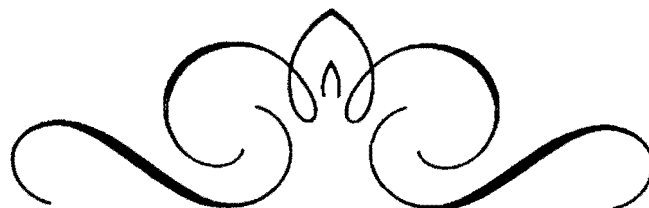
Retreat Dates Set

A really special Athena Retreat is scheduled for July 25-27, 1997 at the Disney Institute in Orlando. Please block the dates on your calendar now so you can enjoy this wonderful opportunity for self-renewal.

The Saturday program will differ from previous years in that you'll design your own day of activities from the more than 40 programs offered. You can start with bird watching, take a gourmet cooking class, try your hand at animation and finish up with a personal trainer session. The more ambitious among us may try their hand at rock climbing, a golf or tennis clinic, water aerobics or a canoe adventure. Or sign up to produce a radio drama, learn about candid portrait photography or create a container garden.

We'll have plenty of time to socialize on Friday and Saturday nights and will close on Sunday with a late morning group session followed by brunch. You may want to plan to arrive early on Friday or stay late on Saturday to take advantage of the incredible array of spa services offered at the Institute.

We'll be staying right at the Disney Institute with a choice of two-bedroom townhouses or one-bedroom bungalow accommodations. A full information and registration packet will be mailed to you in April, but in the meantime we'll continue to remind you of the dates.





TIA Conference - A Fabulous Experience

by Suzy McLain, Athena Delegate

Toronto, Ontario, Canada was the site of the 1996 Fall Conference of The International Alliance. The conference, under the sponsorship of the Canadian Association of Women Executives and Entrepreneurs (CAWEE) and the leadership of Diana Rhodes was claimed "Superb"! This conference was the first to be held on foreign soil and was truly international in flavor. Visitors from Czechoslovakia and quite a large delegation from mainland China attended. The setting for the conference, the Sutton Place Hotel in the heart of Toronto, provided sophisticated accommodations, state-of-the-art meeting rooms and dining on the 33rd floor where we had a panoramic view of the city and Lake Ontario.

The conference began with a reception and "Spirit of Canada" buffet dinner on Thursday evening where we were treated to a fashion show of furs...coats, hats, capes, muffs...not furs as we have known them. The animals don't lose their lives - they are simply sheared. The furs were exquisite and in many colors: pale blue, pale rose, pale gray. They provided a breathtaking fashion show modeled by TIA members who volunteered their modeling prowess. The wonderful woman who designs and manufactures these garments is the wife of "Father Goose," the man about whom the charming movie "Fly Away Home" is written.

As you might imagine, the conference was special in all respects, from opening reception to the closing luncheon and annual meeting.

The theme of the conference was "Women in the Workplace". Topics included "How the Workplace Has Changed/How Women Have Changed in the Workplace," "Women on Corporate Boards," "Women in Capital Markets - a Catalyst for Constructive Change" and others. These events were made exciting, informative and interesting by speakers like Florida's own Dr. Elizabeth Mann; Brigadier General Myrna Williamson (Ret. U.S. Army); The Honorable Jane Stewart, Canadian Minister of Revenue; Gerry Tausch, Futurist; and, among other outstanding women, Bernee Strom, President of USA Digital Radio.

One of the most stimulating events was a cocktail reception at the Bata Shoe Museum where we had occasion to see shoes dating from the days of Christ to the present day clumpy heels. If you are ever in Toronto, I urge you to visit the Bata Shoe Museum. You won't believe your eyes!

Athena, the Network of Executive Women and the Florida Women's Alliance...we all have our work cut out for us for October, 1997 if we are to even approach what the Canadian women presented. But I know we can do it! They don't have alligators, palm trees, black beans and rice or Cuban sandwiches! Let's show them what Florida is really all about. When you're asked to serve on a committee for the 1997 Fall conference, please give us the benefit of your knowledge, your talent, your creativity and your time. You'll be glad you did, and we'll thank you!



Happy Thanksgiving!



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Upcoming Meeting

WHEN: Thursday, November 7, 1996
11:55 a.m. - Lunch

WHERE: Centre Club
Westshore at Kennedy

PROGRAM: The Role of Media in a Changing Society

SPEAKER: Reid Ashe
President & Associate Publisher
The Tampa Tribune

COST: Guests - \$20

RSVP: By November 4 with enclosed card or
call Eleanor Hubbard (251-9172)

OPEN MEETING - GUESTS WELCOME

Reid Ashe is known as a pioneer in public journalism, relying heavily on readers as sources for stories. He is deeply committed to improving local communities and has vowed to strengthen The Tampa Tribune's record in that area.

"I'm a big believer in community journalism," Ashe said. "We as journalists ought to be concerned with interconnections with people in our community."

One of the reasons Ashe was attracted to this market when he joined The Tampa Tribune in August, 1996 was because he is keenly interested in forging strong multimedia partnerships. Richmond-based Media General owns The Tampa Tribune, Tampa Bay Online and WFLA-TV. It also publishes dailies in Hernando and Highlands counties and numerous weeklies in Hillsborough, Pinellas and Pasco counties. (A number of other services are described in the enclosed letter from Patti Breckenridge.)

Ashe is a graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Harvard Business School and has a varied background in writing, publishing and on-line computer services.



President's Corner

Our new directory will be distributed next week. I hope that each of you will take the time to prop up your feet, fix a drink (of whatever) and relax with it in hand and carefully read each page.

Athena is a group of outstanding and accomplished women. It's fun to look at what our interests are judging by the various associations we have joined. While the pages are too short to list but a few things, perhaps you'll find something that arouses your curiosity and take the time to find out more.

Many of our members have accomplished "first ever's," set out on one career only to go another direction or created their own path. **Lee Leavengood**, when looking around for something interesting to do in education, created the Life Long Learning Center at USF. **Gabriele Faulkner** moved to Tampa years ago with a degree in engineering and barely speaking English. She went on to open a very successful advertising agency. **Jenna Venero** is the highest ranking female officer in the Florida Marine Patrol. **Leslie Stein** travels to many foreign countries as counsel for GTE and just a few years ago entered the University of Tampa to obtain her MBA. **Suzy McLain** is now studying to become a CPF and just last year celebrated her fiftieth wedding anniversary.

The list is as long as each of the names in our directory. We come in all sizes, shapes and colors with different beliefs. These differences and our accomplishments are part of the ingredients that make Athena members the most exciting group of women in town. It's not easy being president of a group of 142 leaders but it is certainly fun and challenging!

Members' Projects

If you'd like to join your fellow Athenians to show support, you have two great opportunities: The first is a dinner honoring outgoing Hillsborough County Commissioner **Phyllis Busansky**. To be held at Higgins Hall (5225 No. Himes Avenue) on Thursday, November 7, the fun-filled evening of tribute to Phyllis will begin with a reception at 6 p.m., dinner/program at 7 to be followed by dessert and dancing (Phyllis' very favorite activity!) at 8:30. If you'd like to sit at the Athena table, please mail your check for \$25 (made out to Athena) to Eleanor Hubbard at P.O. Box 10813, Tampa, 33679 by November 1.

Another Athena table is planned for The Spring's annual Gift of Peace Breakfast on Wednesday, December 11. It will be held at 7:45 a.m. at the Tampa Convention Center featuring Roberta Cooper Ramo as the speaker. Cooper is the first woman president of the American Bar Association in its 116-year history. If you'd like to be a part of the Athena table, please mail your check for \$25 (made out to Athena) to address noted above by November 18.

Seating is limited in both cases, so an early response is suggested. On your check please CLEARLY STATE THE FUNCTION FOR WHICH YOU ARE RESERVING.

Another occasion for involvement with The Spring is on Tuesday, November 5, from 6:45 to 8 p.m....be a rocker and hugger for little ones. This is one of those undertakings that surely benefits the hugger as much as the "hugee"! If you'd like to participate, contact Pam Horton at 274-0904; leave your name plus work and home phone numbers. Orientation will be that evening from 6 to 6:45.



News About Members

Emmy Acton was recently presented the "Ethics in Government" Award by the Florida Association of County Attorneys in appreciation for her contributions and leadership in maintaining the highest standards of ethics in county government.

Laura Waller has been elected to the Board of Governors of the Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce.

Mary Lou Harkness was one of four honorees on October 1 when the University of South Florida Library dedicated the Library Directors' Gallery.

Did you know that **Judi Breuggeman** has a monthly TV show which airs three times a week on Channel 14 (Government Access): Monday - 4:30 p.m., Friday - 8:30 a.m. and Saturday - 7:30 p.m. "Tampa Neighbors" is a 30-minute show designed to inform citizens about neighborhood concerns and issues.

Barbara Romano has been appointed to the Board of Directors of the Community Foundation of Tampa Bay.

Barbara Pennington is happy to be back on the Tampa side of the bay renewing Athena friendships after a leave of absence while working as Executive Director of The Center Foundation in Clearwater. She now holds a newly created position, Director of Community Relations and Special Gifts, at the University of Tampa.

Sylvia Richardson regrets she has been unable to attend many meetings this year due to a heavy schedule of speaking engagements (mostly about dyslexia and other learning disabilities) around the country in addition to great travels out of the country. She spent three weeks on a wonderful trip up the Nile in January/February. Summer travel took her to Barcelona, cruising the Italian Riviera, followed by Florence and Rome where she found the Via Onesti (her maiden name!). Coming up soon will be a trip to Hong Kong, Singapore and cruising the Indonesian islands to Bali. Sylvia wishes her many Athena friends could join her and extends early wishes for a wonderful holiday season and great New Year!

Judy Chicago Show - An Athena Plus

Athena members and their guests have been invited to a private showing of the widely heralded Judy Chicago Show at the Tampa Bay Holocaust Museum. Set for Wednesday, November 13, at 7 p.m., the evening will begin at 5:30 when we'll gather at the Interbay Boys & Girls Club on So. Manhattan to carpool over. Arrangements will be made for box dinners to eat enroute; the \$15 charge includes museum admission and dinner.

Judy Chicago is an artist, writer, teacher, thinker, whose work and philosophy have had international impact on both art and society. She is best known for The Dinner Party, a multi-media installation which presents the symbolic history of women in Western civilization through a series of 39 place settings set on a triangular banquet table. The Holocaust Project - From Darkness Into Light - was begun in 1985 by Chicago and her photographer husband. Eight years in the making, the exhibition chronicles the artists' struggle to transform what they had learned about the Holocaust into art.

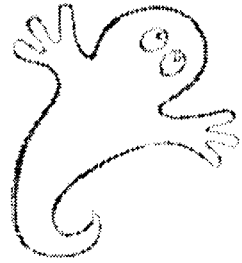
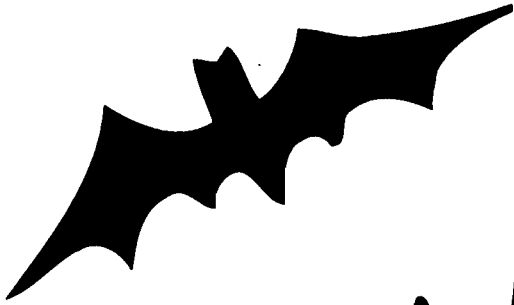
The museum is located at 5001 113th Street in St. Pete on the campus of the Jewish Community Center. For reservations, call Eleanor Hubbard at 251-9172. Guests are welcome and encouraged.

Athena "Housekeeping"

Athena dates you'll want to note for the remainder of the year:

- November 13 - evening - Athena Plus (guests welcome)
- December 7 - evening - Holiday Buffet - (guests welcome)
- December 12 - dinner - Yacht Club (members only)

Another call for photos, please! As we prepare to celebrate Athena's 20th anniversary, we'd like photos taken at any function with any Athena members. Old would be great but recent ones would also be appreciated. If you have some (even one!) you'd like to share, please call Eleanor Hubbard (251-9172) or mail them to her. All will be returned.



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Upcoming Meeting

WHEN: Thursday, October 3, 1996
11:55 a.m. - Lunch

WHERE: Centre Club
Westshore at Kennedy

PROGRAM: The Economic Importance of the
Convention Center and its Neighbors

SPEAKER: Wilhemina (Mina) Boyd
Director, Tampa Convention Center

RSVP: By September 30 with enclosed card or
call Eleanor Hubbard (251-9172)

OPEN MEETING - GUESTS WELCOME

Wilhemina Boyd will share her insights on the economic impact of the Convention Center on our community in combination with the long awaited hotel and the opening of the Ice Palace.

Prior to joining the Center in August, 1993, Ms. Boyd was responsible for the management and operations of a multi-facility complex in Kansas City where she oversaw an annual budget of \$11 million and a staff of 160. She previously had worked for the Department of Defense in Europe and the States as a liaison between the military and dependent youth activities and organizations.

A dynamic personality, she is active in the community and serves on many local boards.





President's Corner

Our first luncheon meeting of the year was a great success. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to just talk, visit, get acquainted with new members and reacquaint with some longtime regulars. Even some who couldn't attend called to say they were sorry to have missed such a great opportunity. Maybe we can all give **Judy Munson** a call (She'll love this!) and see if we can have another such meeting after the first of the year.

Committees are beginning to convene, but you're still welcome to join any of them. Community Action Chair **Pam Horton** and Young Women of Promise Chair **Diana Furr** both had their first committee meetings last week and both have vacancies for willing workers - call them.

Many members have become involved in the committees. This is a wonderful way to participate in worthwhile and enjoyable projects. We're off to a great start!

Upcoming Events

Calendars are already beginning to fill, so you may wish to note these Athena dates for the remainder of the year:

- November 7 - luncheon - Centre Club (guests welcome)
- December 7 - evening - Holiday Buffet - (guests welcome)
- December 12 - dinner - Yacht Club (members only)

The October 26 Women's Symposium being co-sponsored by Athena is shaping up nicely. "Kaleidoscope of Women: Designing the Future" will be held at the Tampa Convention Center, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The program features four dynamic speakers: Brigadier General Myrna Williamson, Jane Brody, Christina Hoff Sommers and Rosemary Dempsey, all of whom are identified on the enclosed program/registration form. Please plan to attend and encourage others to do so. Almost a year in the planning, this combined effort of many women's groups and corporations has all the earmarks of a spectacular "happening."

Athena "Housekeeping"

As preparations are being made for Athena's 20th anniversary celebration, a call goes out for photos: of any nature, taken at any function with any Athena members. We'd really love some vintage photos but recent ones would also be appreciated. If you have some you'd like to share, call Eleanor Hubbard (251-9172) or mail them to her. All, of course, will be handled with care and returned.

Don't forget to bring your donation of sample-size toiletries for The Spring to our October luncheon.



News About Members

Beth Shields has been named Deputy Superintendent of Hillsborough County Schools.

Juel Smith was one of 72 professionals selected from around the country to attend the prestigious Harvard University Institute for Higher Education Management Development Program (MDP) this summer. The MDP is an intensive two-week program for administrators in higher education who study financial management, human resource management, diversity and community, strategic planning and many other aspects of campus activity. Despite the grueling schedule, Juel worked in some sightseeing and fun and declared it all "a truly great experience."

Paddy Moses reports that two new programs at the local Boys & Girls Clubs have received Awards of Excellence from the national organization in the category of Outreach Services: the auto theft diversion and the teenage residence programs. She thanks the many members who contributed to the success of the latter.

Marsha Rydberg has been named Vice Chair of the Tampa Housing Authority.

Ellen Kimmel has been awarded the title of Distinguished Service Professor at USF. Her notification from President Betty Castor states that "this is one of the highest honors the University can bestow in recognition of the accomplishments of its faculty. As a member of this elite group, you are acknowledged as a singularly outstanding faculty member of rare academic talent and expertise."

Susan Freeman announces the formation of Susan S. Freeman Associates, a firm providing consulting and outsource services to help companies, organizations and communities prosper through strategic alliances with the arts. She may be reached at 962-0042.

Our congratulations to **Katherine Essrig** who has been elected Circuit Court Judge, to **Jan Platt** who won the Democratic primary for Hillsborough County Commission District 6 and to **Sandy Freedman** who secured a place in the runoff election October 1 for the District 11 U.S. House seat.

Members' Projects

Renu Khator invites members to join in the activities on Saturday, September 28, when USF hosts "The UN Women's Conference One Year Later." To be held in Cooper Hall 103 on the Tampa campus, it begins at 12:45 p.m. with a slide show of images and stories from Beijing presented by the women who were there to capture the spirit. Rounding out the program will be a teleconference "live" from the White House, reflections by Navita James and a reception. For additional information, call Renu at 974-2791.

Alex Sink is co-chairing an event that has created a great deal of interest in the area and to which she invites all Athena members: the Tampa Bay Male Club's Seventh Annual Dinner and Fashion Show on October 6 at the Hyatt Regency Downtown. Mgrs. Lawrence Higgins will receive this year's award for meritorious community service. TBMC combats the negative influences African American male youths face by providing them with positive role models, mentoring, enrichment experiences and scholarship grants for college. For seating and sponsor information, call Alex at 224-5934.

Boca is a restaurant "where flavors run wild and the cuisine is Noveau Cuban," according to investor **Dorry Norris**. Located at 1930 East 7th Avenue in Ybor City, it features chamber music with a string quartet on Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Dorry invites Athena members to stop in if they enjoy something a bit different.



Plan to Attend

Kaleidoscope of Women: Designing The Future

Saturday, October 26, 1996
10:00a.m. to 4:30p.m.
Tampa Convention Center

*Co-Sponsored by Athena Society
See enclosed Registration Form*

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Upcoming Meeting

WHEN: Thursday, September 5
11:55 a.m. - Lunch

WHERE: Centre Club
Westshore at Kennedy

PROGRAM: "Getting to Know You"

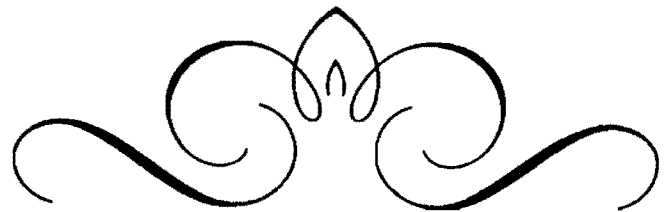
RSVP: By September 3 with enclosed card or
call Eleanor Hubbard (251-9172)

CLOSED MEETING - MEMBERS ONLY

This program is being brought to you by popular demand! Over 70% of the members who responded to our June program survey expressed a desire for at least occasional meetings without a speaker - an opportunity to talk with old and new friends.

Members frequently bemoan the fact that meetings allow time for little more than casual conversation over lunch (As one member so eloquently phrased it: "Sound bytes between food bites.")

Admittedly, time is always a constraint, but we hope this will be a very special meeting. **ABANDON YOUR BEST BUDDIES AT THIS ONE!!** Plan to come and sit at a table with some Athena friends you don't normally visit with, women you'd like to know better...especially our new members.





President's Corner

Where did the summer go? Time certainly does fly right on by. Hopefully everyone had opportunities for some good R&R and is now ready to head into an entertaining and informative new Athena year.

My best female friendships have developed because of the terrific women in Athena. Our meetings don't allow much time for socializing, so the best way to become acquainted with fellow members is to be involved in one of the committees. These committees are usually short term and involve your time once or twice during the year. But you'll find the camaraderie ongoing! Whether you are a new or long time member, please let me know how you would like to participate.

Ivins Tickets Still Available

Don't forget the Athena Plus scheduled for Thursday, September 19, at USF's Special Events Center, "Molly Ivins Can't Say That, Can She?" We've still got some tickets (no charge), but you must reserve; call Eleanor Hubbard, 251-9172, by August 30. (Tickets will be distributed that evening on site.) Tell her also if you'd like to join the group for dinner at 6 p.m. at Francesco's at the USF Club in the Phyllis P. Marshall Center. It's going to be a fun-filled evening, and guests are very welcome.

Upcoming Events

Two dates you might want to note in your planner are October 26 and December 11. Details will be provided in upcoming newsletters.

The October event is a symposium being co-sponsored by Athena entitled "Kaleidoscope of Women: Designing the Future." To be held at the Tampa Convention Center, its goal will be to discuss current women's issues and re-focus on unique women's needs.

The December function will also be at the Convention Center: The Spring Gift of Peace Breakfast. Presented by The Spring of Tampa Bay, the theme will be "Restoring Peace to Violent Families."

Vote!


The primary election ballot on Tuesday, September 3, features five Athena members, all of whom would appreciate your support in any form you're willing to give it: a check, as a campaign worker or with your vote. **Phyllis Busansky, Pat Frank and Sandy Freedman** are running for the congressional seat being vacated by Sam Gibbons; **Jan Platt** is on the ballot for the Hillsborough County Commission and **Katherine Essrig** is running for Circuit Court Judge. Best of luck to all!



Athena "Housekeeping"

There's no better way to get involved with Athena than by taking an active role in one of the many committees that function throughout the year. (See President Paddy's remarks on page 2.) Enclosed is a selection form that you are encouraged to fax to Paddy at 286-1670. Volunteers are being sought for the following committees: Bylaws, Community Action, History, Hospitality, Program, Public Issues, Public Relations/PR, Retreat and Young Women of Promise. They are described in the bylaws and policy guidelines of the membership directory. Should you wish additional information, call Eleanor Hubbard.

As noted last month, we are reprinting/updating our promotional brochure and need your immediate cooperation. Please check your listing on the yellow sheet which was enclosed with the August newsletter. If you've had a job change or simply wish to be placed in a different category, please indicate in the space on the bottom and fax to Eleanor Hubbard at 254-5585. We'll extend this deadline also to August 31.

 **ATTENTION MEMBERS WHO JOINED IN 1995 AND 1996!** Please submit the information (see above) in the same format by the same date. Your immediate response will be appreciated.

Last call - REALLY! - for Athena jewelry. We still don't have requests for the minimum number needed to get our jeweler into action, so those who have ordered are hoping for others. Prices are as follows: 14K yellow gold - \$95.32; sterling silver - \$28.22; vermeil - \$29.82 for either a pin or pendant. Mail your check - payable to Doug Rubottom - to Eleanor Hubbard at the P.O. box by August 31. It's an elegant, understated way to proudly promote the organization and your membership.

Don't forget to bring your donation of sample-size toiletries for The Spring to our September luncheon.

News About Members

Bonnie Saks is having an open house at her new office and cordially invites all Athena members to drop in from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 5. The address is 3333 W. Kennedy Blvd., suite 106.

Vivian Reeves has been honored as a 1996 winner of the All-Star Dealer Award, a national competition that recognizes outstanding commitment to customer service, community service and leadership in the import auto industry.

Ann Ross has joined the Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center as Vice President of Advancement. She had been associated with USF since its opening in 1960 as a student, volunteer or employee - the latter as Director of Community Relations until last month.

Judy Munson has been named to the Board of Trustees at the Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center.

Elaine Shimberg recently participated in a workshop for the American Society of Journalists and Authors in NYC: "Profitable Partnerships: Collaborations".

Athena members are very visible in Leadership Florida these days. At the organization's annual meeting this summer, **Alex Sink** was elected chairman. At the same meeting the group gave its first Statewide Community Award to the Florida Humanities Council (managed by our own Ann Henderson). **Barbara Ann Blue** facilitated the organization's strategic planning retreat; **Deanne Roberts** is serving as this year's Communications Chair; **Juel Smith** has been named to the Board of Advisors of Leadership Florida Institute; **Patti Breckenridge** and **Barbara Koenig** have been chosen for the next class of Leadership Florida!!!



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HOUSE FOR SALE - Small Mediterranean home in perfect condition. Very bright inside. 2/1.5; 1300 SF, oak floors, solar heat, fireplace, deck, fenced yard. Hugh walk-in shed; separate utility shed. 4212 San Juan St., \$129,900. Call Patti Breckenridge at 837-2471.

Great Books - Athena Style

Editor's Note: Many of our members are avid readers, eager to share news of a particularly good book, especially one with a strong female message. Thus we begin a new feature which will appear "as needed." Members are invited to contribute.

by Susanna Grady
Head of School, Tampa Preparatory School

Recently I read Reviving Ophelia, a best-selling book by Mary Pipher, Ph.D. I was so impressed with the book that I bought copies for the faculty and staff at Tampa Prep and asked that each person read it and study its lessons. Ophelia has multiple messages for parents and really for all who work with young girls. As I reflect upon the contents, I find it gives us more than a peek into the complexities of adolescent girls. It also leads to an understanding of boys as they struggle to find their roles within a society so filled with mixed messages from our culture, the press, television and all the other media which bombard our children on a daily basis.

Pipher encourages young girls to "find a quiet place and ask themselves the following questions:

- How do I feel right now?
- What do I think?
- What are my values?
- How would I describe myself to myself?
- How do I see myself in the future?
- What kind of work do I like?
- What kind of leisure do I like?
- When do I feel most myself?
- How have I changed since I entered puberty?
- What kinds of people do I respect?
- How am I similar to and different from my mother?
- How am I similar to and different from my father?
- What goals do I have for myself as a person?
- What are my strengths and weaknesses?
- What would I be proud of on my deathbed?"

In an age when all young people are struggling for some sense of identity - indeed, the same could be said about many of us as adults - these questions center and define our beings. Where are we going? What do we want to achieve? How do we balance leisure? How do we teach responsibility as parents, teachers and as a society in general?

At a time when everyone is overly busy, struggling for survival, taking on more than one can do, making arrangements for activities for our children which force them to run from one thing to another, we allow little time for reflection. Sometimes we do not even know ourselves. I would add that as a society we would all benefit from reflection on the above questions, from discussions with our children about these questions and allowing for their answers to have some meaning for us as parents and educators. As we listen, let us all help mold young people who will be better people and build the capacity in each to become more caring and responsible human beings.

Pick up the book and enjoy. You'll probably want to share your thoughts in discussions with other parents.

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Next Meeting

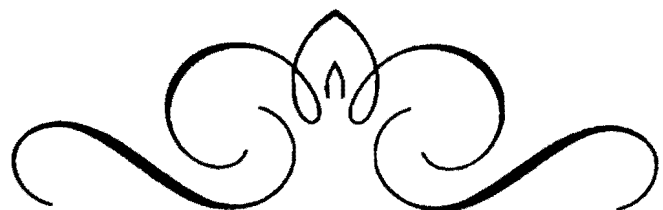
WHEN: Thursday, September 5
WHERE: Centre Club
Westshore at Kennedy
PROGRAM: To be announced in September newsletter

Athena Plus Set For September

There's fun in your future! The year's first Athena Plus is scheduled for Thursday, September 19, at USF's Special Events Center.

We have the opportunity to reserve a block of tickets for "Molly Ivins Can't Say That, Can She?" Viewers of "60 Minutes" know Molly as one of the witty commentators who close out the show each week. This three-time Pulitzer Prize nominee is a nationally syndicated columnist who writes about Texas, national politics and other bizarre happenings. There is no charge for the tickets, but you must make a reservation by August 30 by calling Eleanor Hubbard, 251-9172. This program is under the auspices of the University Lecture Series, and we will have priority seating.

The performance begins at 8 and, for those who'd like to have dinner before, we'll make table reservations for 6 p.m. at Francesco's at the USF Club in the Phyllis P. Marshall Center. No fixed meal, just order from the menu. We'll have lots of laughs...that's a promise...but you must reserve by the 30th.





President's Corner

Time does fly. Doesn't seem possible that a new year is here already though **Ruth** may disagree! She had a very full and successful year, and I can only hope to do as well as she and her predecessors.

Athena officers are dedicated to a job that is not always easy. We are a group of women with many differing opinions, but that's what makes us so interesting! A great number of members have volunteered to serve during the coming year and that's gratifying, but we still have openings for four committee chairs: Community Action, Public Issues, Public Relations and Athena Plus. If you're interested, please notify Eleanor Hubbard or me.

Congratulations to the Retreat Committee; they did a great job. We had lots of positive feedback, especially on the programs. Work will soon begin on next year's retreat which will be chaired by **Barbara Koenig**. If you're interested in serving, let her know. Some members would like to make the Longboat Key Club our permanent retreat location; probably just as many want different sites. (Remember, I said this was not an easy group!) Barbara would appreciate your comments and suggestions, preferably in writing.

We have an exciting year planned. Keep your newsletter handy and read it carefully 'cause you don't want to miss some of the events coming up.

Thanks for your vote of confidence and when you see Ruth, remember to congratulate her on the superb job she did this year.

Athena "Housekeeping"

Jewelry alert! The "deadline" has passed, but we have not yet acquired the minimum number of orders needed to get our jeweler into action. Anyone interested in ordering an Athena pin or pendant is urged to mail her check - payable to Doug Rubottom - to Eleanor Hubbard at the P.O. box by August 26. Prices are as follows: 14K yellow gold - \$95.32; sterling silver - \$28.22; vermeil - \$29.82. Consider giving yourself a gift of this elegant jewelry for an upcoming birthday, anniversary, reward for a job well done or any other plausible reason!

NOTE - NOTE - NOTE - NOTE the enclosed gold sheet which is a reproduction of the Athena brochure last printed in 1994. We're in the process of updating it and need your immediate cooperation. Please check your listing. If you've had a job change or simply wish to be placed in a different category, indicate in the space on the bottom and return to Eleanor Hubbard at the P.O. box or fax to 254-5585. If we haven't heard from you by August 26, we'll assume the information is correct and reprint as is. MEMBERS WHO JOINED IN 1995 AND 1996 are asked to submit the information in the same format by the same date. Many thanks!

Don't forget to bring your donation of sample-size toiletries for The Spring to our meetings. We've had great participation, so we plan to continue the project this year. (We made a good start by gathering a huge bag at the retreat.)

At the June meeting, members were asked to vote for six individuals to serve on the 1996-97 Nominating Committee. Four will serve as regular members and two as alternates until the annual meeting in 1997. The six are:

Patti Breckenridge
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Linda Saul-Sena

Enclosed is the July/August newsletter of The International Alliance.



News About Members

Moira Burke has been re-elected Chief of Ophthalmology at University Community Hospital.

Lee Leavengood and **Jenna Venero** have been appointed to a two-year term on the Citizens' Advisory Board of WEDU.

Linda Goldstein recently won two Crystal Reel Awards from the Florida Motion Picture and Television Association: in the categories of Best Corporate Film or Video for a video she produced for the Tampa Private Industry Council's Mayor's Breakfast and Best Documentary or Special program for a video produced for The National Conference.

Emmy Acton has been sworn in as president of the Hillsborough County Bar Association, the first government attorney to hold that office.

Our deepest sympathy to **Judy Ryan** who recently lost her mother.

At the retreat proud mama **Helen Gordon Davis** was sharing an almost-fullpage spread from the Atlanta Journal-Constitution on daughter Stephanie, an ardent feminist who directs the Atlanta Women's Fund. The article presents a glowing account of Stephanie's background and activities. (If you'd like to see the complete article, call Helen or Eleanor Hubbard.)

Virginia Gregory has been recognized by SunAmerica Securities for leadership and service in financial services by being named to the 1996 President's Performance Club. She was honored by the company at their national sales conference in Scottsdale, Arizona last month.

Marsha Rydberg has been named Chair of the Florida Commission on the Status of Women.

Administrator's Note

In reviewing this newsletter, you'll discover there are three deadlines we've asked you to observe. Please read details, but for your convenience they are:

August 26 - Brochure listing

August 26 - Jewelry order

August 30 - Athena Plus (Molly Ivins) reservation

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FOR SALE: Beautiful 3BR, 3.5 bath spacious townhouse. Serene setting with view on pond, lots of trees. Mint condition. Call **Nancy Ford**, 837-8727.

FOR SALE: Eight dining room chairs, Chippendale reproductions with maroon/blue upholstery. Persian rug, 11x15, rose/navy/red/ivory. English period sideboard, Hepplewhite, circa 1790-1810, brass hardware. Call **Nancy Ford**, 837-8727.



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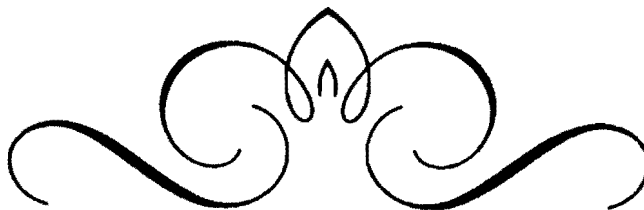
Editor's Note: As Athena prepares to celebrate its 20th year in 1996, we continue to publish this monthly column to acquaint members with (or remind them of) the organization's many and varied achievements. 1987-88 President **Phyllis P. Marshall** shares her thoughts:

When I first became a member of Athena, I wanted to feel I was a part of it, so when the first retreat was planned, I made sure I was able to attend. Here I found bridge players as well as interesting women of all backgrounds and careers. Perhaps the most important committee I worked on in the beginning was Hospitality with **Alice Luckey** as chair. It was not only fun but I once again was able to become intimately involved with a number of members. From these experiences I was able to branch into other areas of leadership.

Prior to my election as president, I'd been VP/Programs (working under President **Barbara Romano**) and president-elect (working with **Stella Thayer**). This gave me an opportunity to become more acquainted with the ideals of Athena as well as the community. Working with Stella, I observed her leadership in action. At the retreat that year she advocated three changes that have certainly benefitted us in our ability to maintain Athena in the forefront and more accessible for women: 1) She made sure all committees were sunsetted immediately; if we needed a committee structure, they would be standing committees only. 2) She was concerned about our method of paying for lunches and recommended that dues include meal charges. 3) She felt it was important to have some of our meetings in North Tampa because our membership included many from that area.

Mine was an interesting year because of all the changes we had previously made. Everyone was cooperative and interested in making Athena move forward. The meetings in North Tampa were well attended and helped make those women feel a part of this organization. During this time, Eleanor Hubbard continued to work with us to help maintain communication with the members. President-Elect **Susan Bucklew** helped in working on special projects that would increase the involvement of members in the community. **Paddy Moses** was very helpful in her responsibilities to make my year a very enjoyable experience.

Perhaps the most important element during that time was my opportunity to meet and become friends with so many women I otherwise would never have known. Thanks to **Nancy Ford** and **Lee Leavengood** for involving me in Athena and for all others who assisted me during my year as president. It was during this time I confided in those on the board that students had been asked not to attempt to get a USF building named after me (because buildings are not to be named for living persons). I know many Athena members lobbied the state legislature and made sure the students' dream came true of having the Union called the **Phyllis P. Marshall Center**. Where else could you find the support and caring I received from the women of Athena? Thanks to you all for making my life so enjoyable!



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Upcoming Meeting

WHEN: Thursday, June 6

5:30 p.m. - cocktails
6:15 p.m. - program
6:45 p.m. - dinner

WHERE: Centre Club
Westshore at Kennedy

PROGRAM: Business Meeting - Agenda to include:
Approval of bylaws
Approval of Long Range Plan
Election of Nominating Committee
Election of Officers/Directors
Installation
Introduction of new members

RSVP: By June 3 with enclosed card or call
Eleanor Hubbard (251-9172). If you haven't
mailed your card by SATURDAY, please call.

CLOSED MEETING - MEMBERS ONLY

There will be no luncheon or dinner meeting in July.
Plan to "retreat"...see page 4.

It's Party Time - June 8

A party honoring new members is set for Saturday, June 8, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., at the home of **Judy Munson**, 51 Martinique, on Davis Islands. With a "South of the Border" theme, the Hospitality Committee is planning its usual fabulous cocktail buffet. There's no charge for members and one guest; additional guests are \$20. Reservations may be made by indicating on the enclosed card or by phoning Eleanor Hubbard prior to June 3. Please list guest names.



President's Corner

In this, my last message as President of Athena, I'd like to thank all of those who have served on the various committees for their special efforts on behalf of the organization. We owe a particular vote of thanks to the Program Committee and to the Young Women of Promise Committee for extraordinary work and efforts. The Public Issues and the Community Action committees have likewise fulfilled their roles and purposes with extraordinary vigor and success.

As our year winds down, I hope we'll all rally together for a superb celebration of twenty years of Athena. It has been a real pleasure to serve as your president, and I thank you all for your encouragement, enthusiasm and support. Of course, no farewell message could be complete without a special "thank you" to Eleanor Hubbard for all she has done to help me and to keep things running smoothly for the organization. I look forward to seeing you at the new members' party on June 8 following the annual meeting on June 6. Thanks again for a wonderful year!

Membership Selection

By Lee Blanton, VP/Membership

As this was the first year a Membership Committee sponsored candidates pursuant to Article III, Section 2(b) in the bylaws, I'd like to explain the procedure the Committee devised for implementing that provision. First, they considered at length the conceptual, philosophical and procedural aspects of invoking the privilege to sponsor new members. Then they approved a procedure whereby the candidates being considered for sponsorship by the Committee (Section 2(b)) would be considered on an equal basis with the member-sponsored candidates (Section 2(a)) without giving preference to either group over the other.

Specifically, the Committee received input about the potential Committee-sponsored candidates which was equivalent to the information received on member-sponsored candidates. We considered each potential candidate for Committee sponsorship before we reviewed the sponsorship forms of the member-sponsored candidates. We individually ranked each potential candidate based on 1) whether we believed she was a good prospective member for Athena and 2) whether we as a Committee would like to sponsor the candidate. Having chosen the Committee-sponsored candidates, we then considered all the candidates, both Committee-sponsored and member-sponsored. The Membership Committee is pleased to have such an exceptional group to welcome and introduce at the June 6 dinner:

Molly Crews, Operations Manager, Geac Public Safety Inc.

Elizabeth Higgins, VP - Robert Half International Inc.

Elizabeth Howarth, Associate VP - Raymond James & Associates

Renu Khator, Faculty Asst. to University of South Florida President

Jane McConnell, Pres./CEO - S.A. Insurance and VP/Ins. & Risk Mgmt. - Allegany Health System

Vivian Reeves, General Manager/Executive VP - Reeves Import Motorcars Inc.

Kathy Stafford, VP for University Advancement - USF

Joanna Tokley, President - Tampa/Hillsborough Urban League

Susan Zimmer, M.D., Internal Medicine

Sponsor: Linda Fries

Sponsor: Carolyn Reed

Sponsor: Diane Bostow

Sponsor: Committee

Sponsor: Louise Thompson

Sponsor: Adelaide Few

Sponsor: Ann Ross

Sponsor: Committee

Sponsor: Suzy McLain

TIA Notes

by Suzy McLain, Member-at-Large

The International Alliance is continuing the tradition of planning its annual Board of Directors meeting in June. To be held at the LaFonda Hotel in Santa Fe, New Mexico, the meetings will deal primarily with marketing, strategic planning and fundraising. The hotel is in the historic district and will afford easy access to all the wondrous art galleries, restaurants and shops. (Another bit of trivia...Santa Fe's art market is the third largest in the world, just behind Paris and New York.) Should make a lovely long weekend trip (June 8 and 9)—you'll be welcomed by all the Board!



Nominating Committee Elections

At the April meeting, members were asked to vote for 12 individuals eligible to serve on the 1996-97 Nominating Committee. However, because of a three-way tie, 14 names are being presented as the result of the preliminary ballot:

Jean Amuso	Mary Lou Harkness
Patti Breckenridge	Ellen Kimmel
Katie Brown	Phyllis Marshall
Elaine College	Deanne Roberts
Katherine Essrig	Marsha Rydberg
Pat Frank	Linda Saul-Sena
Diana Furr	Cindy Sontag

The final election shall take place at the June meeting at which time six members will be selected - four to serve as regular members and two to serve as alternates until the annual meeting in 1997.

If you do not plan to attend the June meeting, you may wish to implement Article V, Section 10 of the bylaws: PROXIES - At all meetings of the members, a member may vote by proxy, executed in writing, designating the specific meeting to which it applies; but no proxy shall be valid for more than one meeting. Each proxy shall be filed with the secretary of the Society before or at the time of the meeting.

News About Members

Mabel Bexley received the prestigious 1996 Liberty Bell Award from the Hillsborough County Bar Association at its annual Law Day luncheon on May 2. The award is presented in recognition of outstanding community service that strengthens the effectiveness of the American system of freedom under law. Mabel is the Executive Director of The Spring, a program protecting the rights of the victims of domestic violence.

Elaine Shimberg claims it's "fun" being a grandmother; she's been one for almost a month and is loving it. Born in Tampa on April 26 to Andy and Cathy Shimberg, Madison Lantz Shimberg weighed in at 6 lbs. 10 oz., 20+ inches. Congratulations—we're looking forward to those photos!

Linda Goldstein was honored by The National Conference at its Silver Medallion Humanitarian Awards Dinner with a special plaque for her volunteer efforts in producing and directing video presentations for The Conference for the past several years.

Patti Breckenridge has been named Assistant Managing Editor for Electronic Publishing at The Tampa Tribune. In her new role, Patti will oversee the Tribune's Tampa Bay Online interactive news service and WWW site, the research and archive section plus the systems department.



Note Retreat Deadline

At press time 30 members have already made reservations for the Retreat, July 19-21 at the Longboat Key Club. We're expecting the final number to be at least double that and urge members to mail or fax (254-5585) their reservation forms to Eleanor Hubbard ASAP. Deadline is June 13 at which time our block of condos will be released, so please finalize your plans soon. Eleanor will be leaving for vacation that day as well, so the deadline is real!

Athena "Housekeeping"

Opportunity knocks again for those who'd like an Athena pin or pendant! We can order only in volume - minimum of 20 pieces - so this (probably) will be your only chance until next year. If you'd like to order, send your check - payable to Doug Rubottom - to Eleanor Hubbard at the P.O. Box by July 15. Prices are as follows: Sterling silver - \$28.22; vermeil - \$29.82; 14K yellow gold - \$95.32.

1996 - 97 Slate

The following slate has been proposed for 1996-97 by the Nominating Committee:

President.....	Paddy Moses
President-Elect.....	Linda Goldstein
VP/Membership.....	Mary Scriven
VP/Programs.....	Judy Munson
Secretary.....	Rhonda Trainor
Treasurer.....	Linda Fries
Imm. Past President.....	Ruth Himes

BOARD MEMBERS

Two-year term:	Returning:
Lee Blanton	Katherine Essrig
Candy Olson	Nancy McDonald
Joan Zinober	Ann Ross

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Two-year term:	One-year term:
Terry Cone	Mimi Stamps
Nancy Ford	Returning: Susan Casper
Jenna Venero	Ann Henderson

Alternate: Wilma Smith

Members' Projects

Alex Sink will give the welcome and introduce the keynote speaker on Friday, June 7, at a Women's Health Care Seminar to be held at the Hilton on No. Lois. Two workshops given consecutively will be "The Potential Impact of Menopause and Osteoporosis on Women's Health" and "The Relationship of Stress and Coronary Heart Disease in Women in the Workplace and the Home". For additional information, call the Florida Gulf Coast Health Coalition, 281-5665.

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Upcoming Meeting

WHEN: Thursday, May 2, 1996
11:55 a.m. - lunch

WHERE: Centre Club
Westshore at Kennedy

PROGRAM: 1996 Young Women of Promise

COST: Guests - \$20

RSVP: By April 27 with enclosed card or call
Eleanor Hubbard (251-9172).

OPEN MEETING - GUESTS WELCOME

The entire program will be devoted to highlighting the accomplishments of the honorees. Twenty-five nominations were submitted by counselors and faculty from which the following outstanding young women were selected:

Correna M. Catlett	Plant City High School
Seetal P. Cheema	Berkeley Preparatory School
Angela A. Connell	East Bay High School
Peggy T. Lim	Hillsborough High School
Courtney S. Lisiak	Armwood High School
Reena Ninan	King High School
Phiola Patterson	Gaither High School
Emily K. Richardson	Tampa Preparatory School
Sabrina Rodriguez	Gaither High School
Krista M. Sikes	Bloomington High School

This is always a "feel good" meeting because these young ladies represent everything positive about teens today - the cream of the crop from both public and private schools. You'll be impressed and inspired by their achievements. Join us to meet them and show your support.



Historical Notes

Editor's Note: As Athena prepares to celebrate its 20th year in 1996, we are publishing this monthly column to acquaint members with (or remind them of) the organization's many and varied achievements. 1986-87 President Stella Thayer shares her thoughts:

Although women have long been a part of the work force, the seventies saw the emergence of women into professional and management levels of business as a result of the widespread admission of women into the graduate business schools, law schools and other graduate level disciplines.

The Athena Society was organized in the seventies through the efforts of our founding members who saw the need to be supportive of other women, to network and to support changes in laws that posed impediments to the entry and advancement of women in their careers.

Hillsborough County and the City of Tampa proved hospitable to the election of women to public office and Athena members have been active in their support of women candidates. The effective and responsible service of women officeholders has benefitted our communities as well as sustained opportunities for women to be elected to state and national offices.

A look at the career achievements of the current members of Athena reveals their involvement in the top levels of many professions, businesses, elected and appointive political offices, federal and state judicial offices, universities and other educational institutions. Many are successful entrepreneurs.

As an organization, Athena has maintained a course of responsible leadership and should continue to provide for interaction, support and education on issues affecting women in this rapidly changing economy.

News About Members

We extend heartfelt sympathy to **Jean Amuso** for the recent loss of her mother.

Founding member **Irene Hadley** married Robert J. Bodeman on March 28 at the Tampa Unity Church. We wish them many happy years together!

In February, **Diana Furr** took what she calls the "trip of a lifetime"...with husband Bud, she went on a spiritual pilgrimage to Israel for 11 days with their church. In her words, "The trip was more than a tour, it was a worship experience and an opportunity to forge deep friendships through the sharing of faith. Highlights were the visits to sites that are significant to my Christian faith: Bethlehem, Nazareth, Capernaum, the site of the Sermon on the Mount, the Sea of Galilee, the Jordan River where Jesus was baptized (and Diana, too) and many sites in Jerusalem. During the trip, I was constantly reminded of the scripture that says, 'Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.' I have some very special memories of how that was true during this trip, and I appreciate in a new way how it can be true for each of us every day, no matter where we are. If anyone is planning to go there - or has already been - and would like to swap info, stories and experiences, I'd love to hear from you!"



TIA Notes

by Suzy McLain, Member-at-Large

Those of you who didn't make it to The Washington Briefing can't imagine what you missed. I had a wonderful time and I believe other Athenians (**Diane Bostow**, **Nancy Ford** and **Mary Lou Harkness**) did too. I enjoyed the Willard...room was lovely, food was scrumptious and the meeting accommodations were outstanding. (A bit of trivia: When General Ulysses Grant was President, it was his habit to stroll over to the Willard in the late afternoons for a brandy and cigar. The power brokers soon learned this and began to gather in the lobby to plead their causes. President Grant called them "lobbyists.")

Of course, the Washington scenery is constantly intriguing, a perfect setting to enjoy interaction with Representative Bill Paxon (R), New York; Senator Nancy Kassebaum (R), Kansas; Secretary of the Treasury Robert Rubin and Commissioner of the IRS Margaret Richardson among other prominent government leaders.

Some of us visited the South African embassy and some visited the embassy of the Czech Republic. I visited the latter and had a ball! We were invited for tea...tea to them is salads. There were many wonderful ethnic salads and pastries, each more delectable than the one before. Afterward we were chauffeured to the Supreme Court, surely one of the most beautiful buildings in the world. We were wined and dined in the Great Hall and it was a memorable evening, to say the least. I will go so far as to say it was an awesome evening, one none of us will ever forget! Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg was a charming, gracious hostess who talked to us about the notable achievements of three women colleagues from the judicial arena. I believe each of us who was fortunate enough to attend The Washington Briefing came away with a feeling of wonderment, pleasure and satisfaction. I am more and more impressed by the caliber of women in The International Alliance and the really first-rate affairs they produce. I cannot emphasize too emphatically what great rewards are to be had from active participation in TIA!

Athena "Housekeeping"

A party honoring our new members (who will be announced in the June newsletter) is scheduled for 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 8. Mark your calendar; details later.

Don't forget to bring (to the luncheon meetings) your donation of sample-size toiletries for The Spring. **Sandy Freedman** sent a memo to the residents in her condo suggesting they donate these items to Athena so they can be passed on to The Spring, and they're really responding! This is a great idea which could be implemented in offices as well.



Domestic Violence and Hillsborough County

*An Update from Sgt. Rod Reeder
Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office*

In November, 1994 the Athena Society held a luncheon with domestic violence as the focus and Lt. Marvin Evans of the Newport News, Virginia Police as the guest speaker. Lt. Evans described his department's efforts to combat domestic violence.

A short time later, The Spring held a "Gift of Peace" breakfast featuring nationally known domestic violence expert Sarah Buel. Over 1200 of Tampa's leaders came together to raise over \$120,000. Local officials took notice of these events.

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Upcoming Meeting

WHEN: Thursday, May 2, 1996
11:55 a.m. - lunch

WHERE: Centre Club
Westshore at Kennedy

PROGRAM: 1996 Young Women of Promise

COST: Guests - \$20

RSVP: By April 27 with enclosed card or call
Eleanor Hubbard (251-9172).

OPEN MEETING – GUESTS WELCOME

The entire program will be devoted to highlighting the accomplishments of the honorees. Twenty-five nominations were submitted by counselors and faculty from which the following outstanding young women were selected:

Correna M. Catlett	Plant City High School
Seetal P. Cheema	Berkeley Preparatory School
Angela A. Connell	East Bay High School
Peggy T. Lim	Hillsborough High School
Courtney S. Lisiak	Armwood High School
Reena Ninan	King High School
Phiola Patterson	Gaither High School
Emily K. Richardson	Tampa Preparatory School
Sabrina Rodriguez	Gaither High School
Krista M. Sikes	Bloomington High School

This is always a "feel good" meeting because these young ladies represent everything positive about teens today - the cream of the crop from both public and private schools. You'll be impressed and inspired by their achievements. Join us to meet them and show your support.



Historical Notes

Editor's Note: As Athena prepares to celebrate its 20th year in 1996, we are publishing this monthly column to acquaint members with (or remind them of) the organization's many and varied achievements. 1986-87 President Stella Thayer shares her thoughts:

Although women have long been a part of the work force, the seventies saw the emergence of women into professional and management levels of business as a result of the widespread admission of women into the graduate business schools, law schools and other graduate level disciplines.

The Athena Society was organized in the seventies through the efforts of our founding members who saw the need to be supportive of other women, to network and to support changes in laws that posed impediments to the entry and advancement of women in their careers.

Hillsborough County and the City of Tampa proved hospitable to the election of women to public office and Athena members have been active in their support of women candidates. The effective and responsible service of women officeholders has benefitted our communities as well as sustained opportunities for women to be elected to state and national offices.

A look at the career achievements of the current members of Athena reveals their involvement in the top levels of many professions, businesses, elected and appointive political offices, federal and state judicial offices, universities and other educational institutions. Many are successful entrepreneurs.

As an organization, Athena has maintained a course of responsible leadership and should continue to provide for interaction, support and education on issues affecting women in this rapidly changing economy.

News About Members

We extend heartfelt sympathy to **Jean Amuso** for the recent loss of her mother.

Founding member **Irene Hadley** married Robert J. Bodeman on March 28 at the Tampa Unity Church. We wish them many happy years together!

In February, **Diana Furr** took what she calls the "trip of a lifetime"...with husband Bud, she went on a spiritual pilgrimage to Israel for 11 days with their church. In her words, "The trip was more than a tour, it was a worship experience and an opportunity to forge deep friendships through the sharing of faith. Highlights were the visits to sites that are significant to my Christian faith: Bethlehem, Nazareth, Capernaum, the site of the Sermon on the Mount, the Sea of Galilee, the Jordan River where Jesus was baptized (and Diana, too) and many sites in Jerusalem. During the trip, I was constantly reminded of the scripture that says, 'Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.' I have some very special memories of how that was true during this trip, and I appreciate in a new way how it can be true for each of us every day, no matter where we are. If anyone is planning to go there - or has already been - and would like to swap info, stories and experiences, I'd love to hear from you!"



TIA Notes

by Suzy McLain, Member-at-Large

Those of you who didn't make it to The Washington Briefing can't imagine what you missed. I had a wonderful time and I believe other Athenians (**Diane Bostow**, **Nancy Ford** and **Mary Lou Harkness**) did too. I enjoyed the Willard...room was lovely, food was scrumptious and the meeting accommodations were outstanding. (A bit of trivia: When General Ulysses Grant was President, it was his habit to stroll over to the Willard in the late afternoons for a brandy and cigar. The power brokers soon learned this and began to gather in the lobby to plead their causes. President Grant called them "lobbyists.")

Of course, the Washington scenery is constantly intriguing, a perfect setting to enjoy interaction with Representative Bill Paxon (R), New York; Senator Nancy Kassebaum (R), Kansas; Secretary of the Treasury Robert Rubin and Commissioner of the IRS Margaret Richardson among other prominent government leaders.

Some of us visited the South African embassy and some visited the embassy of the Czech Republic. I visited the latter and had a ball! We were invited for tea...tea to them is salads. There were many wonderful ethnic salads and pastries, each more delectable than the one before. Afterward we were chauffeured to the Supreme Court, surely one of the most beautiful buildings in the world. We were wined and dined in the Great Hall and it was a memorable evening, to say the least. I will go so far as to say it was an awesome evening, one none of us will ever forget! Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg was a charming, gracious hostess who talked to us about the notable achievements of three women colleagues from the judicial arena. I believe each of us who was fortunate enough to attend The Washington Briefing came away with a feeling of wonderment, pleasure and satisfaction. I am more and more impressed by the caliber of women in The International Alliance and the really first-rate affairs they produce. I cannot emphasize too emphatically what great rewards are to be had from active participation in TIA!

Athena "Housekeeping"

A party honoring our new members (who will be announced in the June newsletter) is scheduled for 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 8. Mark your calendar; details later.

Don't forget to bring (to the luncheon meetings) your donation of sample-size toiletries for The Spring. **Sandy Freedman** sent a memo to the residents in her condo suggesting they donate these items to Athena so they can be passed on to The Spring, and they're really responding! This is a great idea which could be implemented in offices as well.



Domestic Violence and Hillsborough County

*An Update from Sgt. Rod Reeder
Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office*

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Upcoming Meeting

WHEN: WEDNESDAY, April 3 (Note date!)
11:55 a.m. - lunch

WHERE: Centre Club
Westshore at Kennedy

PROGRAM: Human Rights

SPEAKER: Todd Simmons
Founder & Co-Chair
Human Rights Task Force of Florida

COST: Guests - \$20

RSVP: By April 1 with enclosed card or call
Eleanor Hubbard (251-9172).

OPEN MEETING - GUESTS WELCOME

Todd Simmons is a soft-spoken, articulate voice for the concerns of the gay and lesbian communities. He'll bring members up to date on the progress that has been made for equal protection policies locally as well as the fresh ideas being pursued on the state level.

Presently employed as Coordinator of Information and Public Services for the University of South Florida, Todd is a widely published writer in media serving the gay and lesbian communities around the U.S. In 1994 he launched the Empire Syndicate, the nation's only service exclusively marketing the work of gay, lesbian and bi writers/artists to media. During its first year of business the syndicate served publications in 27 states, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. As a political activist, he has appeared on the Montel Williams Show and various regional talk shows.

Rounding out the meeting will be the presentation of an equality award to Holland & Knight for their extension of insurance coverage to same sex couples.



President's Corner

As we round the corner for the end of the year, Athena is again emerging as a leader in the focus for women's issues. Our next program will again recognize the importance of affirmative action and, of course, our May program will focus on our Young Women of Promise to whom we know the future of the women's movement (and responsibility for its ideals) will pass.

As this political year unfolds, Athena members, as usual, are in the thick of the arena. Two of our members are likely candidates for the congressional seat being vacated by Sam Gibbons and other members are rumored to be ready to throw their hats into the ring for various local positions. We are working with other women's groups in the area to form and present the first women's symposium to reach women of all political and secular persuasions. It should be an exciting end to our twentieth year of existence.

As we march and grow with our sisters, we shouldn't lose sight of the caring aspect of Athena. As was announced at the March meeting, an Athena Plus at USF's Graphicstudio on April 22 will provide us a wonderful opportunity to see the Rosenquist exhibition and to network and socialize with each other. The social aspects of Athena are as important as the "meeting" aspects. It is here that we get to know each other and to build the friendships that have served so many of us well in times of trouble or need. In fact, I believe that the friendships and associations we get from Athena are one of the great joys of living in this community and being a part of this organization.

Our next three meetings appear to be exciting, informative and fun. Please plan to attend.

TIA Notes

by Suzy McLain
Member-at-Large

The International Alliance has exhilarating events planned throughout 1996: Leipzig and Prague will be the scene for the European Conference April 21-26; the midyear board meeting will be in Sante Fe, June 7-9; the international networking meeting is scheduled for September 1-12 in Australia. And to wind up the year, TIA's annual conference will take place October 17-20 in Toronto. Athena members are invited to attend any or all of these scheduled events. Give yourself a real treat and make your plans to be part of these exciting, educational and fun events!



News About Members

We extend heartfelt sympathy to Binnie Coppersmith and Sandy Freedman for the recent loss of their father.

This week Margaret Fisher is in Austin attending the 60th reunion of the charter class in Plan II for the liberal arts degree at the University of Texa. Margaret notes that this was the first interdisciplinary BA degree in the United States and has been used as a model for many similar programs including USF.

Dore Beach's ethics in research text, The Responsible Conduct of Research, is scheduled for publication and worldwide distribution this month. It is a text for graduate students and researchers.

The recently published 50th anniversary edition of Who's Who in America includes ten Athena members: Jan Abell, Emmy Acton, Susan Bucklew, Helen Gordon Davis, Sandy Freedman, Susan Grady, Mary Lou Harkness, Ellen Kimmel, Jan Platt and Sylvia Richardson.

Athena "Housekeeping"

At the April 3 meeting, members will be asked to vote for the 1996-97 Nominating Committee. If you DO NOT wish to be considered, please notify Eleanor Hubbard by April 1. Otherwise, all eligible members will be listed on the ballot.

Enclosed with this newsletter is a form for any member who would like to be considered for the 1996-97 slate of officers and directors. Please complete it and return to Miriam Mason no later than Friday, April 5.

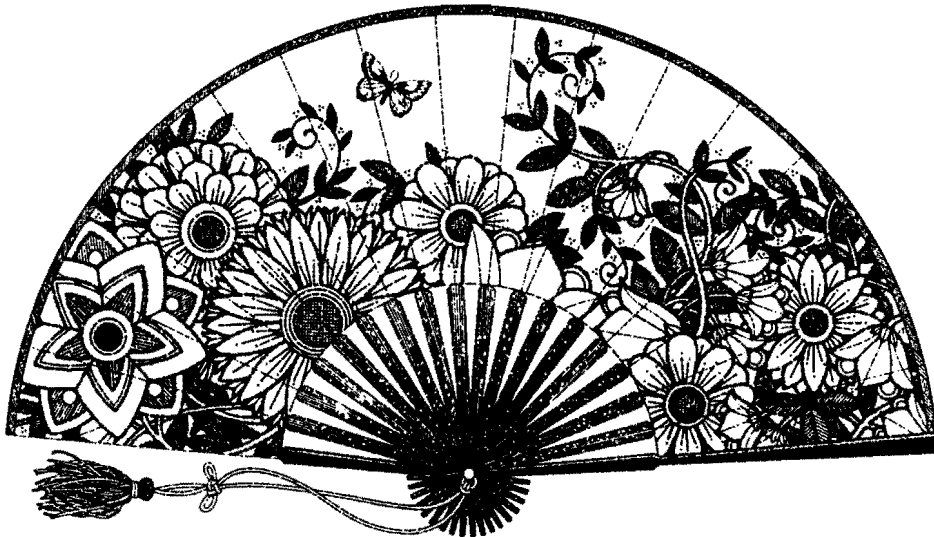
An Athena Plus program is scheduled 5-7 p.m. on Monday, April 22, at the Graphicstudio on the USF campus. Members and their guests will see a demonstration by a master printer, enjoy a brief talk by the studio's director, Dr. Hank Hine, and then tour the retrospective show of internationally known artist James Rosenquist. Reservations may be made prior to April 18 by calling Eleanor Hubbard at 251-9172. Cost is \$5 per person; light refreshments will be served.

A special mailing on the Retreat with a detailed schedule and accommodations information is schedule for early next month. In the meantime, mark your calendar for July 19-21: Longboat Key Club. The "serious" side of the program will expose us to a model for processing issues, ideas and opportunities...a process of value in all areas of our lives. We'll also consider health issues and some lighter topics. However the retreat's big draw, as always, is the opportunity to get to know each other better in a relaxed setting without the time constraints imposed at monthly meetings. Plan on attending; it'll be one of the best weekends of your year!



Members' Projects

Because of federal spending cuts, the Tampa and Hillsborough County Private Industry Councils will no longer be able to provide the summer jobs program. Paddy Moses and the Boys & Girls Clubs will be creating opportunities to assist young people ages 13-21 with summer employment. If your company can provide a summer job for a young person, please call Audrey or George at 879-8300.



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Upcoming Meeting

WHEN: Thursday, March 7, 1996
11:55 a.m. — Lunch

WHERE: Centre Club
Westshore at Kennedy

PROGRAM: A Dialogue with Mandy Goetze

SPEAKER: Mandy Goetze
Executive Vice President
The International Alliance, Baltimore

COST: Guests - \$20

RSVP: By March 4 with enclosed card or call
Eleanor Hubbard (251-9172).

OPEN MEETING — GUESTS WELCOME

Athena members have a rare opportunity to have an international perspective on the status of women from Mandy Goetze who is widely recognized for her innovative programs for women.

Mandy founded New Directions for Women, a displaced homemaker program, which became a national model and grew to be a major service organization with satellite centers and services throughout the State of Maryland. In 1979 she made a presentation to the White House which led to both national legislation and the formation of a nationwide displaced homemaker network. In 1993, she was honored as the Small Business Advocate for Women for Maryland by the U.S. Small Business Administration.

Mandy founded the Executive Women's Network of Baltimore and was a founding board member of The International Alliance. She is a graduate of Randolph-Macon Woman's College and received a master's degree from Goucher College.

Join us to hear Mandy discuss key issues that impact on women today such as membership on corporate boards and the current trends in networking among women.

Members will vote on a new position statement. See "Housekeeping" on page 3.



News About Members

Shirley Ryals was named Citizen of the Year during the Governor's Luncheon at the Florida State Fair last week. Shirley is the 69th recipient of the Civitan's award, considered to be Tampa's most prestigious citizenship honor.

Moira Burke and **Ed & Laura Waller** last month joined a group of about 10 others to enjoy a long weekend (Saturday through Tuesday) in St. Petersburg, Russia. Calling it the land of the "noontime moon", Moira conceded they had "considerable" daylight and the weather was "bearable": 10 to 15 degrees. (Their full-length down coats were definitely their favorite items of clothing!) There was lots of snow everyday which kept the landscape looking magical, clean, and sparkling. The buildings have elaborate facades and are mostly pastel colored, so it was a picture postcard scene. Art, including the hidden treasures, was spectacular! They spent two days at The Hermitage, went to the Kirov Ballet, viewed the tombs of Tchaikovsky, Musorgski, Rimski-Korsakov and Dostoevsky, saw Catherine the Great's palace in the nearby town of Pushkin and just generally enjoyed themselves... including the whimsy of it all—a long weekend to this fabulous wonderland! Moira and Laura call it "the perfect trip for the adventurous".

A few months ago **Linda Saul-Sena** was also in Russia... with her mother and sister on a Tampa Museum of Art tour. They had a fabulous time viewing the museums and architecture of Moscow and St. Petersburg. Since leaving City Council last Spring, Linda's pace has slowed a bit but she continues to stay involved by serving on the boards of the Metropolitan Planning Organization, Hartline and Tampa Preservation Inc.

Jan Abell has been appointed to the Beinecke-Reeves Distinguished Chair in Historic Preservation at the University of Florida for 1996—1998. The appointee will contribute to the Department of Architecture programs in Gainesville and off-campus at the Preservation Institutes: Nantucket and the Caribbean, Miami Beach and the Vicenza Institute of Architecture.

Joan Wagner Zinober was elected to the Board of the Society of Psychologists in Management (SPIM). SPIM is a national organization composed of psychologists in one of three categories: executives in corporations, academic psychologists with specialties in organization development or psychologists who consult to business, industry and the professions.

Operation Jumpstart



Members are encouraged to support Athena's "Operation Jumpstart" on Saturday, March 16, by spreading the word about the event AND by attending. OJ is designed to help women enter or re-enter the workforce, change careers or better equip themselves to realize personal potential. It will be held at the Tampa Downtown Library from 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. with a networking panel comprised of Hillsborough County Commission **Phyllis Busansky**, PR pro **Louise Thompson**, volunteering specialist **Betty Tribble**, image consultant **Jackie Walker**, entrepreneur **Rebecca Smith** and Centre for Women resource **Carla Frey**. For reservations, call **Margaret Fisher** at 238-4590.



Athena "Housekeeping"

At the March meeting, members will be asked to approve the following position statement recently proposed by the Public Issues Committee and approved by the Board of Directors: **AFFIRMATIVE ACTION** — The Athena Society supports access to educational and economic opportunities by minorities and women and recognizes that these have historically been denied or limited. Therefore, Athena advocates affirmative action programs.

Please note that next month's meeting will be on **WEDNESDAY, April 3, noon** at the Centre Club.

Members' Projects

Katie Brown would like to bring to your attention that the Tampa-Hillsborough Urban League is recruiting girls 9 to 18 for a free, 11-week program called Rites of Passage. The goal is to help empower the girls to make choices in their lives. The program will explore such topics as personal development, goal setting, health issues and conflict resolution. For information on how to help, call Jackie Reynolds at 229-8117. If you are interested in supporting this program, call **Katie Brown** at 831-7758.

TIA Notes

by Suzy McLain, Member-at-Large

The March Briefing will be held at the Willard Hotel in Washington, D.C., March 21-24. It promises to be exciting, interesting and informative and will surely provide a venue for expanding our own knowledge about what's going on within the Beltway.

The opening reception and dinner on Thursday evening will be at the National Press Club. Newt Gingrich is expected to attend, and there will be a panel discussion by the International Women's Media Foundation.

Other invitees expected to attend certain functions include Senator Nancy Kassebaum; Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin; Charlayne Hunter-Gault of PBS; IRS Commissioner Margaret Richardson and others.

Functions are scheduled at the Czechoslovakian and South African embassies, and the closing dinner will be hosted by Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg at the Supreme Court Building.

Reservations at the Willard Hotel (202/628-9100) are \$195 (TIA rate), single or double. I enthusiastically encourage every Athenian to attend. We can show our support for TIA and enhance our own knowledge about the functions of the U.S. Government.



Historical Notes

Editor's Note: As Athena prepares to celebrate its 20th year in 1996, we are publishing this monthly column to acquaint members with (or remind them of) the organization's many and varied achievements. Longtime member Mickey Tagliarini recalls: In 1976 the Civil Rights movement was still struggling with the massive social, educational and economic changes this historical event had brought about. The explosion in the number of working women was one of the defining trends of the 20th century. The National Organization of Women had new chapters springing up around the country; the term "glass ceiling" had not yet been coined. In Tampa unrest among working women was relatively quiet; passage of the ERA was still a possibility.

That summer several women began to meet occasionally for lunch to discuss some of their common concerns as career women. Their first discussions centered around their mutual experiences in gaining acceptance and credibility in their respective positions, i.e. equality in the workplace. They wanted somehow to assure working women that opportunities would not be restricted because of their gender. While not limiting their purpose to passage of the ERA, they nonetheless sought out women favoring this constitutional amendment as a sort of "litmus test". (There were, at that time, other groups whose sole purpose was to lobby for ERA passage.) This group felt the overriding need was to get together as a body to offer mutual support to ALL career women. They were professional women who had provided leadership in a variety of settings: the community, professional associations, the arts, business, etc. but had rarely come together with the common objective of helping ALL women. Was this the beginning of networking???

At first there were only four at lunch: **Nancy Ford**, who initially recognized the need, **Susan Leisner**, **Suzy McLain** and **Irene Hadley** - the Founding Four. Soon each invited another until voila! a casually initiated activity began to cry out for organization. In August it began to come together...the setting, the need, the strategies and ideas to further the career opportunities for women in Tampa. What should we call ourselves? This core of women had major responsibilities in their positions and consequently had very crowded schedules. It became a challenge to gather everyone together to discuss organizational matters. It was determined the answer might be a "retreat" on a Saturday when most could make themselves available. The major agenda item would be agreeing on a name.

Thus it was that Suzy McLain offered the conference room at the MacEwen Group for a day-long retreat. Suggestions and recommendations flew, brainstorming sometimes became almost stormy: Working Women, Women for Equal Treatment in the Workplace, Warriors for Equality, The Abigail Adams Society, The Caryatid Society. Names flew around the room, were discussed, then rejected.

The beautifully appointed conference room had a rather extensive library with shelves lining three walls. As discussions wore on, suddenly a 3-inch thick book entitled Mythology caught someone's eye and was brought to the table. There was a gathering of heads craning to read about mythological figures. Not until they reached ATHENA was there a sigh of ahah..! For Athena was discovered to be the daughter of Zeus, the Greek god of thunder and lightning, the supreme leader of all gods. She had "sprung from his head" full grown and in full armor but was warlike only to defend from outside enemies. She was the protector of the working woman, of civilized life, of handicrafts and the arts, the personification of wisdom and reason, the creator of the olive tree and the flute, the inventor of the bridle which tamed horses for human use. The more they read, the more enthusiastically heads were nodding. ATHENA the warrior...yes, Goddess of Wisdom...Goddess of the Working Woman...yes, creator...yes, strong leader. Yes!

Very quickly it became unanimous. By acclamation henceforth we would be known as THE ATHENA SOCIETY. Among those present on that day were **Nancy Ford**, **Suzy McLain**, **Susan Leisner**, **Barbara Pankau**, **Linda Hanna**, **Jan Judisch**, **Irene Hadley**, **Dore Beach** and **Stella Thayer**. (If I've omitted anyone, blame it on a faulty memory and forgive me.)

Classified Advertising

Sharon Kilpatrick wants to sell her two-story brick home on Culbreath Avenue in Beach Park. Custom built in 1987, it has 3700 sq. ft. with four BR plus a library/office and is offered at \$475,000. If you know of anyone who might be interested or if you'd like more information, call Sharon at 286-2671.

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Upcoming Meeting

- WHEN:** Thursday, February 1, 1996
5:30 p.m. - Cocktails
6:30 p.m. - **Dinner** ←
- WHERE:** Centre Club
Westshore at Kennedy
- PROGRAM:** A Conversation on Exploring Diversity
- SPEAKER:** H. Roy Kaplan, Ph. D.
Executive Director
The National Conference, Tampa Bay Chapter
- COST:** Guests - \$25
- RSVP:** By January 29 with enclosed card or call
Eleanor Hubbard (251-9172).

OPEN MEETING - GUESTS WELCOME

Dr. Kaplan will facilitate a special meeting for members and their guests devoted to developing an appreciation of the rich diversity in our community.

The Tampa Bay Chapter of The National Conference is participating in a project with the American Bar Association and the National Endowment for the Humanities to create conversations on pluralism, identity and the law. As part of this series, educator and diversity trainer Dr. Kaplan has selected the Athena Society for this participatory program. We will discuss and share our cultural heritage with one another, engaging in activities that heighten our awareness and understanding of the unique characteristics among us.



News About Members

Linda Goldstein has been appointed to a Florida Bar Grievance Committee which is part of the system which oversees attorney discipline in Florida. The committee reviews potential ethical violations involving Hillsborough County attorneys and is comprised of both lawyers and non lawyers. **Marsha Rydberg** is the Designated Reviewer for two of the six Grievance Committees in the 13th Judicial Circuit and is a member of the Florida Bar's Board of Governors.

Mary Jane Saunders recently attended a month-long course, "Women Administrators in Higher Education," held at Bryn Mawr, PA. She notes that her favorite part was being served three meals a day in the faculty club!

Judy Dato was one of the featured speakers at the National Coalition of Title I Parents Annual Conference in Los Angeles recently. In addition, she's just had her first book published - a 300-page manual for administrators, teachers and parent educators entitled "Parent Involvement Resource Manual". She also contributed a chapter in the new "Highlights for Children" parent involvement resource book. She then stated the obvious: "I've been busy!"

Longtime member **Donna Fabry** recently moved to Paducah, KY to be close to her family. She'd love to hear from Tampa friends; her address is 4123 Minnich Avenue, Paducah 42001.

Another member leaving the area is **Linda Wilson**... to assume the position of Executive Director of Friends of the U.S. National Arboretum (FONA), a private foundation that raises funds for the Arboretum. She starts March 1 in Washington, D.C. and would like to lease her spacious 2 BR (recently custom-decorated) Davis Island townhouse, furnished or unfurnished. Call her at 274-8130 if you or anyone you know is interested.

Judy Ryan has just begun a challenging new job as Executive Director of Self Reliance Inc., a center for independent living for people with disabilities. It is one of 14 such centers in the state.

Elaine College is recuperating wonderfully well from her December 23rd kidney transplant which she terms unequivocally "a Christmas miracle". She returned home on the fourth day after the surgery and will be there for approximately eight weeks. She would love to hear from Athena members and expressed her gratitude to those who have shown their kindness in so many ways.

Sylvia Richardson celebrated the holidays in a very special way - with a cruise down the Danube. Her stops included Vienna and Budapest with the highlight being Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve in the spectacular Melk Abbey Cathedral built in 1099! On the professional side, Sylvia has received a citation from the American Montessori Society "for significant contributions in furthering the progress of the Montessori approach to education".

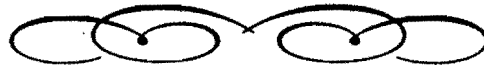
Deanne Roberts has been named to the Board of Directors of the Florida Chamber of Commerce. She joins **Barbara Ann Blue** who serves on both the board and Executive Committee.

Pamela Jordan has a new firm: The Jordan Group Inc. offers consulting services to privately held businesses ranging from \$1 million - \$50 million in annual sales. She and her two new partners work with owners and organizations to maximize value in their business and the work experience. Pam may be reached at 703 Bay Street, Tampa 33606. Phone: 251-4353. Fax: 251-6256.



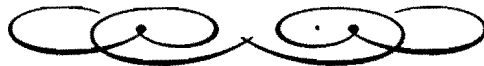
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Four schools are on the drawing boards for new construction in Hillsborough County with only one in the city limits - a middle school in Hunter's Green. **Paddy Moses** has asked us to advise members that a group is working to have the school named for **Sandy Freedman** who made such a commitment to youth in this community. If you would like to support this proposal, direct your letter (by February 1) to Randy Poindexter, General Director Area 3, P.O. Box 3408, Tampa 33601.



Membership Reminder

Remember, deadline for nominations is Thursday, February 15. If you are sponsoring a candidate for membership, it is your responsibility to see that she is introduced to those serving on the Membership Committee. A good place to do that is at the upcoming February dinner. Nomination forms may be obtained from Membership VP **Lee Blanton** (258-3563) or from Eleanor Hubbard (251-9172).



TIA Notes

by Suzy McLain, Member-at-Large

In spite of unusual wintry weather, The International Alliance meeting held at the Belleview Mido in Belleair, January 12-14, was a resounding success. Approximately 60 people attended including **Diane Bostow**, **Mary Lou Harkness**, **Suzy McLain** and **Judy Munson**.

The purpose of the planning meeting was to establish plans and guidelines for 1997 pertaining to locations of the meetings - in the U.S. and abroad - and to consider other aspects of the governance of TIA. The weekend began with a seminar at USF about the Internet and, thanks to the great organizational skills of Diane Bostow, seminar attendees were treated to a scenic ride to and from USF and a twilight tour of the beaches via Bostow van. I hope more Athena members will attend TIA gatherings in 1996. They are always informative, provide great networking opportunities and they are fun!



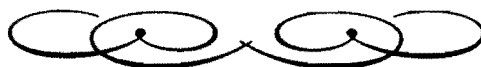
Historical Notes

Editor's Note: As Athena prepares to celebrate its 20th year in 1996, we are publishing this monthly column to acquaint members with (or remind them of) the organization's many and varied achievements. The following is a continuation from last month of Sandy Frye's thoughts on the Young Women of Promise program advanced during her presidency (1981-82):

As the years passed, YWP assumed new dimensions. It began with sports: suddenly there were state-ranked track stars, swimmers and volleyball players among others (coinciding with the requirements of Title 9). Next we noticed that these girls were no longer content with being second in command. Increasingly they were Class President, Newspaper Editor, Model UN debate winners. Career objectives were becoming more definite; multiple-field achievements became common. For example, an award-winning volleyball player was also a National Honor Society inductee and winning competitor in the state language competition. It was only a matter of time before the young women added to these school-oriented achievements a substantial amount of community service. The Athena members who read applications and made decisions about each year's YWP were understandably impressed with the rising caliber of candidates. Most recently YWP came full academic circle: we find more and more excelling in math and science, two areas traditionally dominated by males.

Throughout the nearly 15 years this program has been in effect, more and more high schools responded to our call for recommendations. We were pleased to find increasing minority representation in our high-achieving leaders. The level of altruism and confidence is exceptional. Several years ago the applications added several essay questions which the YWP candidates answered. Their responses generally indicated the highest standards, a positive attitude and an ability to transcend any setback or disappointment, focusing not on any failure these represented but on the additional experience they imparted. Nearly all had earmarked careers that would serve greater society in very basic ways, and many had artfully (and sometimes humorously) associated this service with personal material success. Most wanted husbands and families and saw no impediment to having it all.

At this point in the YWP program it might be interesting to try to track the first crop of Young Women of Promise. They are, after all, poised at the edge of Serious Careerism/Familydom/Attainment. I am curious about where they went: did they migrate back to Tampa? Go to bigger cities? Are they married? Single? Divorced? With children? With bills? Are they on the path they originally set for themselves? Are they on schedule? Such information might give us anecdotal insight into the reliability of those early indications of success and might also provide insight into the situation of American women on the brink of the 21st century.



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Upcoming Meeting

WHEN: Thursday, January 4, 1996
11:55 a.m.

WHERE: Centre Club
Westshore at Kennedy



PROGRAM: State of the City

SPEAKER: Mayor Dick Greco

RSVP: By January 2 with enclosed card or call
Eleanor Hubbard (251-9172).

COST: Guests - \$20

OPEN MEETING – GUESTS WELCOME

As we all know, the City of Tampa is facing challenging times. The Mayor will discuss some of the challenges that confront him as Tampa's Chief Executive...and some of the issues that confront us all as citizens of this community.

This should be a stimulating meeting, so make reservations early. You are encouraged to invite interested guests to join us.

Athena Plus Grief Support Group

In response to last month's newsletter, Sheryle Baker, Executive Director of The Life Center (a nonprofit organization providing counseling and group support to anyone dealing with serious illness or death of a loved one), has given us some specific dates for the special Grief Support Group she will facilitate for interested Athena members: Wednesday, January 17, at 6 or 6:30 p.m.; Thursday, January 18 or Wednesday, January 31, same time. All of the sessions will be held at The Life Center which is off the Sligh exit. If you're interested, contact Program Chair **Linda Goldstein** (933-9542) with a date preference by January 10. We'll select the one most acceptable to the most participants.



President's Corner

The holidays are upon us and we are all in the whirl of our activities and interests. After the holiday festivities we'll resume our serious focus in January. Mayor Greco will be our speaker. It should be an interesting program that will give us an opportunity to question the mayor concerning his policies and to show him Athena's members are women of purpose, interest, activity and professional stature.

The women's issues forum which **Sandy Freedman** is pursuing with Betty Castor and Athena leaders as well as other women's groups appears to be emerging as a truly viable project. We hope to commit some of our resources to make the event one of power and interest. We'll have a report at the January meeting to give you a vision and prospect for how it can materialize. 1996 will mark the 20th year of Athena's existence. It's nice to see that the sisterhood and focus of Athena has not diminished over the years.

May the coming year of your life and the coming years of Athena be filled with hope, activity and prosperity!

News About Members

Jeanne Tate's 8-year-old daughter Mandi suffered a heart attack on November 10 and had been on the waiting list for a heart transplant at Egleston Children's Hospital in Atlanta. The wonderful news is that she had the transplant on December 15 and is doing well. Jeanne would be grateful to Athena members who share in the prayers for Mandi's recovery. Our thoughts are with Mandi, Jeanne and their entire family.

Mark and Suzy McLain recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary by taking a Mediterranean cruise to Ephesus, Athens, Rome, Florence, Pisa, Cannes, Monte Carlo and Barcelona. While in Athens, Suzy made a trek to the top of the Acropolis and spent many hours scrutinizing the Parthenon which at one time was a temple dedicated to Athena and which housed a colossal ivory and gold statue of Athena. Suzy says she was told many stories about Athena but the one she liked best was that Poseidon was angry because the Parthenon was dedicated to Athena rather than to him, so he challenged Athena to see which of them could provide the best treasure to the people of Attica. Poseidon gave them two wells so they might have abundant water; Athena gave them an olive tree. Guess who won!

It's a boy and the proud grandparents are Bill and **Sandy Frye**. Noah Charles Ray, weighing in at 7 1/2 lbs., 21", was born on December 11 to their daughter Jill and her husband John in Alexandria, VA. Grandma's timing was perfect: her long-standing plane reservation was for the a.m. of December 12.

Phyllis Busansky has been honored as one of nine 1995 Public Officials of the Year selected by Governing magazine. The magazine called her "the energizing force" behind the county's program to provide health care to poor people.

The Tampa Historical Society has honored **Stephanie Ferrell** with its D.B. McKay Award for her significant contributions to Florida history. Stephanie has been in the forefront of efforts to save historic structure in the area.



Historical Notes

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Sandy Frye (1981-82) looks back: The Young Women of Promise (YWP) program was a project I advanced during my presidency and it has grown into one of the most fascinating barometers of young women's accomplishments and aspirations. The idea was to find potential leaders among high school juniors and to recognize them at a special luncheon. Several things could happen through that occasion: these YWP would be introduced to each other, they would be introduced to us and we to them. Athena members could advise YWP on career paths, could give them information about particular colleges, might even write letters of recommendation or in some way act as mentors during the girls' senior year.

Early YWP were often second-tier leaders: second in their class academic standing, vice-president of student government, co-editor of the yearbook. Sometimes there was no doubt about the potential: dancer Elizabeth Parkinson was one of our first YWP. Although she was accepted to Wellsley in her senior year, she was also accepted by the Joffrey II ballet company. She chose to delay college and join Joffrey. Several years later I came across her photograph in the New York Times in an article on a Joffrey concert. (She later performed at TBPAC.) Another young woman in that year organized a suicide hot line in her high school. At the time I was somewhat surprised at the possibility of enough suicides (or attempts) to warrant such a response. In view of the sobering national statistics that were to follow, it was probable she perceived early on the fuller dimensions of the problem.

School counselors usually recommended young women to our attention and supported their suggestions with letters from faculty. It was most interesting to observe which schools were fully aware of their talented young women. Plant City High School displayed particular enthusiasm for its recommendations, offering many faculty and adviser letters of support displaying a thorough familiarity with these young students. Several years ago **Barbara Pennington** and I went to Plant City High School to announce that school's Young Woman of Promise in an evening awards program. The auditorium was huge, obviously designed to accommodate far greater numbers of students. Comparatively, the young scholars and achievers gathered that evening were few. Equally important was that the entire faculty, staff and all the involved families turned out to nurture these students - or so it seemed. It testified to the effort this school went to to nurture a small group that might otherwise have been lost or ignored in a big school and to validate the ideals they represented.

Editor's Note: Space does not permit inclusion of Sandy's entire article in this issue so, at the risk of temporarily losing our train of thought, we will complete the article next month.



TIA Notes

by Suzy McLain, Member-at-Large

The International Alliance has made final plans to hold its annual planning meeting in the Bay Area. Registration forms have been sent out and copies may be obtained from Eleanor Hubbard.

This gathering promises to be stimulating and offers each of us the opportunity to interact with accomplished and outstanding women and to learn more about TIA and what it offers us as members. Athenians are urged to participate in some or all of the events.

An integral part of the planning meeting is the Internet seminar at USF on Friday afternoon, January 12, from 1-4 p.m. Space is limited so reserve early!

Attention Potential Sponsors

by Lee Blanton, Membership VP

If you are interested in sponsoring a candidate for membership, please read the inserts enclosed with this newsletter regarding the proper procedure. The deadline for nominations is February 15, 1996. Forms may be obtained by calling me or Eleanor Hubbard; we'll be happy to mail one to you. The January and February meetings are open and the committee strongly recommends you introduce your candidate to as many committee members as possible at one or both of these meetings.

This year the Membership Committee was asked by Ruth Himes to consider invoking the bylaws provision (Article III, Section 2b) which allows the committee, on its own motion, to propose new members to the board for approval. The committee met and decided to work toward that goal. We are in the process of discussing and considering potential candidates to be proposed by the committee and we welcome input from any member who may know of someone she'd like the committee to consider although she may not know her well enough to actually sponsor her. If you know anyone you'd like the committee to consider, please contact me at 258-3563.

 *Happy New Year!* 

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ATHENA SOCIETY
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Upcoming Meeting

WHEN: Tuesday, December 12, 1995
 5:30 p.m. - Cocktails (*cash bar*)
 6:30 p.m. - Dinner

WHERE: Tampa Yacht & Country Club, 5320 Interbay Blvd.
 (*Complimentary valet parking*)

PROGRAM: Holiday Dinner & Gift Exchange
 The Athena Players
 Gifts for The Spring (*see below*)

MENU: Beef Tenderloin (*Veggie plate available; indicate on card*)

RSVP: By December 7 with enclosed red card or call
 Eleanor Hubbard (251-9172).



MEMBERS ONLY - NO GUESTS

Our December meeting wouldn't be complete without Athena's own repertory company. The Athena Players will present a musical romp through Tampa's past, guaranteed to entertain and put you in a holiday mood.

Cast members/writers include **Katie Brown, Nancy Cole, Terry Cone, Helen Gordon Davis, Carol Dyches, Stephanie Ferrell, Sandy Frye, Linda Goldstein, Elaine Shimberg, Mickey Tagliarini and Linda Wilson.**

Those who feel the call of the stage may still join in the fun by calling **Terry Cone** at 949-1270. Musical talent - or any talent for that matter - is not required but energy and enthusiasm are a must. (It also helps if you're not easily embarrassed.)

We'll also continue the tradition of a gift exchange among the members. As usual, distribution will be by number drawing but it's nice to include the giver's card; a \$12.50 limit is suggested.

In addition to exchanging gifts with each other, we've decided to also collect gifts for women and children at The Spring. Please bring a new, unwrapped toy for a child or a gift certificate (recipient's name left blank) that can be used for a variety of needs. The Spring tells us these certificates are especially welcome because they not only provide what is most wanted/needed but also help restore dignity and freedom of choice. They can be in any denomination from a department store, grocery or discount store.

Both these exchanges are optional. Please join us for a very special evening.



President's Corner

The holidays are just around the corner and our Hospitality Committee and Program Committees have been working hard to make December's gatherings particularly enjoyable. We'll start the month off with the breakfast to benefit The Spring on December 5th. Athena will be sponsoring a table, and the organization will be well represented. In addition to the Athena table, several of our members are sponsoring tables individually. If you are not able to attend the breakfast but would like to make a contribution to The Spring, please send your check to Eleanor Hubbard, to me or directly to **Mabel Bexley**. It will be nice to get the holidays off to a start which makes a difference in the lives of others less fortunate.

The Retreat Committee is well under way with plans for next year's retreat. Watch for details soon.

I'm interested in pursuing the idea that **Sandy Freedman** has planted concerning a women's issues forum in the Spring. Any of you who would be willing to donate time, talents or thoughts to the process are invited to let me know of your availability and input. This may be a wonderful opportunity for Athena to help sponsor an event which spotlights issues of particular interest to women in the upcoming political year. Such a forum is the sort of thing for which we were founded and which gives us lifeblood. Let Sandy know if you have any special ideas.

The approaching holidays give us time for reflection amid the hurry and scurry of parties and events. After twenty years of existence, I believe Athena is a society of which we can be most proud, and I hope the next two decades will serve to foster the sisterhood, nurturing and activism for which the Society has been and is becoming known in the community. We have much talent in our ranks and many opportunities to promote and discuss the issues and ideals which make Athena special. Let's use the rest of the year to begin a new path for making a difference for women.

I hope all of you have wonderful holidays, and I look forward to seeing you at the December functions.

Holiday Buffet - December 16

Certainly one of the highlights of the season is Athena's Holiday Buffet to be held this year at the home of John and **Candy Olson**, 2632 Prospect Road. Don your party apparel and prepare yourself for a congenial crowd, festive atmosphere and fabulous food! No charge for members plus one guest; additional guests are \$20. Make your reservations on enclosed red card or by phoning Eleanor Hubbard prior to December 12. Please list your guest's name. Party hours are 6 to 8 p.m. Park on the south side of Prospect or behind the Olson's house in the doctor's parking lot which is on the corner of MacDill and Neptune.





News About Members

Elaine College wishes to thank everyone for their support during her impending kidney transplant. However, in the final testing analysis, her son Shawn was determined to be an unsuitable donor candidate. Therefore, she will be added to the LifeLink list and notified when a compatible kidney is available.

Amelia Bishop has been selected to participate in the 1995-96 Leadership Tampa Class. She also has been appointed co-chair of the legal/accounting committee for the Kate Jackson Park Project, a private effort to renovate the park on Rome Avenue in Hyde Park. If you are interested in helping with the project, please contact Amelia at 222-1146.

Though she's no longer an elected official, **Jan Platt** continues to be recognized for her good works: The Board of County Commissioners has unanimously approved the naming of the future Interbay Library as the "Jan Platt Regional Library". The Library Board recommended the naming of this library commemorating Jan's many years of service as a County Commissioner.

Linda Fries and **Amelia Bishop** were recently elected to the Board of Directors of the Tampa Bay Estate Planning Council.

Classified Advertising

Editor's Note: This category, long dormant, is now being revived and could prove to be beneficial (and lots of fun) for members. We welcome your input.

Cindy Sontag has launched "Custom Cuisine," a personal chef service for those who love delicious meals at home but have no time to prepare them. Cindy will guarantee a menu to match your taste, lifestyle and special dietary needs. She'll bring all the ingredients and cooking equipment to your kitchen, prepare 18-20 entrees, package and label for your freezer - complete with instructions for heating and serving. "Custom Cuisine" is a cost-efficient alternative to dining out and the perfect solution for those who don't have the time or interest for menu planning, grocery shopping or cooking. For a free consultation, contact Cindy at 837-8352.

With **Louise Thompson's** three sons all in college (Rice, UVA and Georgia Tech), she's selling her Davis Islands home and searching for something smaller. A 5BR/4B, 3400+ sf Mediterranean, it has a split bedroom plan which can accommodate an in-law or office setup and is priced at \$295,000. If you know someone who is looking, she'd appreciate your sending them her way.

TIA Notes

by Suzy McLain, Member-at-Large

The International Alliance has selected the Belleview Mido in Belleair for its planning meeting, January 12-14. Athena members are invited to participate in any or all of the meetings. A World Wide Web seminar is scheduled for 1 p.m. on the 12th at the USF Library. Space is limited, so get your reservation in early! Other planned activities include a reception and dinner on Friday, a cocktail buffet on Saturday evening plus golf and spa activities. Please plan to participate in this exciting event; we want to make everyone from TIA feel welcome!



Historical Notes

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Former president **Linda Hanna** (1982-83) shares her thoughts: Looking back at Athena's early years, there are two things that I remember most vividly. First, there were very few women in "positions of responsibility". In order to get a table of women lawyers together for lunch, we had to include at least two, and often three or four firms. Many large firms had no women lawyers and the most any firm had at the time was two.

It was wonderful to gather the sparse population of business and professional women in Tampa into a room for lunch. As today, there was enormous energy and enthusiasm radiating through the group. But, unlike today, the experience of being in a large group of accomplished and vigorous women was new and rare. Second, springing from our new identity was the conviction that we could influence the world around us, along with an easy sense of common vision. We had common goals to which we were committed from our hearts:

1. to improve the status of women;
2. to pass the Equal Rights Amendment
3. to prove that you didn't have to be a bra-burning rabble-rouser to be interested in and committed to providing the same opportunities for women that were available to men;
4. to create a source of power and influence in Tampa which would work for the benefit of women individually and as a group;
5. to create a visible pool of capable, competent, qualified women in the Tampa business community; and
6. to create a more nearly level playing-field for young women and encourage them to pursue their aspirations without (or regardless of) artificial cultural obstacles.

It was heady stuff. We were pioneers exploring new frontiers. We have come a long way in 20 years. Happily, some of our goals are well on their way to being fulfilled. There are many more women in positions of responsibility - managers, executives, entrepreneurs, doctors, lawyers, Indian chiefs! And we have seen many examples of our group and individual influences on the lives of women, individually and as a whole.

But along the way some of our sense of common vision has been lost. I believe that if we identify goals which we all share - not divisive issues like reproductive rights or specific candidates or party politics but basic issues like personal safety - and focus on them, then we will find the renewed energy of common vision and goals.

Members' Projects

Linda Saul-Sena, President of First Night, Tampa Bay (our New Year's Eve celebration of the arts for the community) extends an invitation: "All Athena members are warmly invited to celebrate 1996 in a wildly creative, community-spirited way with music, dance and participatory visual arts. I promise a wonderful evening!" First Night Buttons are only \$5 and available at Ticketmaster, NationsBank and Pick Kwik Stores.

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Upcoming Meeting

WHEN: Thursday, November 2, 1995
11:55 a.m.

WHERE: Centre Club
Westshore at Kennedy



PROGRAM: Domestic Violence - Everyone's Problem

SPEAKER: Robin Hassler
Executive Director
Governor's Task Force on Domestic Violence

COST: Guests - \$20

RSVP: By October 30 with enclosed card or call
Eleanor Hubbard (251-9172).

OPEN MEETING – GUESTS WELCOME

Can victims of domestic violence be denied health and life insurance? How are child abuse and spouse abuse related? Is our state ready to provide treatment and prevention of domestic violence?

Get the answers from Robin Hassler who also serves on the national Advisory Council on Violence Against Women. She'll describe the "State of the State" as it concerns domestic violence, update us on Florida and federal legislation and healthcare issues for victims of domestic violence. Time will be allotted for a question and answer period.

Unfortunately, even the view from the top is not a pretty sight, but we all need to be conscious of it, so please join us.



President's Corner

I hope you all saw the write-up of our last meeting in the St. Petersburg Times. It was actually quite good. Our November meeting will refocus on domestic violence issues. **Margaret Mathews** and **Jan Roberts** have organized an interesting meeting which will highlight what's being done (or prevented) in the state. Consider it an update of last year's program.

Plans are underway for our traditional holiday party. We need a party site! If you have a home which you'd like to share with the membership, please call **Sharon Kilpatrick**.

Our committees seem to be underway and active. Please lend your talents to one or more if you haven't done so already.

We'd also like you to focus your prayers and concentrated thoughts to support **Elaine College** as she undergoes a kidney transplant with her son Shawn. They will be recuperating in mid-November.

Exciting opportunities are opening for many of our members. Please keep us advised of the milestones in your lives; this helps to keep our sense of community and sisterhood vibrant.

For those who may have missed the announcement, the Program Committee is considering an Athena Pl... outing to the American Crafts Festival the first weekend in December. Please call Eleanor Hubbard if you're interested in going with a group from Athena to this fantastic crafts display.

With the recent California focus on domestic violence and the continuing sagas in that state and the country as a whole, we do well to focus our thoughts on the abused and neglected women and children of this country. Our November program couldn't be more timely; please plan to attend.

TIA Notes

by Suzy McLain, Member-at-Large

Diane Bostow, Helen Gordon Davis and I attended The International Alliance leadership conference, "Women Shaping the Future", in Philadelphia, September 28 - October 1. It was truly a heady experience! The entire conference was laced with brilliant, accomplished women from all over the world. Speakers included Amy Conroy, Executive Director of the Women's Campaign Fund; Dr. Diane L. Simpson, President of Simpson International (who speaks English, French, German, Japanese and Chinese); Dr. Kathleen Hall Jameison, Dean of the Annenberg School for Communication at the University of Pennsylvania (and consultant on women's issues to The MacNeil-Lehrer Report); Dr. Judith Rodin, President of the University of Pennsylvania. The Forum of Executive Women hosted the conference, and they didn't "spare the horses"! It was exciting and informative and a super way to meet and exchange ideas with outstanding women. Members of Athena are automatically invited to attend all TIA conferences. Make your plans!



Historical Notes

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Second president **Dore Beach** recalls: Believe it or not—twenty years ago in Tampa, women were not taken seriously. One example of this was the difficulty we had establishing our own credit and bank accounts. At our monthly luncheons we exchanged horror stories about the experiences we'd had with the banking establishment. One bank used the song "All Day, All Night Mary Ann" to advertise its 24-hour ATM services. An Athena member who happened to be an attorney told about having to give her spouse's employment history in order to open her own checking account!

This began to change, however, when Athena started reaching out to the community by sponsoring seminars that focused on issues and problems faced by working women. One of the most notable concerned women and money. It was significant because, for the first time, it got the attention of the banking establishment which was predominantly male. We did this by inviting not only interested women but also men in executive and leadership positions to hear our keynote speaker: Jane Bryant Quinn, financial expert and syndicated columnist. She discussed the difficulties women had with the world of finance and everyone listened. This seminar marked a beginning for women in our community...we were serious. Athena was a contributor in making a difference and Jane Bryant Quinn has returned to the Tampa Bay area several times since.



Members' Projects

USF Professor of Theatre **Nancy Cole** will be directing six one-act plays entitled "All in the Timing" from November 8-12 and 15-18 at USF's Theatre 2. Described as a farce with an American face, this production provides answers to provocative questions such as: Can a woman find the meaning of life through a language no one can speak? Is it probable that three monkeys typing into infinity could produce "Hamlet"? For ticket information and reservations, call 974-2323.

One of **Paddy Moses'** pet projects will come to fruition on November 1 when the Boys & Girls Club will open a residential living program for teenaged boys. These young people have spent most of their childhood in the foster care system and will now be given the opportunity to learn the life skills necessary for successful living as adults. The club needs help in furnishing 12 apartments: furniture, linens, cookware, etc. If you have donations, call Paddy or Sandy at 875-5771 to make arrangements for pickup.



Athena "Housekeeping"

The highly-acclaimed Athena Players will again be performing at our December 12 dinner at the Yacht Club; anyone interested in being a part of the troupe is encouraged to call **Terry Cone** at 949-1270.

Meeting reminder: Retreat Committee - Wednesday, November 8, 5:15 p.m., 777 So. Harbour Island Blvd., #780. RSVP to **Pam Jordan**, 228-6010.



News About Members

A significant honor was bestowed on **Sandy Freedman** earlier this month: the Davis Island tennis courts at 59 Columbia Drive were dedicated as the Sandra W. Freedman Tennis Complex. A top-ranked player prior to her political ascent, Sandy is again enjoying time on the courts.

Congratulations to **Mabel Bexley** who was named Executive Woman of the Year by the Network of Executive Women last month. (Eight of the previous 11 winners have also been Athena members.)

Our sincere sympathy to **Mary Jane Saunders** who recently lost her father and to **Carolyn Reed** whose father-in-law passed away.

Years in the making but certainly worth waiting for is the newly published book of **Diana Furr**, "Total Quality in Managing Human Resources". A 400-page volume she co-authored, this book "can help human resource professionals or anyone who manages people to transform institutionalized mediocrity into organization excellence". For the table of contents or ordering information, you may call Diana at 223-4117.

Gwynne Young was recently presented the Charles A. Dukes Award for outstanding volunteer service to Duke University. The award is presented by the National Board of Directors of the Duke Alumni Association. Only nine alumni nationwide were so honored.

Laura Waller proudly noted that her daughter has just graduated from Columbia Law School and is now working for an Atlanta firm.

Elaine Fantle Shimberg's newest book, "Living with Tourette Syndrome" will be published by Simon & Schuster on October 24 and will be available in area book stores. She's already working on her next - "How to Get Out of the Hospital Alive" - and invites anyone with horror stories that could have been avoided by better communication to call or write her.

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Upcoming Meeting

WHEN: Thursday, October 5, 1995
11:55 a.m.

WHERE: Centre Club
Westshore at Kennedy

PROGRAM: "The Role of Women Within the Theatre"

SPEAKER: Ann Reinking, Broadway and film star

COST: Guests - \$20

RSVP: By October 2 with enclosed card or call
Eleanor Hubbard (251-9172).

OPEN MEETING – GUESTS WELCOME

Athena members (and those fortunate enough to be guests) will have a unique opportunity to hear what truly goes on behind the scenes. Ann Reinking will share with us her perspective on some of the issues that face women in the theatre: what happens when they age; the reality of the theatrical world; discrimination; and what it's like to be a woman in the theatre.

This renowned woman of the theatre has had a distinguished Broadway career that includes *Cabaret*, *Coco*, *A Chorus Line* and *Sweet Charity* plus film credits that include *Annie* and *All That Jazz*. She also toured with Tommy Tune in *Bye Bye Birdie*.

A winner of numerous awards, Ann was named "Ambassador of the Arts for the State of Florida" by the Governor's Office. She is special to us in the Bay Area because of her dedicated commitment to The Musical Theatre Project which she initially created with Tampa Prep Head **Susan Grady** under the auspices of Tampa Prep.

The Project, nationally recognized and the only one of its kind in the country, is now a separate corporation with its own board. Ann serves as its Artistic Director and is on Tampa Prep's Board of Trustees.

This promises to be a special meeting, so don't disappoint your friends...they'll want to be invited!



President's Corner

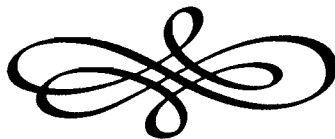
Our meeting in October will focus on the arts in Hillsborough County and will feature a presentation by Ann Reinking. The program committee has again done an outstanding job in planning a program which should stimulate each of us. In October and the future, I will try to be sure that our luncheon meetings end promptly, no later than 1:15. Please plan to attend and participate. The "networking" function is one of the most important aspects of our Athena sisterhood and it keeps us in touch with each other.

If you have announcements to be made at any meeting, please try to give them to Eleanor Hubbard at or before the commencement of the meeting in legible form so we can make them all at one time. In addition, if you bring a guest, please fill out a form, legibly please, so that we may let those attending the luncheon know something about your guest.

Paddy Moses and her bylaws committee are reviewing the bylaws for the biennial evaluation. If you are aware of any areas that need improvement, please send Paddy your comments and suggestions.

By now committees should be up and running and we hope you will be able to participate in at least one during the year.

If you have suggestions for projects or thoughts for the good or betterment of the Society, please be sure to let the board members and me know so we can try to make this Athena's best year yet!



Athenians EWOTY Finalists

Four of the five finalists for Executive Woman of the Year are Athena members: **Mabel Bexley, Sylvia Campbell, Elaine College** and **Jane Peppard**. The prestigious award will be presented by the Network of Executive Women on Friday, September 29, noon at the Wyndham Harbour Island Hotel. We'll have an Athena table to cheer them on! If you'd like to be a part of it, check with Eleanor Hubbard to see if there's still a vacancy. Best of luck to all - winners already! Keynote speaker will be Connie Merritt who maintains that "You Must be Present to Win - Surviving and Thriving During Change."



Athena "Housekeeping"

Calendar note: The December members-only dinner will be Tuesday, December 12, at the Yacht Club; the guests-welcome cocktail buffet will be Saturday evening, December 16.

Don't forget to bring (to the luncheon meetings) your donation of sample-size toiletries for The Spring. Our members are really responding: it took two people to carry out the bulging bags last month. Keep it up!



News About Members

Welcome back, **Katie Brown!** Katie returned to Tampa last month after a one-year stint in Worcester, MA where husband Jack served as Interim President of Worcester Polytechnic Institute.

Our sincere sympathy to **Barbara Ann Blue** who last week lost her father.

Karen Walker has been named to the Board of Trustees of the USF Foundation.

Though she calls Cincinnati home now, **Giny Crawford** is retaining her Athena membership and even hopes to attend some meetings this year! Giny reports that "after 15 fabulous years in Tampa, we're relocating to Cincinnati. Don has taken a position as Director of Marketing for an exciting new company specializing in medical records storage and retrieval systems. The kids are looking forward to snow and basements. I will continue my association with Sunland Business Group, so I'll be returning to Tampa frequently for appraisal assignments. My association with Athena has been among the most profound influences on my life...being my best, learning from the best and gaining knowledge of so many important issues. Thank you, **Susan Leisner**, for bringing me into this wonderful group, and thank you all for being the wonderful women that you are." Giny can be reached at home (513/522-3079) or at the office (800/577-3940) or by fax (513/522-3738). Her address is 306 Circlewood Lane, Cincinnati, Ohio 45215.

Congratulations to **Noni Brill** who reports the birth of a new grandson: Noah Robert, born to Michael and Jenny Brill in San Francisco on August 21.

Marsha Rydberg is the new Chair of the Tampa Downtown Partnership.



Historical Notes

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Former president **Lee Leavengood** recalls: As Athena president in 1982-83, I selected leadership as a theme and a goal. I wanted to promote leadership on an individual Athena membership level as well as on an Athena Society level.

The year began with a retreat which was a day-long workshop on effective leadership. The theme was carried out in our regular meetings with programs involving leadership in the arts, politics, business and education. Local, state and national speakers were scheduled. The purpose of the program was not only to inspire and encourage Athena members but also to showcase the Athena Society by inviting local leaders in the speaker's field. For example, when a speaker from Catalyst, a New York organization, spoke on a talent bank of women to serve on national boards of directors, Athena invited women in the community who served on local boards to attend as guests. A concerted effort was made to encourage Athena members to bring community leaders - both male and female - as guests for appropriate programs.

The Athena Leadership Award was initiated and given to two Athena members: Dr. Helen Popovich, the first woman to be president of a Florida university, was given the Athena Leadership Award in Education; Dr. Patricia Barry was awarded the Athena Leadership Award in Medicine for her work in gerontology at USE. This was a rewarding year for me to work with an organization of leaders and to try to harness this leadership to be a more effective force in our community and state. I continue to be impressed by the leadership of Athena members and the impact that Athena has made in the Tampa Bay area as well as in Florida, nationally and internationally.



TIA Notes

by Suzy McLain, Member-at-Large

Reminder: The International Alliance is hosting its annual conference in Philadelphia, September 28 - October 1. The program ("Women Shaping the Future") and social activities promise to be outstanding educational and informative but fun! All Athena members are invited, so if you want more information, please call me at 253-0421.

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Upcoming Meeting

- WHEN:** Thursday, September 7, 1995
11:55 a.m.
- WHERE:** Centre Club
Westshore at Kennedy
- PROGRAM:** Affirmative Action: A Tampa Bay Perspective
- PANELISTS:** Helen Gordon Davis - former State Senator;
advocate for women's rights
Joanna Tokley - President, Tampa/
Hillsborough Urban League
Marcia Cohen - St. Petersburg attorney
specializing in labor/employment law
- RSVP:** By Sept. 2 with enclosed card or call
Eleanor Hubbard (251-9172).
- COST:** Guests - \$20

OPEN MEETING - GUESTS WELCOME

Affirmative Action is obviously in trouble and may not survive the challenges to its very existence. We'll look at this issue from a local perspective from three key angles:

- 1) Legal - What it really does and doesn't do.
- 2) Political/governmental - Is Affirmative Action facing its demise? If so, why? Can and should it be saved?
- 3) Practical - How much good has it done here? Has it made a real difference? And what happens if there is no Affirmative Action?

Each of the panelists tackling these questions has lengthy credentials in her area of expertise...a great program to launch the new year!



Athena "Housekeeping"

Kudos to **Mary Scriven** and **Judy Munson** for a thought-provoking, well-planned, well-executed and FUN retreat at the Longboat Key Club last month. A record 61 members attended; in addition to knowing more, they now know each other better and THAT seems to be the continuing attraction. Promise yourself to attend next year!

Former Athena member **Robin Krivanek** has generously provided complimentary passes to the Museum of Science and Industry (MOSI) on Fowler Avenue. Though a large number were distributed at the retreat, some are still available and may be secured from Eleanor Hubbard. Robin, retired Hillsborough County Supervisor of Elections, has long been a supporter of MOSI and notes that with the recent \$35 million expansion, it now ranks as the largest such facility in the southeastern U.S. Our thanks to Robin!

Don't forget to bring (to the luncheon meetings) your donation of sample-size toiletries for The Spring. This is an on-going project, and the response from members continues to be great!



Retreat '95

by Rhonda Trainor, Secretary

Our Saturday morning session with Pete Diehl focused on team building. Following a presentation about intelligence and the abilities needed for problem solving, he divided the group (of 60 members) into six teams to participate in a simulation.

Before reading the specific instructions for the work of the team, each had to establish its own culture. For example, in one team the members could not talk to each other or their leader unless they were touching. This led to difficulties in

communication. Another team's culture required members to be a certain distance apart. The culture factor definitely affected team work.

The teams were given an hour to construct their portion of the project. With great difficulty, the teams were successful in understanding the task and getting the project set up. The lean and mean Athena machine did not function properly on the first two tries but a good time was had by all! The team spirit is what counts.



News About Members

Several of our members have recently lost loved ones and to each of them we extend our heartfelt sympathy: **Juel Smith** suffered the loss of her sister. **Cindy Sontag, Leslie Stein** and **Betty Tribble** all lost their mothers. Anyone wishing to make a contribution in the memory of Cindy's mother may mail it to the William & Elizabeth Batt Scholarship Fund, Newark High School, 750 E. Delaware Ave., Newark, Delaware 19711. Anyone wishing to make a contribution in memory of Myrl Tribble may mail it to the United Way of Hillsborough County or the Hillsborough Educational Foundation. On August 5 Leslie's mother posthumously received the National Conference of Women's Bar Associations' President's Award in Chicago. Leslie was there to accept it at the American Bar Association meeting.

Jane Peppard has been named to a three-year term as a trustee of The Florida Orchestra.

Elaine Shimberg has been elected president of the Florida chapter of the American Medical Writers Association.

Sylvia Richardson has resumed her professional life. Earlier this year she attended the National joint Committee on Learning Disabilities for which she was an editor of their publication. She also attended the Southeast Regional Spring Conference of The Orton Dyslexia Society where she presented the keynote address on "Evolution of Approaches to Beginning Reading" and "A Review of Medical Research on Specific Developmental Dyslexia"; the annual workshop on dyslexia at the Menninger Clinic where her keynote address was "Language-based Learning Disabilities" and a meeting of the Multidisciplinary Academy of Clinical Educators of which she is a Fellow.

Susan Casper has been promoted to Director of the North Florida Dispute Analysis & Corporate Recovery Services Group of Price Waterhouse.

As we go to press, **Paddy Moses** is recovering nicely from gall bladder surgery and is looking forward to returning to her challenging new job: Development Specialist with the Boys & Girls Club of Tampa Bay. She notes that "it's exciting to be here because I have the freedom to use my imagination and run with ideas. In September we'll kick off Florida's first ever 'Auto Theft Diversion Program,' designed for all first time offenders. October 1 will kick off the first independent living residential program for boys between 16-18 who have been in the foster care system. A lot has happened in a couple of months, and there's more I'm working on, but I'd love to hear ideas from Athena members."

Noni Brill has an article in the summer issue of *Veranda* magazine. The subject is Bo MacEwen who is the architect behind The MacEwen Group of which Suzy McLain is Executive VP. The article deals with MacEwen's amazing drawing skills - apparently a vanishing art for architects because of computers.



Historical Notes

Editor's Note: As Athena prepares to celebrate its 20th year in 1996, we are publishing this monthly column to acquaint members with (or remind them of) the organization's many and varied achievements. Founding member and first president Suzy McLain remembers:

Athena's First Annual Retreat was held at the Sheraton Sand Key Hotel at Clearwater in August of 1976; **Susan Dellinger** was VP of Membership and together she and I mapped out plans. That first retreat, which enjoyed almost 100% attendance, started on Friday evening with a cocktail party in the President's Suite. Funds were limited and attendance costs were low, so, rather than paying the hotel a horrific sum for food, liquor and a bartender, I made a zillion little tea sandwiches, Athena sprang for a couple bottles of liquor and Athena "significant others" tended bar.

We had a board meeting early on Saturday and the rest of the morning was devoted to instruction by husband and wife motivational psychologists (Does it sound as if we haven't changed things a lot?) Sunday morning was spent with everyone brainstorming about Athena's procedures, future, public image, its politics, potential members, about Athena's whatever - it was a time of great camaraderie. When we left shortly after noon on Sunday, I believe everyone who was there left with a great natural high! We all agreed that an annual Athena Retreat was indeed a good thing!



TIA Notes

by Suzy McLain, Member at Large

The International Alliance has scheduled a gathering in Philadelphia, September 28-30, at The Ritz Carlton and all Athena members are invited to attend. "Shaping the Future" is the theme, and it promises to be a fantastic

program. If you plan to go, make your hotel reservations as soon as possible since I understand George Bush and his entourage will be staying at The Ritz and space will be limited. Hope to see a bunch of you in Philadelphia.

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No luncheon meeting in July or August. Members are encouraged to attend the retreat at the Longboat Key Club: July 21-23. (See enclosure and inside pages for details.) If you need a roommate, transportation or would like to attend only a portion of the program, call Eleanor Hubbard at 251-9172. Registration checks of \$150 are due now.

Upcoming Meeting

In lieu of an August meeting, we'll again attend a performance of the Musical Theatre Project of Tampa.

WHEN: Saturday, July 29, 1995
7:30 p.m.

WHERE: The Playhouse
Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center

WHAT: "Hollywood Pays Tribute to Broadway"
A musical revue with sketches

COST: Members - No Charge
Guests - \$20

RSVP: By July 17 with enclosed card or
call Eleanor Hubbard (251-9172).

A block of tickets is being held for Athena and will be released after that date, so please respond promptly. Tickets will be distributed that evening at the door. Bring your family and friends!

Those who have attended the past four years have been thrilled with the performances; the students are incredibly talented. Ann Reinking is the Artistic Director, and the students are being trained by a number of nationally known stars including Gregory Hines and Treat Williams:

Join us for fine entertainment!



President's Corner

Greetings! This year begins our 20th year since Athena's founding by a few women of vision and ambition. Those founding members recognized the need for an organization that simply didn't exist in the early and mid seventies - an organization composed of women of achievement in various areas (usually then dominated by men), from diverse backgrounds, who were committed to advance the causes of women. The founders recognized that such advancement can come only when women who have achieved a modicum (or more) of success wish to help others, wish to get to know and respect their peers and wish to enjoy their peers' company as well as their accomplishments.

I think Athena, as it has evolved, has become a group of modern "Women of Valour" with "Lives of Service". As we ease into our third decade, I think it's time for us to reflect upon where we've been, where we've come and how we reached where we are. We must also focus on what we are, what we want to be as an organization and where we want to go and grow. We must concern ourselves with issues that affect all women, not just ourselves.

Times of assessment and direction can be exciting and fulfilling. As we examine ourselves as a group and set our goals for our third decade, we bring great diversity, respect, caring and accomplishment to the table. We bring common goals and aspirations from different perspectives and backgrounds.

I hope that we cultivate our values and strengths to maintain an organization of continuing vibrancy with stridency, sisterhood without snobbery, dedication without division and the ability to smile without rancor. We must continue to foster and support causes that advance all women and their equality so that glass ceilings and walls, professional and social, become mere crystal floors on which to dance with our dreams.

We have a great retreat planned July 21-23 as the first step to help us work together for our common ends. We'll also have fun diversions. If you haven't signed up or can't stay overnight, please consider participating as a commuter or for some of the events. Call Eleanor Hubbard for details. See you there!

Athena "Housekeeping"

Our thanks to **Diane Bostow** for opening her home to us for the New Members' Party on June 11. As always, the Hospitality Committee (**Gabriele Faulkner, Mary Lou Harkness, Sharon Kilpatrick, Alice Luckey, Alene Mahin, Phyllis Marshall, Judy Munson, Mary Jane Saunders and Rhonda Trainor**) prepared a mouth-watering buffet. In addition to good food and good company, guests enjoyed touring the lovely and unusual home Diane shares with husband Hartley Mellish and children, Jennie and Luke.

If you've not returned your committee preference form, please do so...it's not too late.

Absolute LAST CALL for Athena pins or pendants. If you'd like to order, send your check - payable to Doug Rubottom - to Eleanor Hubbard at the P.O. Box by July 6. Prices are as follows: Sterling silver - \$28.22; vermeil - \$29.82; 14K yellow gold - \$95.32.

Membership dues are due!



*by Suzy McLain,
Member-at-Large*

TIA Notes

Attending the board meeting of The International Alliance in Chicago on June 16-17 was an exhilarating experience. In addition to meeting alot of bright, articulate women, I had the heady experience of a 4-hour seminar at Northwestern University on Internet and the World Wide Web! TIA's present focus is to encourage women to

become involved in the computer technology that is developing so swiftly. TIA feels that if women don't stay on the cutting edge of this rapidly expanding technology, we are going to be left at the starting gate in many areas. Are you aware that the World Wide Web (WWW) has 4.85 million host computers out there?! Fifty to 100 new host computers are being added daily; 90 countries are directly connected!

1995-96 Nominating Committee

The election which took place at the June meeting resulted in the following members being elected to serve on the 1995-96 Nominating Committee:

Jan Abell

Linda Hanna

Alternates: **Marva Crenshaw**

Barbara Reeves

Ann Ross

Louise Thompson

They will serve until the 1996 Annual Meeting.

by Mary Scriven, Chair

Retreat '95

Through hard work, a little fate and skillful negotiation, this year's retreat program has come together to a fine point which promises to be one of the best offered. On Saturday morning Pete Diehl, a notable expert on team building, will present an interactive program to help us better understand how to bring all of the very different styles, skills and experiences of our members together to accomplish the goals of Athena. We will build a lean, mean Athena machine!

Following that effort, in a unique way, we will share your ideas on how you reduce stress in your life. Don't forget to give this a little thought between now and July 21.

Finally, we'll close on Sunday morning with a presentation from Jackie Walker, nationally known motivational speaker and image stylist, who'll share her secrets on how to take the stress out of dress. She'll guide each participant in identifying her body proportions in relation to her wardrobe so none of us will ever again have to say "I have nothing to wear!"

We're certain this is a program you won't want to miss. Because you asked us to, we planned this program relatively close to home. So, for those who cannot join us for the entire weekend, please plan to attend one of the segments or just come down for dinner Friday or Saturday. Contact Eleanor Hubbard for details.



Historical Notes

Editor's Note: As Athena prepares to celebrate its 20th year in 1996, we begin this monthly column to acquaint members with (or remind them of) the organization's many and varied achievements. Founding member Nancy Ford launches the effort:

In 1977, disappointed and disheartened by the defeat of the Equal Rights Amendment by the Florida Legislature, Athena took action. An ERA Committee was commissioned to salvage something positive from the remains of the failed effort. Because it was apparent that, during the fray, women believers were not coordinated statewide in support of the passage of the amendment, the committee recommended that Athena sponsor the formation of a statewide network of like-minded women who could rally to future causes that concern us all. The following letter was dispatched to approximately one hundred prospects. Over fifty attended from throughout Florida and thus was launched the Florida Women's Network now known as the Florida Women's Alliance.

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In a mood that surpasses anxiety but stops short of depression, the two of us have decided that it is high time measures are taken to elevate the status and visibility of responsible Florida women. Recent media coverage of women's causes and events has left our sex with a somewhat confused, even negative public image. Therefore, we wish to unite a group of female leaders in the State into an organization to address issues that concern women and to bring about change. Will you help us as we seek to form a Network of Florida Women?

We belong to an organization in Tampa called The Athena Society. A list of our members is attached. As one of its primary projects for 1978, Athena has elected to sponsor the network. Our goal is to draw together a group of women who are not considered radical feminists, who can discuss women's issues with males without raising their hackles and around whom other women will rally. Our invitation list represents a cross section of women who work at home and women who work away from home. We intend to be a coalition of responsible, reasonable, capable people whose opinions will be sought when major issues arise within the State and our communities. We believe all women want to ensure that succeeding generations have freedom of choice to devote themselves to being wives and mothers, to pursue a career, or to combine the two.

We hope you are as interested and as intrigued by this idea as we are. Our plan is to organize during a reception and luncheon at the Tower Club in downtown Tampa, 11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., Saturday, July 29. Please reserve that date; we are eager for you to join us. Within two weeks, we will send you additional information, along with registration forms.

Linda Hanna and Barbara Pankau have been designated information officers for this project. If you have questions, please call one of them at 813/223-7474 or write one of us in care of The Athena Society.

Yours most sincerely,

Elizabeth B. Castor
State Senator

Nancy Ford
Chairperson: Network Committee

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ATHENA SOCIETY

P.O. Box 10813
TAMPA, FLORIDA 33679

Upcoming Meeting

WHEN: Thursday, June 1, 1995
5:30 p.m. - Cocktails (cash bar)
6:15 p.m. - Dinner

WHERE: Centre Club
Westshore at Kennedy

PROGRAM: Business Meeting - Agenda to include:
Election of Nominating Committee
Election of Officers/directors
Installation
Introduction of new members

RSVP: By May 29 with enclosed card or call
Eleanor Hubbard (251-9172). If you don't
think your card will arrive by SATURDAY,
please call.

CLOSED MEETING - MEMBERS ONLY

Menu note...Our entree will be Grouper Piccata; if you
prefer a petit filet mignon, you must notify Eleanor prior
to Friday noon.

It's Party Time - June 11

A party honoring new members is set for Sunday, June 11,
6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the home of Diane Bostow, 2510 Shell
Point Road. (off Bayshore Boulevard, south of Gandy) The
Hospitality Committee will, as usual, provide a superb
cocktail buffet - the best in town! There's no charge for
members and one guest; additional guests are \$20.
Reservations may be made by indicating on the enclosed
green card or by phoning Eleanor Hubbard prior to June 6.
Please list guest names.



President's Corner

Do We Practice What We Preach?

Athena's position statement on tolerance uses such words and phrases as "...concerned with acts of hatred and prejudice...rejects activities that promote intolerance and dissension...embraces...actions that value and promote diversity..."

Our Society is made up of 138 individual women of various shapes, sizes, colors and personal beliefs. Even though each one of those women has different personal beliefs, everyone of them is welcome in this Society and plays a valuable part. As all of us search for the right way to live our lives and hopefully to help others in that process, the exchange of ideas and positions, the attempt to understand the other's positions and ideas and the acceptance of each member irrespective of those differences is the only thing that will make our Society great. Angry confrontation or a cold shoulder will achieve nothing other than rejection and the end of the exchange of ideas and understanding. I have always believed that women are very good communicators. Let's show that we are great at it!

New Members Announced

The following women have been extended invitations to join Athena, have accepted and will be introduced at the June 1 dinner:

Mabel Bexley, Executive Director - The Spring

Sponsor: Bonnie Saks Co-sponsors: Helen Davis, Laura Waller

Mary Elizabeth Bryant, Asst. Superintendent Supportive Services - Hillsborough County Schools

Sponsor: Alice Luckey Co-sponsors: Alene Mahin, Juel Smith

Karen M. Domio, Manager - TECO Telecommunications Operations

Sponsor: Judy Ryan Co-sponsors: Jan Abell, Donna Fabry

Elsie B. Garner, Senior VP/Station Manager - WEDU

Sponsor: Linda Goldstein Co-sponsors: Terry Cone, Mickey Tagliarini

Jane B. Peppard, Manager - St. Pete Times, Hillsborough Cty.

Sponsor: Paddy Moses Co-sponsors: Judy Munson, Judy Rogers

Athena "Housekeeping"

Your Athena summer calendar looks like this:

- June 1: Installation dinner
- June 11: New Members' Party (details on page 1)
- July 21-23: Retreat, Longboat Key Club
- July 29: Musical Theatre program (evening at TBPAC)

There will be no luncheon/dinner meetings in July or August.

Don't forget to bring your donation of sample-size toiletries for The Spring. This is an on-going project, and we're having great participation!

Jewelry alert! Anyone interested in ordering an Athena pin or pendant is urged to mail her check - payable to Doug Rubottom - to Eleanor Hubbard at the P.O. box by July 1. (A minimum order of 20 pieces is needed.) Prices are as follows: 14K yellow gold - \$95.32; sterling silver - \$28.22; vermeil - \$29.82.



News About Members

Two Athena members were recognized with Women's Hall of Fame Awards at USF during closing ceremonies for Women's Awareness Month. **Margaret Fisher** and **Paula Knaus** were honored with USF President Betty Castor, a former Athena member. Margaret, incidentally, now an adjunct professor of Humanities, was USF's first and only dean of women students.

Message from **Emmy Acton**: "One of my twin sons, Richard, was diagnosed with a brain tumor at the end of last November. He had just turned 10. After going through an amazing roller-coaster ride, we found a great surgeon in Seattle. Richard had surgery in January and is now fully recovered. We just got his report card, and he's making A's and B's again. Thanks to all my friends in Athena for their friendship and support during this difficult time." (What wonderful news! Our best to Emmy, Richard and the rest of the family.)

Moira Burke recently returned from an "incredible trip" to Israel. Touring with a group of 19 people, she seems to have left no stone unturned - did it all: landed in Tel Aviv, viewed the archeology of Caesaria and Megiddo, visited Jericho, Jerusalem, Tiberias and dozens of other thrilling sites. She took a boat ride across the Sea of Galilee, stood at the Wailing Wall, planted a tree in the Hadassah Forest, learned Israeli folk dances and generally had a fabulous experience. Now we need photos!

Former Mayor **Sandy Freedman** continues to collect accolades - the 1995 Silver Medallion Humanitarian Award from The National Conference, 1995 Distinguished Citizen Award from USF and the 1995 Francisco Rodriguez Award from the George Edgecomb Bar Association. However the most exciting addition to her life is granddaughter #2, born April 10.

Members to Select Nominating Committee

At the May meeting, members were asked to vote for twelve (12) individuals eligible to serve on the 1995-96 Nominating Committee. The results of this preliminary ballot are as follows:

Jan Abell	Barbara Reeves
Noni Brill	Ann Ross
Terry Cone	Leslie Stein
Marva Crenshaw	Mickey Tagliarini
Cecile Essrig	Louise Thompson
Linda Hanna	Julia Waters

The final election shall take place at the June meeting at which time six members will be selected - four to serve as regular members and two to serve as alternates until the annual meeting in 1996.

If you do not plan to attend the June meeting, you may wish to implement Article V, Section 10 of the bylaws: PROXIES - At all meetings of the members, a member may vote by proxy, executed in writing, designating the specific meetings to which it applies; but no proxy shall be valid for more than one meeting. Each proxy shall be filed with the secretary of the Society before or at the time of the meeting.



Retreat Update

Fifty Athena members are looking forward with great anticipation to the annual retreat scheduled July 21-23 at the Longboat Key Club. Let's make it 60! Anyone even considering going is urged to contact Eleanor Hubbard immediately as our room block will be released June 1. Suites are for four, and Eleanor will gladly help pull foursomes together.

The registration fee of \$150 is due prior to June 15 - check payable to Athena to be mailed to P.O. box. This fee covers Friday and Saturday night dinners, Saturday and Sunday continental breakfasts and Sunday brunch.

If you are planning to attend and have not yet provided Eleanor with your charge card number, please do so immediately. She is handling arrangements with the Club.

1995-96 Slate

The following slate has been proposed for 1995-96 by the Nominating Committee:

President Ruth Himes
President-Elect Paddy Moses
VP/Membership Lee Blanton
VP/Programs Linda Goldstein
Secretary Rhonda Trainor
Treasurer Judy Munson
Imm. Past President Miriam Mason

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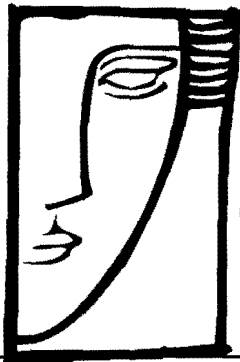
Two-year term:	One-year term:
Katherine Essrig	Mary Lou Harkness
Nancy McDonald	Returning: Nancy Ford
Ann Ross	Mimi Stamps

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Two-year term:	Returning:
Susan Casper	Amelia Bishop
Ann Henderson	Gabriele Faulkner
Mary Scriven	Pam Jordan
Alternate: Barbara Reeves	



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Upcoming Meeting

- WHEN:** Wednesday, May 3, 1995
11:55 a.m.
- WHERE:** Centre Club
Westshore at Kennedy
- PROGRAM:** 1995 Young Women of Promise
- COST:** Guests - \$20.00
- RSVP:** By April 29 with enclosed card or call
Eleanor Hubbard (251-9172). If you don't
think your card will arrive by SATURDAY,
please call.

OPEN MEETING - GUESTS WELCOME

Note that meeting is on Wednesday. Again this year the committee has opted to have no speaker and instead devote the entire program to highlighting the accomplishments of the honorees. Eleven outstanding young women have been selected; see page 4 for the list.

As she has done so often before, **Sandy Freedman** will present the plaques.

This is always a "feel good" meeting because these young ladies represent everything positive about teens today - the cream of the crop from both public and private schools. You'll be impressed and inspired by their achievements. Join us to meet them and show your support.

This is always a well-attended meeting, so please reserve early...or at least on time: by April 29.



President's Corner

An End and a Beginning

"There is more to life than business and professions. We will always need and love each other."

"Athena is more than the pursuit of quality; it is friendship and caring. It continues to live."

Athena lost **Velma Pate Thomas**. It was heartwarming to see so many of us at her funeral. As I looked around St. John's Episcopal Church, it was obvious that Athena has achieved what many of us wished for at this past year's Retreat.

"We cared about each other and supported each other."

We will have the opportunity to welcome new members into our Society shortly. I look forward to all of them being our friends.

"Because we were in the arena together, we won the fight. Long live our collective spirit."

Four of you will recognize the quotations in this message. You wrote them at this past year's Retreat.

"Retreat" to Longboat Key

The highlight of the year, as usual, will be the Retreat, July 21-23, at the Longboat Key Club. According to Retreat Chair **Mary Scriven**, "there is no pre-Retreat homework or reading requirement. We would like each of you to simply give some thought to how you relieve stress in your life. Jot down some ideas or just make a mental note. Please do not include booze, sex or exercise unless, of course, you know some extraordinary combination of these three that is not common knowledge or common practice and is legal."

Deluxe and standard suites are available and will be booked on a first-come, first-served basis. For additional lodging details and to make reservations, call Eleanor Hubbard (251-9172) prior to June 1. She can also help with roommate-matching; suites are for four.

Friday schedule: 3 p.m. Check-in

 6:30 Island House, Longboat Key Club
 Cocktails (cash bar)

 7:30 Dinner CASUAL ATTIRE

See enclosed pink sheet for Saturday/Sunday schedule, beauty treatment info, etc.



In Memoriam



Velma Pate Thomas

October 25, 1919 - April 12, 1995

Anyone wishing to make a contribution in Velma's memory may mail a check to The Centre for Women, 305 So. Hyde Park Ave., Tampa, 33606.

Athena "Housekeeping"

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Directory Changes:

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Elaine Shimberg
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News About Members

A plaque bearing the name of **Dorece Norris, M.D.** has been placed on the "Wall of Fame" in Seneca Falls, New York. A permanent part of the National Women's Hall of Fame, the wall commemorates women who are much loved and valued by families, friends and colleagues. With each plaque is a file of letters detailing the honoree's accomplishments which, in Dorry's case, is far too long to list. Suffice it to say that she has devoted the past 10 years to the care of Tampa Bay's HIV/AIDS community. Dorry was publicly recognized during a courtside presentation at the recent Virginia Slims tennis tournament in Saddlebrook.

Emeline Acton has been selected to serve as the 1995-96 President-Elect of the Hillsborough County Bar Assn.

On April 8 **Suzy McLain** and Mark observed their 50th wedding anniversary. Though married in Hayneville, Alabama, they have lived most of their married life in Tampa. Their black-tie dinner celebration at the Tampa Yacht Club produced many humorous toasts including: Mark is Mars; Suzy is Athena. One guest paid homage to the fact that Suzy now weighs 6 pounds less than when she married. (The reason? Suzy says she still had her baby fat!)

Our sincere belated condolences to **RoseAnne Bowers** for the loss of her father.

Binnie Coopersmith and **Barbara Romano** have merged their travel agencies and will be known as Travels Unlimited, now the Bay Area's largest independently-owned travel management company. Services include planning for business trips, corporate meetings, family vacations, and cruises. They may be reached at 286-1335.

Virginia Crawford, Senior Valuation Analyst with Southland Business Group, recently earned both of the major business valuation designations: A.S.A. (Accredited Senior Appraiser) from the American Society of Appraisers; and the C.B.A. (Certified Business Appraiser) from the Institute of Business Appraisers. She is one of only ten people in Florida with both designations and one of less than 150 in the country. Each designation required a series of educational courses, a lengthy written exam and the approval of two appraisals by boards of review.

Stephanie Ferrell has been admitted to the College of Fellows of the American Institute of Architects (AIA) for her contributions to the advancement of the profession of architecture. As one of the top honors conferred by the AIA to its members, medals will be awarded during the investiture of Fellows on May 6 during the National AIA Convention in Atlanta. Stephanie is one of only two honorees from the State of Florida this year.

1995 Young Women of Promise

Judy Chang	Berkeley Preparatory School
Jaclyn Garcia	King High School
Karen Goff	Plant City High School
Lisa Gong	Jefferson High School
Julienne James	Berkeley Preparatory School
Nileena Joseph	Hillsborough High School
Nga Mang	Jefferson High School
Wachirapon Piluek	Plant City High School
Monica Stoddard	Hillsborough High School
Lauren Valiente	Tampa Preparatory School
Elizabeth Yeu	Brandon High School

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Upcoming Meeting

WHEN: Thursday, April 6, 1995
11:55 a.m.

WHERE: Centre Club
Westshore at Kennedy

SPEAKER: Joan D. Ruffier
Orlando

COST: Guests - \$20

RSVP: By April 3 with enclosed card or
call Eleanor Hubbard (251-9172).

OPEN MEETING - GUESTS WELCOME

A multi-talented woman who is accomplished on many levels, Joan Ruffier is known as a "doer" who has left her imprint on literally dozens of organizations throughout Florida and the South.

Former Chair of the Florida Board of Regents (1988-90), Joan is a Certified Public Accountant who serves on the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, Jacksonville Branch. (She officiated as Chair in 1993.) Other boards currently benefitting from her experience are Florida Progress Corp. and Florida Power Corp. in St. Pete, Sun Bank in Orlando and Sun Health Corp. in Charlotte.

Her business ventures, varied as well, include commitment to a company involved in food and beverage concessions at both the Orlando and Jacksonville airports.

Join us to meet and hear a woman who is far more than an impressive list of accomplishments and affiliations. She is a caring, concerned individual, a savvy analyst of current conditions - economic and otherwise.



President's Corner

Suzy McLain, VP/Membership, and the Membership Committee of **Amelia Bishop**, **Noni Brill**, **Gabriele Faulkner**, **Pam Jordan**, **Ellen Kimmel**, **Candy Olson** and **Wilma Smith** have worked above and beyond to put into place our new policies and procedures on membership. The goals of the new procedures were objectivity, consistency and a more thorough process. They have learned from the year's experiences and will be suggesting to the Board some revisions that will assist the process in running more smoothly. Thank you all for giving so much of your time and energy in making this process work.

The certificates are ready. You can pick up your Athena membership certificate, appropriate for framing, at any monthly meeting.

President-Elect **Ruth Himes** is beginning to plan her year as President of Athena. She looks forward to your thoughts and suggestions for next year. Your suggestions should cover anything of interest to you - let your creativity be the limit. Please take this opportunity to share your thoughts with Ruth so she can plan the year with your input in mind.

As this year has progressed, it has been rewarding to watch each committee do its work and accomplish its task in turn. **Jean Amuso** and her Community Action Committee are completing their finishing touches on Athena's Second Annual Operation Jumpstart which will be held Saturday, April 22, at TECO Plaza. The committee hopes you will assist by attending the program and being available to mentor the participants on that day. Please call Jean Amuso to volunteer. The program begins at 9 a.m.

We will soon be shifting our attention to Young Women of Promise. **Katherine Essrig**, Chair of that committee, has been at work. We received 23 applications from outstanding young women and Katherine's committee will have the task of selecting from those well qualified to be among our Young Women of Promise. Those who are selected and will be at our membership meeting on Wednesday, May 3, will benefit from being able to sit with you at lunch and share with you their dreams. Come share some of your dreams with them.



Board Nominations Being Sought

In keeping with the spirit of inclusiveness, the Nominating Committee has created the enclosed form to be used by members for recommending themselves for a board position. Forms should be returned to Nominating Committee Chair **Susan Grady** by April 6 (or may be brought to luncheon that day). Any question regarding the procedure should also be directed to Susan.



Athena "Housekeeping"

Directory Changes:

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Susan Freeman, Executive Director of Tampa Bay Business Committee for the Arts, recently announced the Second Annual "Leadership on Board" class scheduled for four sessions in April/May. The course is targeted to future leaders of arts and cultural organizations, those interested in contributing to the arts and community leaders wishing to expand civic involvement. Applications are due by March 31; for additional information, call 221-ARTS.

The Sixth Annual TIA/FWA Washington briefing is scheduled for April 20-21 in Washington, D.C. An exciting program is planned which includes presentations by U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno and EPA Administrator Dr. Carol Browner. Because of Athena's membership in both the Florida Women's Alliance and The International Alliance, any Athenian wishing to attend is entitled to member rates. For details, contact Eleanor Hubbard, 251-9172.



News About Members

Adelaide Few has been elected President of the Greater Tampa Bay Phi Beta Kappa Association; **Jan Platt** is the new First Vice President; **Margaret Fisher** and **Leslie Stein** are members. Any other Athena member who is an undergrad PBK is urged to contact one of these ladies. The group's objective is to acquire a chapter at USF where they are working with Betty Castor who considers it a priority.

We got a chatty note from **Katie Brown** in Worcester, MA. Among other bits of information, she reports that the search committee at WPI has come up with a female candidate for president; her selection would be a "first" for an engineering institute. (Husband Jack is serving as Interim President for one year.)

Mary Estes has been given expanded responsibilities with St. Joseph's/St. Anthony's Health System and is now in charge of Public Relations and Communications at St. Joseph's Hospital in Tampa and St. Anthony's Hospital in St. Petersburg. She divides her time between the two locations.

At the March meeting Athena Frog pins were presented to **Moira Burke** and **Gabriele Faulkner** in recognition of their efforts to help women get a jumpstart on employment, education or other area of life.

A letter to the editor was recently published in the New York Times from **Emmy Acton** regarding diversity in the workplace. Emmy, Hillsborough County Attorney, wrote in response to an article casting doubts on its existence; Emmy refuted author's claim by stating some local facts. Anyone interested in seeing a copy may contact Eleanor Hubbard.

Athena "Reminders"

Mail or fax (254-5585) your retreat reservation forms to Eleanor Hubbard as soon as possible; our room block at the Long Boat Key Club will be released on June 1. Need a roommate? Call Eleanor.

DATE CHANGE: The May meeting - Young Women of Promise - will be held on Wednesday, May 3, at the Centre Club.

Members who are not pictured in the current directory are urged to consider getting a photo made. And those who are going to update theirs may wish to begin planning as well. Deadline will be in early August.

Don't forget to bring (to the luncheon meetings) your donation of sample-size toiletries for The Spring. This is an on-going project, and we're having great participation!

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Upcoming Meeting

WHEN: Thursday, March 2, 1995
11:55 a.m.

WHERE: Centre Club
Westshore at Kennedy

PROGRAM: Domestic Violence Revisited:
Three Crucial Perspectives

COST: Guests - \$20

RSVP: By February 27 with enclosed card or
call Eleanor Hubbard (251-9172).

OPEN MEETING - GUESTS WELCOME

The Athena Society, through the Public Issues Committee, continues its focus on the crucial issue of domestic violence with a panel of three speakers who will address different perspectives:

Michelle - a former abused spouse and client of The Spring of Tampa Bay - is now working on her B.A. and has been successfully independent from her spouse for three years. Michelle spoke poignantly at The Spring's annual breakfast a few months ago. She will focus on "The Right to Feel Safe."

Dr. Ronald A. Chez - professor of obstetrics and gynecology at the University of South Florida where he is also a professor of community and family health - will talk on "The Right to Make Choices." Dr. Chez is a spokesperson for the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists to enhance the awareness of the prevalence of domestic violence in all medical practices.

Sgt. R.D. Reder - of the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office who is in charge of the Domestic Violence Unit will focus on "The Right to Protection." Sgt. Reder will discuss the special countywide training on domestic violence for all law enforcement agencies in this county to be held February 28 - March 2. (Athena is one of the seminar sponsors, and members are invited to attend the opening at 8 a.m. at the Florida Department of Law Enforcement office. Contact Eleanor Hubbard for details.)



President's Corner

"Rise and Shine"

Every morning my parents woke me with the exclamation, "rise and shine!" I don't know what they really meant as I never specifically asked. I remember those exclamations always being positive and bright and almost a challenge for the day - not an intimidating challenge but a bright, shiny one.

There were some other things my parents said to me (over and over again) that have stayed with me always and absolutely influenced who and what I am. As I was beginning to wear makeup, and I have no doubt applying more than was necessary, they would use the phrase "be yourself, don't be something you're not." I promptly discarded that in its application to makeup, but I know I have incorporated that in attempting to be clear and direct with others. They also used to say, "do you very best in whatever you do" and "you can be whatever you want to be." How they were really applying that was in their suggestion that I should either be a schoolteacher or a nurse so that I would always be able to support myself wherever my husband was, but somehow I took the words to heart and shocked them when I told them I was going to law school.

As I watched our Mayor **Sandy Freedman** at our February membership meeting, I thought about all those things that my parents had told me. As Sandy stepped up on her box, she made "rise and shine" come true. She has proven that even little girls can be whatever they want to be and can do it while being themselves. She seems to have incorporated all my parents' directions in her life and accomplishments. Thank goodness for all those mothers and fathers who have assisted in making dreams come true.

The Athena directory is full of outstanding women who rise and shine every day. I spent some time recently looking through that directory and actually reading the information about our members. Did you know that **Jackie Whatley's** special interest is Tennessee walking horses? Maybe I was the last one to know. Have you seen the beautiful photograph of **Jean Amuso**? I hope you will spend a moment or more if you have it, learning more about our members. They are a great resource for many of your needs.

Nominating Committee Selected

As the result of voting at the February meeting, the following have been elected to serve on the Nominating Committee through June, 1995:

Jean Amuso

Patti Breckenridge

Nancy Ford

Pat Frank

Linda Fries

Marsha Rydberg

Chairing the committee will be Immediate Past President Susan Grady.



Athena "Housekeeping"

Reminder: If you like either mystery or comedy, you'll love "Shear Madness", the Athena Plus program scheduled for Thursday, March 23, 8 p.m. at the Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center. By now you've, no doubt, heard and read the great reviews and would like to participate - literally! Theatre is set cabaret style and Athena's tables are front-row (thanks to Judy Munson); tickets are \$15.50. If you'd like a "Mad Meal" (chicken salad on croissant, chips, fruit, brownie and beverage), include another \$8.50 and mail your check to the Athena P.O. box prior to March 13.

Another reminder: Mail or fax (254-5585) your retreat reservation forms to Eleanor Hubbard as soon as possible.

Please note that the date of the May meeting (Young Women of Promise) has been changed to WEDNESDAY, May 3, at the Centre Club.

Athena members have been invited by the Tampa Chapter of Links to participate in their White Rose Luncheon on Saturday, April 1, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. Keynote speaker will be attorney Patricia Russell-McCloud, an articulate, motivational orator who will focus on the luncheon theme, "Linkages Toward the Possible: Empowerment and Inclusion in the Business, Cultural and Social Arenas." Tickets are \$35, and proceeds will go to St. Peter Claver Day Care Center in Tampa. Anyone interested in sitting at an Athena table should call Eleanor Hubbard for reservations by March 1.

See enclosed information on 1995 candidates for membership.

Frog Pins Awarded

Elaine College and Mary Lou Harkness were presented with Frog pins at the February meeting in recognition of their efforts to help women get a jumpstart on employment, education or other areas that help them move on and up toward independence. Only Athena members are eligible for this award; the first (and only) was given last year to Phyllis Marshall.

The creation of the pin came about as the result of last year's highly successful Operation Jumpstart, and plans are now being solidified for the Second Annual OJ to be held Saturday, April 22, at TECO Plaza. Anyone wishing to be a part of that project is urged to contact Jean Amuso. The committee will convene next on March 30.





Early Reservations Encouraged

Ladies, I need to enlist your help. Late luncheon reservations are presenting a problem at the Centre Club, and the management recently brought that to my attention. To help you understand the problem, let me explain the process: Our guarantee is given on Monday so food can be ordered; that guarantee can be updated on Tuesday a.m. However, because so many reservations come in late Tuesday, Wednesday and even Thursday morning (!), our numbers often increase as much as 30-40% from Monday to Thursday. Setting up last minute tables isn't so much the issue as lack of food. The late increased numbers put a strain on the kitchen staff...AND on our relationship with the friendly folks at the Club.

We fully understand a last-minute change in plans which frees you to attend when you previously didn't think you could. No problem—we'll accommodate you cheerfully. But if you know early on that you plan to attend, please phone (251-9172) or drop your card in the mail by Saturday. Our deadline for reservations is noon Monday. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated, and we look forward to seeing more members at the meetings.

by Eleanor Hubbard, Administrator

News About Members

Linda Saul-Sena has been appointed by Gov. Lawton Chiles to a three-year term on the Hillsborough Area Regional Transit Authority (HARTline).

Susan Casper has been in San Juan since July, heading a Price Waterhouse team that is assisting local counsel that represents DuPont in the Benlate litigation in Puerto Rico.

Our sincere sympathy to **Rhoda Franklin** for the recent loss of her mother.

Both **Phyllis Marshall** and **Velma Thomas** are "under the weather" and would love to hear from friends. Phyllis will soon be re-entering Tampa General Hospital and Velma currently is at St. Joseph's. (It's suggested you check on their whereabouts before visiting or even sending a card.)

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!
TUESDAY, MARCH 7

Two Athena members are running: Jan Platt for Mayor and Helen Chavez for City Council.

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Upcoming Meeting

WHEN: Thursday, February 2, 1995
11:55 a.m.

WHERE: Centre Club
Westshore at Kennedy

PROGRAM: A Tribute to Mayor Sandy Freedman

COST: Guests - \$20

RSVP: By January 30 with enclosed card or
call Eleanor Hubbard (251-9172).

OPEN MEETING - GUESTS WELCOME

Sandy Freedman's 20+ years of public service will soon come to a close - possibly only temporarily - when she completes her second term and leaves the Mayor's office in March.

As her former close associate in city government, **Kathy Betancourt**, stated: "Being Mayor of Tampa is hardly a ribbon-cutting role. Because of our charter, the position is one of the strongest in the nation. In this city the Mayor is the CEO and much power comes with the office." Sandy, as we know, has made the most of it, improving lives in many ways, making Tampa a better place in which to live and work.

For this we wish to pay tribute and invite all Athena members to attend. Among those who'll share their perspectives of the professional and personal side of Sandy Freedman are **Linda Goldstein, Paddy Moses and Elaine Shimberg**.

Join us for a very special meeting! (See additional program notes on back page.)



President's Corner

We had a great time. Our luncheon meeting on January 5 at the Lifsey House was a relaxing respite and an opportunity for friends to catch up after the holidays. USF President Betty Castor welcomed us into her home and USF Contemporary Art Museum Director **Margaret Miller** presented the art in President Castor's home. **Ann Ross** has planned for us another special event. In this newsletter you'll see details of our invitation to attend the "Golden Girls" at USF Theatre on February 24. At 7 p.m. we'll be treated to a reception at the USF Contemporary Art Museum and Director Margaret Miller will take us on a personal tour of Alfredo Jaars' exhibition. He is an artist who focuses on global issues.

Many of you are busy - spending your time and creativity on future Athena plans. The Public Issues Committee, under **Linda Goldstein's** leadership, will present our March meeting continuing to focus on spousal abuse. The Community Action Committee, under the leadership of **Jean Amuso**, is finalizing its plans for the Second Annual Operation Jump Start which will be held April 22 at TECO Plaza. Thanks to all of you for your commitment in making these special projects come to fruition.

Last month we basked in the glory with President Castor and at our February meeting, we will celebrate Mayor Sandy Freedman's mayoralship. Come join us in the celebration.



Nominating Committee to be Selected

At the February meeting members will vote for six of the following candidates. If you are unable to attend the meeting, mail your ballot to the Athena box, fax to Eleanor Hubbard at 254-5585 (to be received prior to 10 a.m., 2/2) or send your proxy to the meeting.

Jean Amuso
Patti Breckenridge
Susan Casper
Terry Cone
Marva Crenshaw
Nancy Ford

Pat Frank
Linda Fries
Linda Hanna
Marsha Rydberg
Louise Thompson
Julia Waters



Committee Reports

Membership

by *Suzy McLain, Chair*

Members are reminded that the deadline for submitting membership nomination forms for the current year is February 15. The committee also wishes to re-state the criteria for sponsoring a candidate:

- 1) The sponsor or one of the co-sponsors must have attended one of the sponsors' meetings.
- 2) The sponsor and co-sponsors must have attended FOUR Athena functions during each of the preceding two years.
- 3) Each sponsor and co-sponsor must have been members of Athena at least one year. Candidate for membership must have been a Tampa resident for at least one year.
- 4) Each sponsor and co-sponsor must have attended at least one Athena retreat.

News About Members

Congratulations to **Jenna Venero** and husband Gabe - brand new parents to a son born January 4. Drexel Alejandro (Alex) Venero weighed in at 9 lbs. 2 oz., 21 1/2 inches; he'll enjoy a fulltime mom until about first of April when she returns to her duties with the Florida Marine Patrol.

Our sincere sympathy to **Adelaide Few** for the loss of her father and to **Elaine Shimberg** for the loss of her mother.

Laura Waller has been appointed by the Mayor to a one-year term on the General Employees Pension Board for the City. Comprised of seven people, the board sets policy and reviews investment decisions.

Miriam Mason has been elected to a three-year term as Vice President of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers.

Mark and **Suzy McLain** enjoyed an exciting trip to Alaska in September. Among many interesting experiences was a trip around Mount McKinley in a single engine plane to view glaciers. Suzy reports that it was breathtakingly beautiful and totally terrifying! She's glad she took the plane trip but doesn't plan to do it again.

Jan Abell recently returned from what she terms "the perfect vacation" and described it like this: Primarily hunting around the Cotswold area is like riding in a painting of the English countryside, the riding exciting and exhilarating at the least! The horses are terrific athletes that can gallop down a hill, jump a ditch and fly over a hedge while moments earlier they stood patiently while we all sipped our port from our saddles before embarking. We might gallop past a Gothic folly in the property of a great English country house or descend into a 15th century churchyard while we passed through a picturesque Cotswold village. Riding in Florida is great but fox hunting in England is an unforgettable experience!

Miriam Mason ended 1994 with two fabulous trips - the first was to Italy with her husband (in November) where they enjoyed the art of Florence, the architecture of Rome and the wine country in Tuscany. In December they skied in Utah while staying at the Washington School Inn in Park City. A schoolhouse originally, it opened in 1889 and is now a charming 15-room country inn listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Enjoying the same fine scenery were Bill and **Amelia Bishop**, **Pam Jordan** and Tom Wolf.



Athena "Housekeeping"

For the enjoyment of both members and guests, Athena Plus programs have been planned for February and March. The February event is set for Friday the 24th: reception at the USF Contemporary Art Museum (7 p.m.) followed by "Golden Girls" at USF Theatre II (8 p.m.) The museum is featuring an exhibition by Alfredo Jaar, an artist who focuses on contemporary global issues. **Margaret Miller** will walk us through and explain his works. "Golden Girls" is a drama about female athletes (not the group you may know from TV), a 1995 Brit program production. Cost for both reception and play is \$10 per person. For reservations, call Eleanor Hubbard prior to February 20. An interesting side note: **Hinks** and **Elaine Shimberg** are founding directors of the British International Theatre Program at USF.

Athena Plus in March will be "Shear Madness" on Thursday, the 23rd, at the Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center. The comic murder mystery with a national cast features audience participation and has gotten excellent reviews. Theatre is set cabaret style; tickets will be \$15.50 for front-row tables. If you'd like a "Mad Meal" (chicken salad on croissant, chips, fruit, brownie and beverage), include another \$8.50 and mail your check to the Athena P.O. box prior to March 13. Great fun!

An outing to the Treasures of the Czars is not being planned as we were unable to sign up the large number required for the special arrangements. (For those who reserved to attend with the Tampa Bay Committee for the Arts on January 27, that's still a "go" though no additional tickets are now available.) If you'd like to get an informal group together for March or April, Eleanor Hubbard has offered to accept names and pass them on to an organizer. Contact her if you are interested.

See enclosed flier on "Tissue", a production involving several Athena members and subject matter of great interest.

(Does not appear in Sandy's copy.)

February 2 program note: Anyone who wishes to may send a contribution in Sandy's honor to The Spring, P.O. Box 4772, Tampa 33677. This is an organization she believes in and for which she has expressed a particular fondness for many years.

The National Conference will be honoring Sandy Freedman with its Silver Humanitarian Award on April 27 at the Hyatt Regency Downtown. Cocktails begin at 6, dinner at 7; tickets are \$150 per person. If you are interested in putting together an Athena table, please contact Eleanor Hubbard.

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Upcoming Meeting

- WHEN:** Thursday, January 5, 1995
11:55 a.m.
- WHERE:** Lifsey House
University of South Florida
4202 E. Fowler Avenue
- SPEAKERS:** Betty Castor, USF President
Margaret Miller, Director
USF Contemporary Art Museum
- COST:** Guests - \$20
- RSVP:** By January 3 with enclosed card or
call Eleanor Hubbard (251-9172).

OPEN MEETING - GUESTS WELCOME

USF President Betty Castor will welcome members and guests to the home she has occupied for less than three months. The 9,000 square foot modern residence, culmination of years of planning, was designed by Winter Haven architect Gene Leedy.

Margaret Miller will talk about the artwork, all of which has been created by USF faculty or at internationally known Graphicstudio.

After viewing the downstairs public rooms, members and guests will enjoy a buffet luncheon.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: Enter the University from the main entrance on Fowler; at the first stop light (Alumni Drive), turn right; drive about 100 yards and turn right into the drive at the house.



President's Corner

Oh, what a wonderful December - full of good times together. On December 1st we gathered at the Tampa Yacht Club for wonderful camaraderie and an outstanding performance by the New Athena Players. Having experienced that first blush of stardom at our retreat in July, Athena was begging for more. If you missed the performance, I'm sorry. The stars of the evening were **Linda Wilson, Louise Thompson, Terry Cone, Carmen Bolt, Stephanie Ferrell, Sandy Frye, Linda Goldstein, Anne Kantor and Ellen Kimmel**. Contributing to the lyrics were **Terry Cone, Carol Dyches, Sandy Frye and Elaine Shimberg**. For those who missed the performance, I want to share with you the lyrics from the final number in which we all joined in.

The Twelve Athena Days of Christmas

On the first day of Christmas, Athena gave to me
A lifestyle just perfect for me.

On the second day of Christmas, Athena gave to me
Two gifted children
And a lifestyle just perfect for me.

On the third day of Christmas, Athena gave to me
Three English nannies, etc.
(Repeat previous lines)

On the fourth day of Christmas, Athena gave to me
Four cleaning ladies, etc.

On the fifth day of Christmas, Athena gave to me
Five microwaves, etc.

On the sixth day of Christmas, Athena gave to me
Six power lunches, etc.

On the seventh day of Christmas, Athena gave to me
Seven fax machines, etc.,

On the eighth day of Christmas, Athena gave to me
Eight hours sleeping, etc.

On the ninth day of Christmas, Athena gave to me
Nine parties catered, etc.

On the tenth day of Christmas, Athena gave to me
Ten silk dresses, etc.

On the eleventh day of Christmas, Athena gave to me
Eleven trips to Paris, etc.

On the twelfth day of Christmas, Athena gave to me
Twelve personal trainers, etc.

Gwynne Young welcomed us when we gathered again for our holiday party. Her beautiful home was just perfect for all 120 of us. A big thanks goes to the Hospitality Committee: Chair **Phyllis Marshall, Alene Mahin, Alice Luckey, Diane Bostow, Mary Jane Saunders, Mary Lou Harkness, Sharon Kilpatrick, Judy Munson, Rhonda Trainor and Judy Ryan**.

I must admit that I enjoy these special times the most of all. It gives Athena members a better opportunity to spend quality time with each other. I wish for all of you a wonderful, safe holiday and the best for the New Year.



Athena "Housekeeping"

The 1995 retreat has been scheduled for July 21-23 at the Longboat Key Club, a return engagement to a wonderful facility. We've reserved two-bedroom beach-view suites and will provide details in next month's newsletter. Mark your calendar!

At the January meeting, the membership shall be asked to vote for twelve (12) individuals from the slate of members eligible for the Nominating Committee. (See enclosed list.) If you do not plan to attend the January meeting, you may wish to implement Article V, Section 10 of the bylaws: PROXIES - At all meetings of the members, a member may vote by proxy, executed in writing designating the specific meeting to which it applies; but no proxy shall be valid for more than one meeting. Each proxy shall be filed with the secretary of the Society before or at the time of the meeting.

The International Alliance has scheduled its 1995 Planning Retreat at The Colony Beach & Tennis Resort at Longboat Key, January 13-15. The program begins with a reception/dinner on Friday evening and concludes at noon Sunday. Contact Eleanor Hubbard for details.

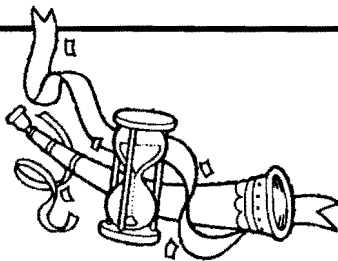
News About Members

Best wishes to **Barbara Reeves** who last month married Dr. Fletcher Stuart, a physician from Sewanee, TN. He is currently practicing at the Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville but hopes to be transferred to MacDill AFB in the very near future. In the meantime Barbara is maintaining two residences.

Carmen Bolt is going on to bigger and better things: Deputy Regional Commissioner of the Social Security Administration in San Francisco. This is the third largest region in the U.S. (200 offices, 6000 employees) encompassing Arizona, California, Nevada and Hawaii, and Carmen will be second in command! She'll be missed but promises to stay in touch.

Our sincere sympathy goes to **Ann Henderson** for the recent loss of her father.

Editor's note: Next month we'll highlight some unusual vacations taken by members during the past year. (Lack of space has prevented that for the last several issues.) If you'd like to share, call Eleanor Hubbard, 251-9172.



**Best Wishes For A Healthy
and Prosperous New Year!**





Membership

by *Suzy McLain, Chair*

The deadline for submitting membership applications for the current year is February 15 at 5 p.m.

Members who are eligible to sponsor or co-sponsor a candidate for membership are those who have attended at least four Athena functions (monthly meetings, committee meetings, parties, etc.) during each of the past two years and who have attended at least one retreat during their membership in Athena.

It is requested that members who attended the sponsor's meeting at Harbour Island on November 3 return to the Membership Committee the completed Athena Applicant Questionnaire included with the Sponsor Information Kit which was distributed at the meeting. This will enable the Membership Committee to provide prospective sponsors with a profile of prospective applicants. Please mail completed questionnaires (or drop off) to **Susan McLain**, 1408 Swann Avenue, Tampa, 33606. Members who intend to sponsor a candidate are encouraged to bring them to the meetings in January and February so the Committee can meet and talk with them.

Public Issues

by *Linda Goldstein, Chair*

This committee has made the issue of domestic violence a top priority and taken several specific measures to reinforce our position.

Our November meeting featured a special program on the topic with Lt. Marvin Evans of Newport News, VA who talked about his police department's nationally recognized approach, PRIDE (Police Response to Incidents of Domestic Emergencies). Also participating was Robin Hassler, Chairman of the Governor's Task Force on Domestic Violence, to update us on the State of Florida's activities on this issue. Leading local, state and law enforcement officials responded to our invitation, including Mayor **Sandy Freedman** who introduced Lt. Evans. Among those who attended were Tampa Police Chief

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Bennie Holder; State Attorney Harry Lee Coe with several members of his staff; State Rep. Elvin Martinez; Judge Peter Taylor; representatives of HRS, the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office and community organizations.

In fact, Sargeant Rod Reder of the Sheriff's office, who was in attendance, thanked the Athena Society for "helping to fortify my chain of command and helping to verify the need" to take action in this county. He has been working on this issue for the last few years and is proud to announce that the Sheriff's office has officially started a Domestic Violence Unit to provide special training to deputies.

After the meeting I received phone calls from Mabel Bexley and Frances Leep of The Spring who also applauded our efforts and asked Athena to support their special event on domestic violence featuring the Academy Award-winning documentary, "Defending Our Lives," and nationally known prosecutor (and former domestic violence victim) Sara Buel of Quincy, MA. Athena members attended the function at the Tampa Theatre and, when a roll call was taken, stood up as a group to support "Zero Tolerance: Stop Domestic Violence." President-Elect **Ruth Himes** presented a \$500 check, representing Athena's holiday donation, to Mabel Bexley. Athena members also attended The Spring's breakfast the following morning to show support.

As Chairman of the Public Issues Committee, I want to thank the members for their dedicated efforts and generous commitment of time and energy. Among those who went the extra mile were **Terry Cone, Helen Gordon Davis, Margaret Fisher, Nancy Ford, Pat Frank, Sandy Frye, Mary Lou Harkness, Barbara Romano, Mickey Tagliarini, Louise Thompson** and **Linda Wilson**. And Eleanor Hubbard is always there when we need her.

Community Action Report

Enclosed