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## ATHENA SOCIETY

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## Upcoming Meeting

- WHEN:** Thursday, December 2  
5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
- WHERE:** Henry B. Plant Museum  
@ The University of Tampa
- PROGRAM:** Holiday Celebration  
Holiday Contribution (see below)
- MENU:** Heavy hors d'ouvres and libations
- RSVP:** By November 29 – Call **Eleanor Hubbard**  
(251-9172) or email [ewhubbard@aol.com](mailto:ewhubbard@aol.com).

## CLOSED MEETING – MEMBERS ONLY

Our party will be hosted by **Cynthia Gandec** at the Plant Museum where we'll enjoy the Victorian Stroll and (weather permitting) a buffet on the veranda. What a wonderful way to launch the holiday season! Enjoy the opportunity to mix and mingle with old friends while getting acquainted with new ones. Everyone has stories to tell of what Athena friendships mean to them, and this special meeting is a great way to celebrate those friendships.

You'll also have a chance to begin (or finish) your holiday shopping in the Museum's gift shop which is chock full of unique items.

Because the holidays are traditionally a time of sharing, we invite you to consider a contribution to either the Community Foundation Athena Education Fund or the Ophelia Project. We'll have a basket for your checks at the Museum or you can mail them to Eleanor Hubbard at the P.O. Box.



## President's Message

The November meeting was another huge success with Dr. Janet Scaglione's rousing discussion of her evolution from young mother to college professor to playwright and composer. She sounded a theme we have heard before – the importance of other women in her life, especially her mother.

I am sure all of you know that we have lost a former member and a mother this month. Alice Luckey may have left this world but not without leaving her mark on our organization and our community. At Alice's memorial service, her daughter and fellow Athena member, **Gwynne Young**, recalled the profound influence of this pioneer advocate for women and children. As a young widow with three small children, Alice went to work as the administrator of the Hillsborough County School lunch program. She used her position to demonstrate what a motivated woman can do. She also improved the nutrition of Hillsborough County's children and perhaps most importantly, the lives and careers of the lunchroom workers and supervisors.

This space is not sufficient to begin to adequately recognize Alice's contribution (including, of course, great Athena parties), but I thought it an opportunity to remind that each of us can change the world every day in our jobs, homes and organizations. I am thankful for Alice's life and example.

December is always an exciting month for Athena. **Holly Tomlin** and her committee with special help from **Cynthia Gandee** are planning a lovely holiday evening at the Henry B. Plant Museum, Thursday, December 2. We also look forward to our holiday cocktail party at the home of **Melinda Chavez** on December 12.

I can't believe it's already time to wish each of you joy filled holidays.

Margaret



## Gift of Peace Breakfast

The Spring of Tampa Bay is holding its 14th Annual **Mabel Bexley** Gift of Peace Breakfast on Thursday, December 2, at the A La Carte Pavilion, 4050 Dana Shores Drive 7:30–8:45 a.m. Steve Otto of the Tampa Tribune will be honored with the Hands of Peace Award. Seats are \$50 each but **Beth Waters** has thoughtfully donated her table to Athena which means that you'll pay no admission but, hopefully, make a generous contribution on site. Seating at the table will be first come/first serve; contact **Eleanor Hubbard** (251-9172) for reservations. Beth is the Immediate Past Chair of The Spring's Board of Directors.



## Holiday Buffet – December 12

Annual highlight of the season is Athena's Holiday Buffet to be held at the home of Timothe and **Melinda Chavez**, 2631 Jetton Avenue, 5 to 7 p.m. on Sunday, December 12. Your Hospitality Hostesses – under the direction of Chair **Susan Grady** – are planning a festive evening with your favorite foods, favorite drinks and favorite people. Each member is entitled to bring one guest at no charge; additional guests are very welcome at a charge of \$20 each. RSVP to **Eleanor Hubbard** – with guest names – prior to December 8.

## Athena Housekeeping

As the result of our survey concerning the 2005 retreat, Sarasota's Ritz-Carlton was the overwhelming favorite, so it's official.....we're going.....July 15-17. Mark your calendar and look for more news as it develops.

Last call for ordering Athena jewelry - either a pin or a pendant. Deadline is December 2 and this will be the only opportunity to order until next summer. Contact **Eleanor Hubbard** if you're interested; it's a wonderful gift to give yourself!

14K yellow gold - \$96

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Packets for members wishing to nominate prospective members will be available at the December 2 meeting as well as on Athena's website ([www.athena-society.com](http://www.athena-society.com)). Deadline for submitting the forms is February 14.

If you forgot last month to bring your old cell phones for The Spring, it's not too late. They will, in fact, be welcome all year long to be given to clients as an emergency means of communication or sold for funds to provide other services.

For your convenience in planning, here's our meeting schedule for the remainder of the year – all luncheons, all open to guests unless otherwise noted:

December 12 – Holiday Buffet – see top of page

January 6 – Political update – Dr. Susan McManus

February 3 – International Women

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## News About Members

Our deepest sympathy to **Gwynne Young** for the loss of her mother, Alice Luckey, earlier this month. Alice was a former Athena member – much loved and highly appreciated as a great Hospitality Chair for many years. She will be missed.

**Susan Dellinger** has just signed a contract with Emmis Books in Cincinnati to write the memoirs of her grandfather - Edd J. Roush - enshrined in the Baseball Hall of Fame. The book will focus on the Cincinnati Reds in the 1919 World Series - better known as the "Black Sox Scandal."

Our warmest congratulations to **Pat Frank** for her election to the post of Hillsborough County Clerk of the Circuit Court and to **Betty Castor** for her strong showing in the race for U.S. Senator. Athena is proud of you both!

**Sylvia Richardson** seems to be a magnet for accolades! She recently was chosen by the Historical Committee of the Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center Medical Staff for their Hall of Honor "as a result of your exceptional accomplishments in the field of learning disabilities and developmental disorders." Sylvia stated that she was overwhelmed by the honor as she's been away from Cincinnati for 24 years!

Public Servant Extraordinaire **Jan Platt** is retiring after 24 years of serving the citizens of Hillsborough County. As a token of appreciation, a Toast/Roast has been planned to be held at 6 p.m. on Thursday, December 9, at UT's Vaughn Center. Dan Ruth will serve as Roast Master; Frank Sargeant as Toast Master. Tickets are \$35; for additional information, contact **Sandy Frye**, 286-8659.

In keeping with the truism that directories are out of date while still on the press, please note that **Annette DeLisle** has just accepted a new position: Director of Member and Corporate Relations for AACSB International. She can be reached at 777 So. Harbour Island Blvd, #750, Tampa 33602, 813/769-6615, [annette@aacsb.edu](mailto:annette@aacsb.edu).

## Members' Projects

Has the teen or pre-teen girl in your household outgrown some clothes that are still in good condition? Do you want to make a difference in the life of a girl in need? Then consider donating gently-used clothing to The Centre for Girls! The Centre for Girls, a program of The Centre for Women, is a girls-only "community center" that provides afterschool and summer activities for preteen and early teen girls. Located at the corner of Florida and Sligh, its goal is to strengthen self-confidence and identity and to teach healthy decision-making skills. The program accepts girls' clothing (children's size 8 and up) and distributes it to participating girls who are most in need. Two-thirds of the girls who attend The Centre are from low-income families who can have difficulty providing even basic necessities. For more information, call 231-3404.

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## Upcoming Meeting

- WHEN:** Thursday, November 4  
11:55 a.m. – luncheon
- WHERE:** Centre Club  
Westshore at Kennedy
- SPEAKER:** Janet Scaglione, Ph. D.  
USF Professor turned playwright
- PROGRAM:** Follow Your Heart . . .to Your Soul
- COST:** Guests - \$20
- RSVP:** By November 1 – Call **Eleanor Hubbard**  
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## OPEN MEETING – GUESTS WELCOME

Meet Dr. Janet Scaglione and hear the inspiring story of how music found her amidst a lifetime of marriage, motherhood, career and causes. At 50, this award-winning educator, wife and mother of five discovered a musical talent she never knew she had. At 50, she became a composer, playwright, actress and creative artist.

Her original musical *Diva's, Dykes and Dumb Blondes* celebrates the beauty, brains and bravado of womanhood. This rare blend of female hilarity, humility and honesty encourages every woman to reach out . . .by reaching in.

"I did not learn to write," says Janet, "I simply learned to listen. I listened to my life, to the music of my surroundings and to the melodious voice of a woman deep inside my soul."



## President's Message

I have always liked the analogies of successful women standing on the shoulders of those who came before them. What a beautiful job Janet Weaver, the new Managing Editor for the Tribune, did of nodding to those who helped pave her way – first her mother and then the women editors she was lucky enough to meet at the beginning of her career.

So many of the successful women I know attribute their achievements to the determination of their mothers. And almost all can point to a woman who either guided them personally or who blazed trails which made the trip easier for those following her. Each of us has opportunities to give a hand up to a young woman in our business or profession or women re-entering the work force. Seize those opportunities.

I recently reread the purposes of Athena and think they are worth summarizing. We have agreed that our purpose is to promote the acceptance of women in business, the professions and other positions of responsibility; encourage the expansion of career opportunities for women; encourage women to pursue careers in business and the professions; and improve the status of women generally. What important goals!

As we move through our year where we hope to continue our collaboration with the Ophelia Project, we will meet some incredible young women of promise and we'll meet potential new members. I encourage everyone to keep these purposes in mind.

Margaret





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Like to golf but haven't yet responded for our October 30 Athena Bonus? It's not too late. **Virginia Gregory** and **Judy Ryan** will be hosting a fun get-together on the 9-hole par-3 Lutz Executive Golf Course. Cost (including lunch) will be \$20 per person. Call Judy at 872-6054 if you'd like to be included.

If you forgot last month to bring your old cell phones for The Spring, it's not too late. They will, in fact, be welcome all year long to be given to clients as an emergency means of communication or sold for funds to provide other services.

For your convenience in planning, here's our meeting schedule for the remainder of the year – all luncheons, all open to guests unless otherwise noted:

December 2 – Dinner at Univ. of Tampa - members only

December 12 – Holiday Buffet 5 to 7 p.m. – Location TBD – guests welcome

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## News About Members

Earlier this month **Paddy Moses** was honored as "Champion for Children" by Voices for Children with the declaration that "her inspiration and commitment to children proves that one person can make a difference."

**Sarah Jordan-Holmes** is doing well and was feeling good enough to attend her stepson's wedding this past weekend in Georgia. She again expressed her appreciation for the many cards and notes she's been receiving.....they bring her great comfort.

**Emmy Acton** also asked that her thanks be relayed to Athena members for their cards, calls, etc. Her name is still on the transplant list and she looks forward to the day it moves to the top. Both these ladies continue to be in our thoughts and prayers.

Big Brothers/Big Sisters will be honoring **Phyllis Marshall** at a breakfast on November 5 at the Downtown Hyatt. There is no charge for the breakfast but contributions will, of course, be encouraged. If you'd be willing to host a table or wish to simply attend, please contact **Eleanor Hubbard**.

## Membership Information

Many are already thinking about the nomination process and it's not too early. Monday, February 14, will be the deadline for submission of forms which will soon be available on our website ([www.athena-society.com](http://www.athena-society.com)). (We'll alert you when the material is ready.)

And a reminder that our policy has changed regarding sponsoring a candidate: You may now sponsor or co-sponsor every year if you wish. (The previous restriction was once every two years.) Should you have questions, please contact Membership VP **Katherine Essrig**.

The following have recently resigned from Athena:

Linda Ackley – living in Michigan

Barbara Ann Blue – living in Englewood (FL) & Blairsville (GA)

Margaret Fisher

Sharon Kilpatrick

Jeanette (JT) Taft

We wish them all well and hope they'll occasionally visit.

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- WHEN:** Thursday, October 7  
11:55 a.m. – luncheon
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- SPEAKER:** Janet Weaver, Managing Editor  
The Tampa Tribune
- PROGRAM:** “News and Community - Yesterday,  
Today and Tomorrow”
- COST:** Guests - \$20
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## OPEN MEETING – GUESTS WELCOME

As the newsroom’s second highest-ranking editor, Janet Weaver oversees the day-to-day operations of the Tribune newsroom and its 305 full and parttime employees for a paper with a weekday circulation of 238,000+ and 315,000+ on Sunday.

Ms. Weaver has a national reputation as an excellent journalist, editor and leader and has been a juror for the Pulitzer Prize three times. As an editor, she has always stressed covering communities in a broad, balanced way noting that “I want us to cover the things that aren’t working, but I also want us to write about the things that are.” A native of Tennessee, she comes to Tampa from The Poynter Institute in St. Petersburg where she was the Dean of Faculty.

With so much “headline news” of late, the Q & A period should be very interesting. Join us!



## President's Message

*"No pessimist ever discovered the secrets of the stars, or sailed to an uncharted land, or opened a new heaven to the human spirit."*

*Helen Keller*

Well, nobody would accuse our Mayor of being a pessimist! Our September meeting drew a huge crowd and we weren't disappointed. Mayor **Pam Iorio** introduced our speaker, Wendy Ceccherelli, Tampa's Director of Cultural Affairs and the Mayor shared with us her vision and optimism in creating Wendy's position and hiring her. Then Wendy treated us to a lively discussion of the possibilities for Tampa to become a "City of the Arts," why we should want to and some ideas on how to get there. All of that and a great oriental chicken salad!

This month we will hear from Janet Weaver, the recently appointed Managing Editor for the Tampa Tribune. It should be interesting to learn about Janet's perspective on our community from her unique position with all of the information in the newsroom. I'll bet we can coax a comment or two on the challenges of publishing a paper in a flood zone during hurricanes.

I look forward to seeing another big crowd on October 7.

Margaret





## Athena Housekeeping

A survey was emailed to members earlier this month concerning our annual retreat. If you've not yet returned it but would like to have a say regarding the date, the venue and the program, please email or fax it to **Eleanor Hubbard** prior to October 1.

**Elizabeth Walters** has agreed to be Athena's archivist this year and would appreciate receiving any clippings regarding members' activities – especially those coming from regional issues of the Tampa Tribune or St. Pete Times, corporate magazines, professional journals, etc.

We still have space at the Athena table for the Dress for Success benefit luncheon to be held on Friday, October 15, at the Renaissance Hotel International Plaza. Tickets are \$40 for the event which will be honoring **Aj Jemison**. Contact Eleanor Hubbard ASAP if you'd like to attend.

Athena Bonus reminder: On October 30, **Virginia Gregory** and **Judy Ryan** will be hosting a golf outing on the 9 hole par 3 Lutz Executive Golf Course. Cost (including lunch) will be \$20 per person. To register, contact Judy at 872-6054.

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## News About Members

**Elaine College** has added to her bevy of granddaughters (3), a grandson - Blain Edward Christopher College. A hefty 9 lbs 10 oz. at birth, his proud parents are Christopher and Jennifer College of Maryland.

**Nancy McDonald** is the proud mother of a brand new lawyer. Son Andy recently graduated cum laude from Tulane Law School, has moved back to Tampa AND is looking for gainful employment. Nancy would appreciate any suggestions and help along that line.

## Members' Projects

Big Brothers/Big Sisters will be honoring **Phyllis Marshall** at a breakfast on November 5, at the Downtown Hyatt. **Moira Burke** is helping to acquire table hosts OR invites Athena members to sit at her table. There is no charge for the breakfast but contributions will, of course, be encouraged. If you'd be willing to host a table or wish to simply attend, please contact **Eleanor Hubbard**.

**Jean Amuso** invites golf enthusiasts to play in the Jennifer Currie Women's Golf Classic on October 5 at Cheval. Exclusively for women, this event boasts all the amenities of a first class golf tournament with proceeds going toward scholarships for the USF Women's Golf Team. Entry fee is \$100 per person and a foursome is \$450 which includes hole sponsorship. For additional details, contact Jean at 961-0993.

**Laura Waller**, new President of the Board of the Renaissance Center, is proud to announce that this soon-to-open center will provide art, drama and music classes after school to 120 at-risk youngsters. Located in a beautifully restored church built in the early 1900s on Florida Avenue, it will also be the site for art exhibits and concerts, weddings, meetings, etc. Anyone interested in helping by serving on a committee, donating items or contributing money can contact Laura.

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Director of Arts and Cultural Affairs

**PROGRAM:** Tampa – City of the Arts

**COST:** Guests - \$20

**RSVP:** By August 30 – Call **Eleanor Hubbard**  
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## OPEN MEETING – GUESTS WELCOME

Come meet Wendy Ceccherelli who's new in her position and new in town. Share in the vision to establish Tampa as a "City of the Arts," a recognized creative center of excellence, diversity and innovation. Learn more about how the arts strengthen the economy and contribute to a wide array of cultural pursuits enjoyed by residents and visitors of all ages.

Wendy's goal is for "Tampa to be a place that celebrates the works of artists, writers and performers, providing opportunities for residents and visitors to enjoy and be enriched by a wide array of creative pursuits." Former President and CEO of Non-Profit Resources in Seattle, WA, she has spent the past 25 years as an executive in non-profit and government leadership positions.



## President's Message

### **Great Retreat! Great plans for this year! and an update from a baseball mom—**

Those who attended already know what a great retreat we had at Celebration. Chairs **Judy Munson** and **Mary Scriven** did a wonderful job of planning and leading – we learned a lot about each other, ethics and balancing our lives. We also ate well, shopped well and saw Disney from behind the scenes. I encourage everyone to start planning to attend next year's retreat which **Linda Devine** already has in the works.

Thanks to **Holly Tomlin** and a very active program committee, we already have tremendous programs lined up for this year. We'll look into topics as diverse as our membership, from art, to media, to health issues, growth management and maybe a touch of politics.

I wrote a president's column for the Hillsborough County Bar a few years ago in which I stated something like "everything I ever needed to know I learned as a Little League Mom." Some of that involved being a good winner and loser, shaking hands with the other side, etc. As I write this column, I'm at the Little League Junior World Series with my 14-year-old son. I need to add to the original list (which I couldn't locate since Hurricane Charley shut down my office this weekend). I've learned that some dads still live in the Dark Ages where "women's issues" are involved but most teenage boys are better. I've learned you can spend two weeks out of the office with your family and the world doesn't end. I've learned that it is still more important to be a good sport than a good athlete. I've learned that you can cheer for your child and your team without putting down the other side or criticizing the umpires.

Finally, I've been reminded of how lucky we are to live in a community and country where so many people are concerned with being a positive influence on children's lives. There may not be many Athena members coaching baseball, but many of our members are involved in associations where these same values are passed on to those to whom we are preparing to hand the world. Thanks to all of you for what you do.

Margaret





## Nominating Committee Results

At the June meeting, members were given the opportunity to vote for six individuals to serve on the 2004-05 Nominating Committee. The following were elected :

**Jean Amuso**  
**Patti Breckenridge**  
**Katherine Essrig**

**Linda Goldstein**  
**Alene Mahin**  
**Bonnie Saks**

## Athena Housekeeping

For your convenience in planning, the Program Committee has announced the schedule for the remainder of the year:

October 7 - Janet Weaver – (new) Managing Editor of the Tampa Tribune

November 4 - Playwright Janet Scaglione

December 2 - Holiday Buffet at University of Tampa (members only)

Save this date for the first Athena Bonus of the year: Saturday, October 30, 10 a.m. **Judy Ryan** and **Virginia Gregory** will be organizing a golf outing at the Lutz Executive Golf Course, a 9 hole, par 3 course that will accommodate all levels of proficiency. They are hoping to get a group going that might formulate into a regular get-together.

Kudos to **Mary Scriven** and **Judy Munson** who co-chaired the retreat last month in Celebration. Forty-two members enjoyed a very special weekend of relaxing, visiting with old friends and savoring the opportunity to meet new ones. Some startling facts about the attendees were revealed at Friday's "ice breaker." (Lots of laughs.....ask someone who was there!)

## Members' Projects

**Beth Waters** is making a plea on behalf of The Spring for used cell phones in any condition: high-tech, out-of-date or completely broken. They will be activated to dial 911 and given to a client in the shelter as an emergency means of communication. Most people have two or three unused phones in their closets, so why not check with your friends as well? Beth will pick up the phones at the September luncheon meeting or anywhere else and can be contacted at [beth.waters@lykes.com](mailto:beth.waters@lykes.com).





## News About Members

**Jeanne Tate** has been honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Florida Adoption Council "based on her tireless dedication to Florida's abused, neglected and abandoned children and her lifetime commitment to adoption."

**Annette DeLisle** was recently installed as the new president of the League of Women Voters of Hillsborough County.

To the delight of all who have enjoyed her great food in years past, **Helen Chavez** is back in the restaurant business! She opened the day before Charley threatened our area.....back in her former location on South Rome: Chavez in Old Hyde Park.

**Holly Tomlin** is a charter Director and Investor in the Banc of Florida which will be opening soon on Harbor Island.

In the Spring **Candy Olson's** daughter Elizabeth married Ensign Derek Jaskowiak, a graduate of the Naval Academy. Following the wedding they lived briefly in Monterey, CA but have now been assigned to Mayport.....much to Candy's delight.

**Sarah Jordan-Holmes** continues to recuperate at home and has expressed her gratitude for the many cards and notes she's received.....they brighten her days. Sarah is in the thoughts and prayers of us all.

**Anne Kantor** in her own words: "After 25 years in retail, operating a small chain of five Boulevard Shops, I have finally closed the last one in Belleair Bluffs and am greatly relieved and happy. Now - ready to re-invent myself and open to new ideas - I've started a new company, Anne Bernard LLC, out of which to work. Also, I'm a new grandmother as Janet Echelman, my daughter (and former Young Woman of Promise) recently gave birth to a baby girl, her second child. That makes nine for me and four for Bernie...13 grandchildren! Whew!"

Another proud grandmother is **Dottie MacKinnon** whose daughter Shannan gave birth to her second son - Maddox Aprile. Husband Rob and big brother Hudson round out the family in Hobe Sound.

**Joan Zinober's** summer included a trip to Boston for her son's MBA graduation from M.I.T.

**Deanne Roberts** has been elected chairwoman of Leadership Florida, a statewide network of 1,200 leaders from the public and private sector.

**Becky Steele** has accepted an exciting new position - Director of the Greater Tampa Bay Area regional office for the American Civil Liberties Union.

**Dianne Jacob** has been promoted to Vice President of Business Development for Hardin Construction Co.

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## Upcoming Meeting

- WHEN:** Thursday, June 3  
5:30 p.m. – cash bar  
6:15 p.m. – dinner
- WHERE:** Centre Club  
Westshore at Kennedy
- PROGRAM:** Business Meeting – Agenda to include:  
Election of Nominating Committee  
Approval of 2004-05 budget  
Approval of bylaw changes  
Election of officers/directors  
Passing of the gavel  
Installation  
Introduction of new members
- MENU:** Barbecued Salmon on Jalapeno jack grits  
(If you prefer a veggie plate or Chicken Napa  
w/sun-dried tomatoes and goat cheese,  
please indicate.)
- RSVP:** By June 1 – Call **Eleanor Hubbard**  
(251-9172) or email [ewhubbard@aol.com](mailto:ewhubbard@aol.com).

### 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 12 months.

## Saturday, June 12 – Party Time!

Our annual party to honor new members is scheduled for Saturday, June 12, 6 to 8 p.m. at the home of **Pat Frank**, 3106 W. Prospect Rd. in South Tampa. The Hospitality Committee – chaired by **Susan Grady** – will present its usual wonderful spread....to be enjoyed in the lovely garden or in air-conditioned comfort. There's no charge for members and one guest; additional guests are \$20. Reservations may be made by emailing or phoning **Eleanor Hubbard** prior to June 9. Please list guest names.

Driving directions from Kennedy and MacDill Avenues: Travelling south on MacDill, pass through three traffic lights. Prospect is the fourth street beyond the Morrison light; turn right; Pat's house is on the left. You're welcome to park at her neighbors (3101-A, 3104, 3105) as well as across MacDill on Prospect, Sunset, etc.



## President's Message

"What you get is a living — what you give is a life."  
Lillian Gish

This opportunity seems like a good time to Report To The Membership on our accomplishments for the year. All of our efforts were grounded in our roots and our mission of promoting equality and opportunity for women and they also satisfied some of the diverse interests of our membership.

You could feel the buzz in the air at the start of the year when **Paddy Moses** chaired the best attended Retreat we've ever had. The combination of the Ritz location, the great program and the size of the group energized our year's agenda from the start.

Our programs, under the direction of **Judy Munson**, reflected the vibrance of our community. We heard from community leaders about the beginnings of a creative economy, the implementation of a livable community, the turnaround of Tampa's eponymous university, the shift in our newspaper's editorial emphasis, the call to action on the Equal Rights Amendment, and, from our own authors, two book signings and how to publish without perishing. It was a terrific lineup that was always inspiring.

Based upon the Long Range Planning survey conducted last year, one of our goals this year was to determine if a Political Action Committee would be appropriate for Athena to form in order to politically support our Position Statements. **Suzy McLain** headed up a committee that studied the issue and then recommended that a PAC not be part of our organization.

The LRP survey also indicated the desire by the majority of our membership to convene a conference with a nationally recognized speaker. Policies were written, a committee under the leadership of **Helen Gordon Davis** was assembled and they set about getting this done. As the committee worked it became obvious that there were detail questions that had not been addressed in the procedure and there were several different interpretations of what the direction and purpose of the effort were to be. Consequently, in spite of some great work by Helen and her committee, it was decided to postpone continuing until clarification could be provided. That effort will begin this summer.

Another goal indicated by the LRP survey was to address the concern of Athena maintaining a vibrant, intergenerational membership to ensure our longevity as an organization. The membership was fairly evenly divided on how best to accomplish this, so developing a solution was a challenge. The Board thinks our proposed bylaw changes will do it and hope you will, too. The recommendation was the result of a discussion among 18 of Athena's past presidents, which was another new initiative: the convening of a Past Presidents Advisory Council.

**Suzy McLain** once again took a leadership role by convening this group. They decided to meet quarterly to renew acquaintances, discuss current issues concerning Athena, share ideas on how to improve the organization, and advise the current President as requested. It has been a huge success and their unique perspective and wise counsel have been invaluable to me and, I think, to Athena. This will now be a continuing tradition.

Another goal was to grow the Community Foundation Athena Education Fund. This fund was established eight years ago, but had languished without a campaign to raise the level of endowment. **Marva Crenshaw** spearheaded the effort to revitalize our interest and level of commitment to this effort and, WOW, we did it. We added \$12,000 to the fund this year, increasing it by 35%. Great job!

Our three Athena Bonuses were delightfully hosted by **Dena Leavengood**, **Renee Williams** and **Moira Burke** and attended by a diverse and different group each time. Perfect!

The Public Issues Committee joined forces with the Community Action Committee and decided to enhance their mission by providing timely reports to the membership on issues circulating in our community. True to form, chairs **Jean Amuso** and **Louise Thompson** lent innovation to these long-standing, important committees.

Two other committees in that category performed their usual effective behind-the-scenes labor and gave us the opportunity to grant career assistance to three striving women and honor twelve Young Women of Promise. **Marva Crenshaw**, **Sylvia Richardson** and their teams continued these traditions superbly. In addition, **Leslie Stein** took up the challenge of

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## New Members to be Introduced

We're pleased to announce the following women have accepted Athena's invitation to membership and will be formally introduced at the June 3 annual meeting:

Karen Arnold – President/CEO – Interior Design Services Inc.

Adrienne Garcia – Exec. Director – HCC Foundation

Aj Jemison – General Manager – International Plaza

Elaine Terenzi – Chief U.S. Probation Officer – Middle District of FL

**WELCOME! WELCOME!**

## About Emmy

The Board of Directors last week passed a resolution to support **Emmy Acton** in her quest for a pancreas transplant. Her chances for receiving the transplant are increased if she can demonstrate that she has a support system for care and transportation in the event of an emergency. If you would like to be a part of this volunteer group, please drop a note to Emmy or to the Athena P.O. Box. It should be addressed To Whom It May Concern and should state something like "I would welcome the opportunity to provide care and transportation to Emmy Acton on an as needed basis after her pancreas transplant surgery." Your signature.

In a recent note Emmy stated that "the cards and calls from Athena members represent a bright spot in the current bleak landscape" but she is optimistic and thanks everyone from the bottom of her heart for their support. She can be reached at [emmyacton@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:emmyacton@tampabay.rr.com); fax, 258-0078

## Nominating Committee Election

At the April meeting, members were asked to vote for 12 individuals eligible to serve on the 2004-05 Nominating Committee. The following are being presented as the result of this preliminary ballot.

Jean Amuso	Susan Dellinger	Linda Goldstein	Paddy Moses
Patti Breckenridge	Katherine Essrig	Alene Mahin	Bonnie Saks
Molly Crews	Stacy Frank	Suzy McLain	JoAnn Urofsky

The final election will take place at the June meeting at which time six members will be selected – five to serve as regular members and one to serve as an alternate until the annual meeting in 2005. If you do not plan to attend the June meeting, you may wish to implement Article V, Section 10 of the bylaws: Proxies.

## Athena Housekeeping

The enclosed proposed bylaw changes will be voted on at the June 3 meeting. (It's an attachment for those receiving the newsletter electronically.)

As usual, there will be no Athena meetings in July and August; luncheons will resume in September. Barring extraordinary circumstances in the coming year, we'll continue to adhere to our first Thursday of the month schedule with dinners in December, May and June.

Reservations for retreat have been coming in at a steady rate but the deadline is fast approaching: June 14. (Date for release of room block.) Please mail your form with check and credit card information ASAP; we have a wonderful weekend planned. Specifics again: July 16-18 at the Celebration Hotel. Need a roommate? No problem.....Eleanor will match you up.

Information submitted for "News About Members" will be published next month. In the meantime, send us more..... we'll have plenty of space.



## President's Message *cont. from page 2*

chairing the fledgling Young Women of Achievement committee to find former Young Women of Promise so we can continue to recognize and support them. She made great strides which form a good foundation for further work.

We've recently funded the design of our Athena-Society.com website which was an initiative spearheaded by **Nancy Cole**. In the future we will all thank you for that, Nancy.

But when all is said and done, I believe our single most important accomplishment this year is the awarding of the \$10,000 Community Foundation Philanthropy in Action grant to the Ophelia Project - Tampa Bay. It wasn't a planned goal, but your Board of Directors stepped up to the challenge brought to us by **Barbara Romano** and authorized this effort. The Ophelia Project initiative for our grant is the Leadership Ladder - Building Girls into Women. The Leadership Ladder is a unifying concept that ties together the leadership development programs that serve girls beginning at age 11 and continuing through young womanhood. Its goal is to create a community of girls and women who are committed to developing their leadership skills and integrate this group into the broader Tampa Community. The partnership forged between our two groups is so mutually beneficial to each of our missions that I think it will become the norm for how we make a positive impact in women's lives in our community and the lasting legacy of this Athena year.

Your Board of Directors this year was fully present, thoughtful and committed to Athena's purpose and they have allowed Athena to thrive. As Maya Angelou said, "Surviving is important, but thriving is elegant." When you see them, please be sure to thank them for nurturing Athena to thrive.

Please forgive if I've omitted anything. "Full" best describes the year and my mind. Thank you, thank you for your support and friendship and for the privilege of serving Athena.

Judy

## 2004-05 Slate

The following slate has been proposed by the Nominating Committee:

President	.....Margaret Mathews
President-Elect	.....Linda Devine
VP/Membership	.....Katherine Essrig
VP/Programs	.....Holly Tomlin
Secretary	.....Elizabeth Walters
Treasurer	.....Pamela Wolf
Imm. Past President	.....Judy Ryan

### BOARD MEMBERS

Second year of 2-year term:

Barbara Pennington  
Lisa Robbins  
Dena Leavengood  
(one year term)

Two-year term:

Melinda Chavez  
Susan Freeman  
JoAnn Urofsky

### MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Second year of 2-year term:

Marsha Lewis Brown  
Mary Estes  
Ruth Kinsolving

Two-year term:

Simone Gans Barefield  
Elizabeth Jenkins  
Sarah Jordan-Holmes

Alternate: Emily Kass

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May, 2004

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## Upcoming Meeting

- WHEN:** Thursday, May 6  
5:30 p.m. – light buffet supper
- WHERE:** Centre Club  
Westshore at Kennedy
- PROGRAM:** Young Women of Promise  
Class of 2004
- COST:** Guest \$20
- RSVP:** By May 3 – Call **Eleanor Hubbard**  
(251-9172) or email [cwhubbard@aol.com](mailto:cwhubbard@aol.com).

## OPEN MEETING – GUESTS WELCOME

A longtime favorite of Athena members, this program will certainly reassure that today's youth has abundant promise!

Twelve very special young women – selected from a field of 33 – will be presented, each outstanding in her own unique way. See page 3 for a list of those to be recognized.

Each honoree will have 3-5 minutes to describe which of her accomplishments has given her the greatest satisfaction and why. You'll be amazed, inspired and impressed by their stories.

Please join us and bring friends who'll enjoy meeting some truly incredible teens.

P.S. If you're in touch with any former YWP, please give contact information to Eleanor Hubbard so they can be invited to this function.



## President's Message

"Your world is as big as you make it."

Georgia Douglas Johnson

Our April meeting was an enjoyable and heartwarming tutorial of two ways to make one's life "bigger".

The Philanthropy in Action \$10,000 grant was awarded to the Ophelia Project - Tampa Bay. The initiative for our grant is the Leadership Ladder - Building Girls into Women. The Leadership Ladder is a unifying concept that ties together the leadership development programs that serve girls beginning at age 11 and continuing through women up to age 34 and sometimes beyond. The program goals and objectives include facilitating the development of strong leadership skills in girls and young women, including public speaking skills, community organizing, advocacy for girls and service leadership. Its goal is to create a community of girls and women who are committed to developing their leadership skills and integrate this group into the broader Tampa community.

This is a terrific goal that is in dramatic alignment with Athena's mission and purpose and one that will create bigger worlds for many young women. We hope this will be the beginning of a successful partnership between our two organizations. Thanks again to **Barbara Romano** for persevering in bringing us the opportunity to participate in Philanthropy in Action and to Bob Blanchard and the Community Foundation for making it all possible.

For the second "world enlarger," Program Chair **Judy Munson** did a bit of magic and conjured up a diverse group of Athena writers to share their experiences in getting published. **Elaine Shimberg** gave us her expertise and some fun war stories from many years of successful publishing and her most current book, "Another Chance for Love". **Judie Taggart** outlined the necessity for a query letter and book proposal that she successfully used in a "rifle shot" to find a publisher for "I Don't Have A Thing to Wear", now in its fourth printing. **Judy Dato** talked about turning a resource manual into a marketable commodity for a target audience and **Susan Dellinger** talked about self-publishing. All of them and others, including **Dore Beach, Noni Brill, Carol Dyches, Linda Goldstein** and **Lagretta Lenker** displayed copies of their published works and answered questions. And all admitted to the rush of pure joy seeing your work in Barnes and Noble or Amazon.com.

This month we have one of our favorite meetings, Young Women of Promise. **Sylvia Richardson** and her committee have done a wonderful job of selecting outstanding young women to recognize and they will be telling us about themselves. In addition, we have invited many former Young Women of Promise to attend in hopes of getting a network started for them as Young Women of Achievement on our work-in-process website. Please join us and bring your favorite young woman of promise (daughter, granddaughter, niece, neighbor) to hear the inspiring stories from our honorees. See you Thursday evening.

Judy



## 2004 Young Women of Promise

Kathryn Alberts.....	Berkeley Preparatory School
Yewande Alimi .....	King High School
Marty Fernandez.....	H.B. Plant High School
Katherine Fleming.....	Tampa Catholic High School
Lydia Greene .....	Freedom High School
Ana Hidalgo .....	Tampa Bay Tech High School
Kathryn Kubal.....	Hillsborough High School
Maja Lacevic .....	Gaither High School
Trisha Phillips.....	Bloomington High School
Christine Pytlinski.....	Academy of the Holy Names
Donna Simpson.....	Riverview High School
Veralucia Ulloa.....	Alonso High School

## News About Members

Our sincere condolences to **Louise Thompson** who recently lost her mother.

On April 16th **Melinda Chavez's** daughter, Lavinia Criswell, married Jeffrey Nemyo in Grand Cayman, BWI. Twenty-six friends and family members gathered from Tampa Bay, New York, Chicago, Phoenix and Atlanta to celebrate their happiness and have fun.

**Alex Sink** has been named to the Board of Directors of First Advantage Corporation in St. Petersburg.

Warmest congratulations to **Elaine Shimberg** on the recent birth of her tenth grandchild: Ryan Robert Kelly, third child of daughter Kasey and her husband.

The Florida Real Estate Journal has named **Ruth Kinsolving** one of 20 Top Women in Commercial Real Estate.

**Margaret Mathews** will be the featured speaker at the graduation celebration for the Ophelia Project's inaugural class of Young Women's Leadership Board. The luncheon will be held on Friday, May 7, at The Tampa Yacht Club. If you're interested in attending, call **Eleanor Hubbard**.





## Athena Housekeeping

Remember our retreat dates for Celebration: July 16-18. We've been slightly delayed in mailing out material due to some program details being firmed up. Packets should be in the mail next week.

If you have candid photos taken at any Athena event, anywhere, any time, we'd be grateful for your contribution. It's so much fun to review pictures from "the early days," and remember....current photos will be "the early days" to a group down the road.

The June 3 evening meeting is for members only and will be highlighted by introduction of new members and installation of officers and directors, all to be announced in next month's newsletter.

Early alert: Our annual party to honor new members will be held Saturday, June 12, 6 to 8 p.m. at the home of **Pat Frank**.

Enclosed is a copy of the proposed budget for 2004-05. If you have comments or questions, please contact **Melinda Chavez** prior to May 11. The budget is an attachment for those receiving the newsletter electronically.



## Directory Changes

**Marsha Lewis Brown:** Email - [mlewisbrown@northsidemh.org](mailto:mlewisbrown@northsidemh.org)

**Casey Shear** - Email - [caseyshear@earthlink.net](mailto:caseyshear@earthlink.net)

**Alex Sink** - 11106 Old Fort Trail, Thonotosassa 33592 (Address has changed but she has not moved.)

**Elizabeth Walters** - Human Resources Director, SendTec Inc., 877 Executive Center Dr. W., St. Pete 33702, 727/576-6630x144.

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## Upcoming Meeting

- WHEN:** Thursday, April 1  
11:55 a.m. – luncheon
- WHERE:** Centre Club  
Westshore at Kennedy
- PROGRAM:** "Is There a Book in Your Future?" plus  
Philanthropy in Action Presentation  
(see story page 3)
- SPEAKERS:** Elaine Shimberg and Judie Taggart
- COST:** Guest \$20
- RSVP:** By March 29 – Call **Eleanor Hubbard**  
(251-9172) or email [ewhubbard@aol.com](mailto:ewhubbard@aol.com).

## OPEN MEETING – GUESTS WELCOME

A number of Athena published writers will share tips on how you, too, can get into print. **Elaine Shimberg** will briefly discuss her latest book, "Another Chance for Love (Finding a Partner Later in Life)" and **Judie Taggart** will talk about hers ("I Don't Have a Thing to Wear").

Elaine will be selling and signing her book; other Athena authors will have their books on display. Many types of writing will be represented., so if you "have a book in your head," this meeting could be very meaningful for you. Bring a notepad as we've planned time for questions/answers.

Join us to see talent on parade!



## President's Message

"Success consists of going from failure to failure without loss of enthusiasm."

Winston Churchill

I know, I know. The word "failure" is not permitted in today's enlightened lexicon, but please permit a bit of contrariness from someone old enough to believe that self-esteem is not granted but earned and that no matter what anyone says, when you don't succeed it is not a pleasant feeling. I could not resist this quote after paying attention to what was being said at our March meeting.

**Ellen Kimmel** was articulate as always about the how and why of her championing pay equity at USF. While she and others admittedly took their eye off the ball after believing the situation would be rectified, when they discovered some thirty years later that this was not the case, they resumed the fight with renewed enthusiasm. If we have learned nothing else in the fight for women's rights, we have learned that we must be ever vigilant to the erosion of hard won freedoms. Monies can disappear, laws can change and judges can interpret laws differently.

**Pat Frank** gave us a chronology of efforts to get the ERA Amendment ratified in Florida. For those of us who either were not living here or were not politically active in the 70's it was a real eye-opener. What a treasure of information Pat has. The blow by blow, year by year, efforts and near misses were heartbreaking to hear about, much less live through. And yet, the enthusiasm remains. Jan Setzekorn of the Equal Rights Alliance gave us an update on current efforts to get the three remaining required states to ratify the ERA. While it does not look as though this will be a pivotal topic in Florida legislature this year because everyone's attention appears to be on the election, it is still a good time to discuss it with your legislators so that it can be a pivotal topic when the timing is a bit better. I'm sure we can count on **Arthenia Joyner's** enthusiasm to continue until this fight is won.

Thanks to all of our speakers and to **Louise Thompson** and the Community Action Committee for facilitating this presentation on one of our core beliefs. Another avenue of helping other women has long been our ability to use the Athena Community Foundation endowment to annually assist a few select women in need of a hand up. We were all impressed with the grit and self-determination the two selected this year have shown and were delighted to offer whatever help we can on their road to a better life. Our gratitude goes to the whole Community Foundation Committee for continuing this wonderful tradition.

This month the Community Foundation will again be the focus when we award the \$10,000 Athena Philanthropy in Action grant. Hope to see you there.

Judy



## Athena to Present Grant on April 1

The Athena Philanthropy in Action Committee met this month to review the applications for the \$10,000 check from the Community Foundation of Tampa Bay, made possible by the generosity of Bob Blanchard through the Foundation. "We are honored to have been chosen by the Community Foundation to provide yet another avenue of support for women," said President **Judy Ryan**.

Sixteen non-profit organizations submitted applications for the grant, according to Committee Chair **Barbara Romano**. "They were all so deserving that it was difficult for the Committee to recommend only three finalists to the Athena Board of Directors for their consideration."

The final recommendations were: The Kinship Care Program from Mental Health Care, Inc; The Ophelia Project and Wheels of Success. The finalists made presentations before the Athena Board of Directors who will make the final decision. At the April 1 meeting all three finalists will be introduced; the grant recipient will then be announced and the check presented by Bob Blanchard.

"The Athena Philanthropy in Action Committee wants to thank those members who took the time to nominate the worthwhile applicants who contribute so much to our community," said Barbara Romano. Serving with Barbara on the Committee were **Dena Leavengood**, **Sarah Jordan-Holmes** and **Linda Goldstein**.

## Athena Bonus

A delighted crowd of about 45 members and guests enjoyed the wonders of the Chihuly exhibit in St. Pete earlier this month. Our second Bonus of the year is a no-program, just-socialize event at the home of **Moira Burke**, 1120 Shipwatch Circle Harbour Island, Wednesday, April 21, 6 to 7:30 p.m. Moira needs RSVP's (223-7101) by Friday, April 16, to provide a list to gate security guards.

## Members' Projects

Ever-active **Deanne Roberts** is one of the founders of CreativeTampaBay, a new group whose goal is to nurture the region's cultural and economic vibrancy. They publish a free weekly e-newsletter in which you'll find a digest of interesting articles directed to the "creative class" as well as what to see and do in upcoming weeks — art exhibits, shows, festivals, etc. To read about the newsletter and the group, click on this story in the St. Pete Times:

[http://www.sptimes.com/2004/03/05/Columns/New\\_group\\_practices\\_w.shtml](http://www.sptimes.com/2004/03/05/Columns/New_group_practices_w.shtml). To subscribe to the newsletter, visit the website: [www.creativetampabay.com](http://www.creativetampabay.com). **Melinda Chavez** serves on the Board of Directors.



## Athena Housekeeping

Preliminary voting for the 2004-05 Nominating Committee will take place at the April meeting. Members will be asked to select 12 nominees; voting for the final six will be on June 3 at the Installation Dinner.

Enclosed is a form to be filled out by any member who wishes to be considered for nomination to the 2004-05 Board of Directors. (To be eligible requires a minimum of two years membership.)

You have the retreat date on your calendar, don't you? It's July 16-18 in Celebration; watch your mail for registration materials prior to Easter.

Program note: May 6 is an evening meeting.....Young Women of Promise. Consider bringing a young woman who features prominently in your life to meet the exceptional young ladies we'll honor.



## News About Members

A huge honor has been bestowed on **Bonnie Saks** - she's been invited to give the commencement address for the 30<sup>th</sup> Medical School graduation at Brown University in May, 2005. Your editor's inquiries regarding background (hers and the school's) elicited Bonnie's own words: "I was in the first graduating class of the college-medical school program at Brown in 1975 so the medical school and I (as an MD) are the same age. Brown's medical school is unique in producing humanitarian, community-oriented but rigorously-trained physicians by accepting motivated students from high school into what has become the highly acclaimed Program of Liberal-Arts in Medical Education.

From my support at Brown, I was able to do a year of Internal Medicine Internship in New York, Ob/GYN and Psychiatry residencies at Yale and a Sex Therapy Fellowship sponsored by the National Institute of Mental Health. I am a Distinguished Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association, on the Boards of the Society for Sex Therapy and Research and the North American Psychosocial OB/GYN Society. My writing and lecturing have taken me many wonderful places but I feel most honored to be going back home to Brown Medical School next year to give this commencement address."

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## Upcoming Meeting

**WHEN:** Thursday, March 4  
11:55 a.m. – luncheon

**WHERE:** Centre Club  
Westshore at Kennedy

**PROGRAM:** The ERA – Then and Now  
Presentation of Career Assistance Grants

**FACILITATOR:** Louise Thompson

**COST:** Guest \$20

**RSVP:** By March 1 – Call **Eleanor Hubbard**  
(251-9172) or email [ewhubbard@aol.com](mailto:ewhubbard@aol.com).

## OPEN MEETING – GUESTS WELCOME

Hillsborough County Commissioner and former State Sen. **Pat Frank** will give us an historical perspective of efforts to pass the Equal Rights Amendment in Florida 20-plus years ago. Retired USF professor **Ellen Kimmel** is flying in from Santa Cruz to relay how the women's movement impacted equality demands on institutions. We'll hear an update on the ERA resolution sponsored by State Rep. **Arthenia Joyner** and Jan Setzekorn of the Equal Rights Alliance will give us a status report and ideas on what we can do to get the ERA passed in Florida.

Community Foundation Chair **Marva Crenshaw** will introduce recipients of career assistance grants made possible by contributions to Athena's Education Fund.

Join us for an informative, inspiring meeting.



## President's Message

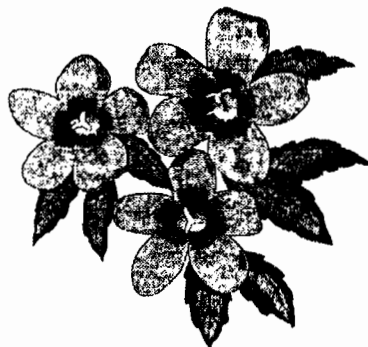
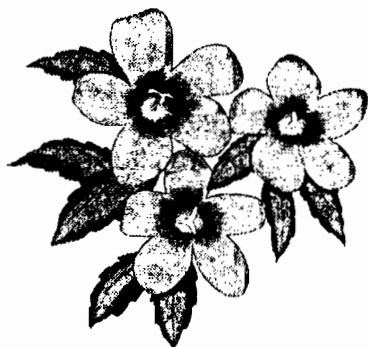
"I have never felt that anything really mattered but the satisfaction of knowing that you stood for the things in which you believed and had done the very best you could."

Eleanor Roosevelt

When Rosemary Goudreau spoke to us in February, I got a sense that this quote from Eleanor Roosevelt was at the heart of her message and of our purpose. Her personal and professional reasons for changing her career path to become the Editorial Page Editor of the Tampa Tribune resonated with many of us who have been on the same journey. She is now in a position to not only stand for the things in which she believes but also to bring dispassionate discourse to those issues and involve the whole community in that discourse. Her fresh approach to editorial page content was evident in the timely 'glass-ceilinged Gasparilla boat' editorial and certainly afforded her a rousing welcome from her Athena audience. Thanks to **Patti Breckenridge** for being so proactive in arranging for her to speak to us early in her new duties. It was a privilege to hear her and I hope many of you accepted her invitation to continue the dialogue of community issues as they arise.

Our March meeting will hold a wonderful example of some of the diverse ways in which we stand for things in which we believe, namely helping other women. The Community Foundation Committee will present career assistance grants to women in need, the Philanthropy in Action Committee will announce the list of non-profit organizations that have formally applied for the \$10,000 grant to help women/children and the Community Action Committee will present an ERA retrospective and call to action. Please join us as we go about the business of doing the very best we can.

Judy





## News About Members

Our sympathy goes to **Susan Dellinger** whose mother, Mary Allen, passed away on February 11.

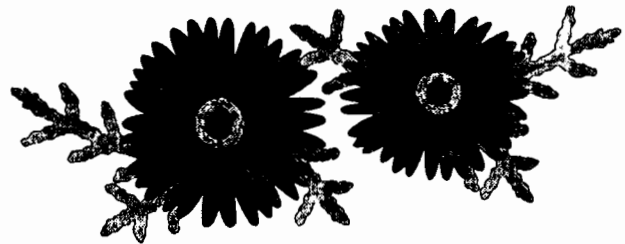
**Barbara Romano** is celebrating the birth of her second grandchild in two months! The new addition is Anna Barritt Snead born January 19 to daughter Evans and husband Morgan in Charlotte, NC. Congratulations!

We asked members for news, and **Dottie Berger** has lots! "I have a busy year planned: 7-day cruise from San Juan in February; 4 days in San Diego in February; skiing in Breckenridge in March; daughter expecting second child in April; Scotland for two weeks end of May/first of June; Sandy's daughter expecting second child July 1; Monte Carlo in September."

(Editor's note: What's YOUR news? Inquiring Athena minds love to know.)

Our warmest wishes and "high fives" to **Renu Khator** who has just been named Provost and VP for Academic Affairs at USF! We are so proud of you, Renu, and wish you the very best in the years ahead.

**Susan Casper** has made a major career change – going from her rewarding years with Lykes Bros. to Eckerd Youth Alternatives, a non-profit organization in Clearwater for at-risk children. She'll serve as Chief Financial Officer for this 36-year-old nationally recognized organization; her new contact information is on the back page.







## Athena Housekeeping

An enthusiastic group of 38 members and guests signed up for the first Athena Bonus of the year – a trip to the St. Petersburg Museum of Fine Arts to view the Chihuly exhibit on March 1. Anyone wishing to join the group may do so by paying \$15 at the door. We're meeting for drinks and conversation at the Vinoy before the viewing and plan to carpool for those interested. Call **Eleanor Hubbard** to sign up.

Second Bonus of the year will be held at the home of **Moira Burke** on Wednesday, April 21. Details in next newsletter.

Enclosed is a list of members eligible for the 2004-2005 Nominating Committee. Preliminary voting will take place at the April 1 meeting. If you wish to be removed from this list, please notify **Eleanor Hubbard** prior to March 11.

If you have candid photos taken at any Athena event, anywhere, any time, we'd be grateful for your contribution. It's so much fun to review pictures from "the early days," and remember.....current photos will be "the early days" to a group down the road.

## Directory Changes

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**Sharon Kilpatrick:** Cell – 813/334-2532

**Betty Tribble:** Home phone – 813/961-7223

# Athena Society



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February, 2004

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## Upcoming Meeting

- WHEN:** Thursday, February 5  
11:55 a.m. – luncheon
- WHERE:** Centre Club  
Westshore at Kennedy
- PROGRAM:** It's Not Your Mother's Tribune!
- SPEAKER:** Rosemary Goudreau  
Editorial Page Editor  
The Tampa Tribune
- COST:** Guest \$20
- RSVP:** By February 2 – Call **Eleanor Hubbard**  
(251-9172) or email [ewhubbard@aol.com](mailto:ewhubbard@aol.com).

### OPEN MEETING – GUESTS WELCOME

Rosemary Goudreau has come full circle – back to the Tribune where she started her career as a reporter in 1976.

Before returning in December, she was the managing editor of The Cincinnati Enquirer for five years. During that time she led a community initiative called Neighbor to Neighbor that resulted in more than 2000 people getting together in small groups to talk about the racial tensions dividing the city.

She spent about half of her career as an investigative medical reporter, won a number of awards for her work and went on to hold senior editing positions in St. Louis, Norfolk, VA and Washington, D.C.

Rosemary will give us a history of her return to Tampa, discuss her goals for the editorial page and close it out with a Q&A segment. Join us for a stimulating program!



## President's Message

"Life is short, and it's up to you to make it sweet."

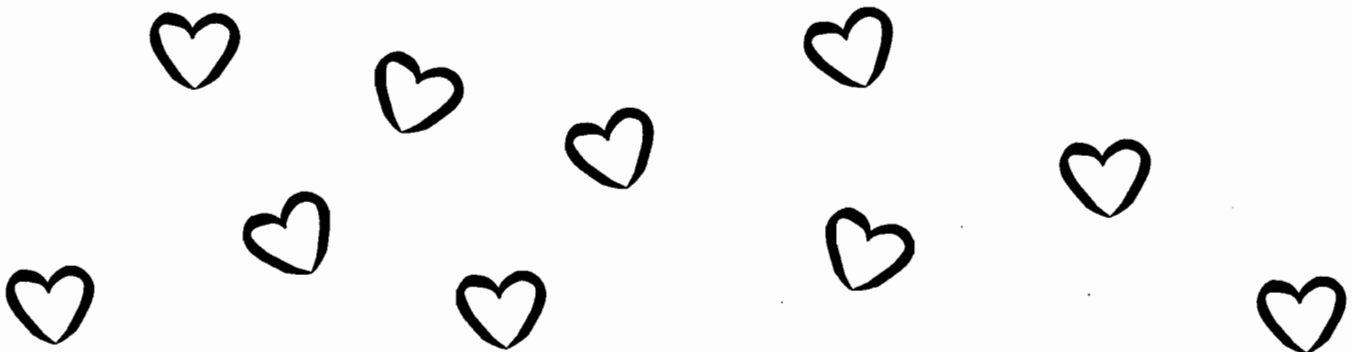
Sadie Delaney

If you missed the January meeting, you, indeed, missed a great opportunity to hear Ron Vaughn talk about the textbook turnaround of the University of Tampa and to see one of the results of that turnaround in the beautiful Vaughn Center. It was a sparkling Tampa day and we were able to view our downtown area at treetop level; a rare and impressive treat.

Dr. Vaughn shared his vision and plan that began on one page of paper nine years ago. He expanded on how each of his points of challenge had been met to enhance the educational experience. It could easily be an outline for the textbook he should write on this "hot and trendy" university. One of my favorite lines from his talk was that of "listen for the low hanging fruit" of ideas from faculty and staff who were just waiting for a willing ear. And two of our own were singled out for recognition. **Linda Devine** has led the effort that has, among other things, significantly improved operating results and **Barbara Pennington** has directed a very successful \$80 million capital campaign that is just about complete. Kudos to both and to Linda for inviting Athena to UT. It was a wonderful reminder of where Tampa's been and where we're poised to go. Sweet.

One of the things I wanted to accomplish this year was to expand our Athena friendships as much as possible. Committee work is a great way to get to know each other and a natural selection of like-minded people, so I decided to engage them in conversation over dinner. So far Public Issues, PAC Formation, National Speaker Program, Hospitality, Community Foundation, Community Action and Young Women of Promise (scheduled) committees have taken me up on my offer. They have really been a lot of fun and all agree it's been a great way to get to know one another. So, if you haven't yet signed up for a committee this year, choose one of the remaining ones and let Eleanor know you are interested. I'll cook you a meal and you will meet, or get to know better, some of your Athena sisters. Athena.....one of the sweet things in your life. Happy Valentines Day!

Judy





## Athena Housekeeping

A new addition to the Athena Board of Directors is **Katherine Essrig** who will fill the unexpired term of **Jenna Venero**. Jenna resigned due to the demands of her new position as Director of Security at UT.

Athena bylaws are reviewed biennially, and this is the year. If you have suggestions for change, please email **Margaret Mathews** or **Eleanor Hubbard** by February 5.

Last reminder re: sponsoring of new members. February 16 is the deadline for submission of nomination forms; questions concerning the process may be directed to VP **Carol Dyches**.

Retreat 2004 is scheduled for July 16-18 in Celebration; details will be forthcoming soon.

Attention current and past members of the Hospitality Committee: If you left a serving tray or dish at one of the parties during the past year, please call **Eleanor Hubbard** to arrange for pickup. Any not claimed by March 1 will be donated to a charity.

## News About Members

We extend our sincere sympathy to **Holly Tomlin** who recently lost her father and to **Adelaide Few** who lost her mother.

**Paddy Moses** has been elected to a one-year term as Chair of the 600-member Leadership Tampa Alumni.

**Bonnie Saks** is quoted in the January 19 special issue of Time Magazine on "How Your Love Life Keeps You Healthy".

Travel news from **Judi Breuggeman**: I recently returned from two weeks in the Netherlands and Belgium. I had four nights in Amsterdam with friends and then drove south by myself and spent a week visiting Brugge, Zierikzee and other villages. The last of my stay was spent in Delft with an old friend who did a great job of being my tour guide: the best beach walks, the best tours for art, architecture and history in Delft, The Hague and Rotterdam. I had a wonderful time.

(Editor's note: We know that Athena members are constantly on the go, and others are interested in your travels so let's hear from you!)

**Elizabeth Walters** has returned to the area after living in Tennessee for several months. She can now be reached at 1995 Carolina Circle N.E., St. Petersburg 33703; phone and email remain as shown in the directory.

**Maria Howey**, in her role as VP of John Howey Associates, is pleased to report that husband John has recently been published in two books: *1000 Architects* and *100 Best Homes in the World* with pictorial coverage of a home he designed in South Tampa.



## Directory Changes

Yes, there are some already, so please make note:

**Rachelle Bedke:** Email at home – [rachellebedke@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:rachellebedke@tampabay.rr.com) (To be used while she's on maternity leave until April 1.)

**Judy Dato:** Email – [judithgdato@aol.com](mailto:judithgdato@aol.com)

**Mary Estes:** Email – [mestes@estesandcompany.com](mailto:mestes@estesandcompany.com)

**Lee Leavengood:** Email at home – delete the . after v

**Betty Tribble:** 13617 Lytton Way, Tampa 33624. Phone: 813/960-7449.

## Help Us Award \$10,000 To A Deserving Non-Profit!

by Dena Leavengood

The first step begins with YOU! Please help our committee to identify those community non-profit organizations that you think best develop and provide programs for women and families so that we may inform them of this wonderful funding opportunity. Forward your suggestions to me at [dleaveng@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:dleaveng@tampabay.rr.com) or 813/831-6718 no later than Thursday, February 5 (our next Athena meeting).

As reported in our last newsletter, Athena members, via the Community Foundation's "Philanthropy in Action" program, will have an opportunity to award a \$10,000 grant from the G. Robert Blanchard Fund to a deserving non-profit community project that best meets Athena's goals.

Our committee (Chair **Barbara Romano, Linda Goldstein, Sarah Jordan-Holmes** and me) is pleased to report we've agreed upon a process, although schedule and selection criteria still are being finalized, and that the process will begin and end with YOU. Following receipt of your suggestions, the nominated organizations will be invited to submit an application and proposal for consideration, including a letter of recommendation from an Athena member. The proposals will then be evaluated by the committee and up to three proposals selected for final consideration. The finalists will then be invited to make a brief presentation to the Athena board during a meeting to which all Athena members will be invited. The grant will be awarded by board vote.

Thank you for helping us to identify worthy organizations in our community. We look forward to receiving your recommendations.

P.S. Sarah was recently informed that Prevent Blindness Florida was selected from 37 charities to receive the \$10,000 Leadership Tampa Philanthropy in Action grant. We offer our congratulations and look forward to her involvement in our committee.

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## Upcoming Meeting

- WHEN:** Thursday, January 8  
11:55 a.m. – luncheon
- WHERE:** University of Tampa  
Vaughn Center – Board Room – 9th floor
- PROGRAM:** “Successful Strategies for Rebuilding  
a University”
- SPEAKER:** Ronald Vaughn, President  
University of Tampa
- COST:** Guests - \$20
- RSVP:** By January 5 – Call **Eleanor Hubbard**  
(251-9172) or email [ewhubbard@aol.com](mailto:ewhubbard@aol.com).

## OPEN MEETING – GUESTS WELCOME

Talk about “turn around”! Combine it with “University of Tampa” and you’ve got an incredible story. Ronald Vaughn will relate some of the successful strategies he implemented to rebuild the University into a viable, growing campus. He’ll also share details of the collaboration he established with several community leaders including John Sykes. The details are fascinating....join us!

Please park in the Thomas parking garage located at the corner of “B” Street and North Boulevard. If you enter from the main campus entrance on Kennedy, drive along the brick street to the west of Plant Hall (left turn after entering campus) and follow the street (which becomes “B” Street) to the Thomas Garage. There is no charge for parking. There will be escorts with golf carts to help those who need assistance in getting to the Vaughn Center which is about a block away.



## President's Message

"For all that has been — Thanks! To all that shall be — Yes!"  
Dag Hammarskjöld

Our holiday parties were just wonderful. The "meeting" at the Tampa Museum of Art was a terrific change of pace and a great way to get to see the fascinating Toulouse-Lautrec exhibition. Our thanks to **Emily Kass** for providing such an enjoyable venue with such hospitality and graciousness. The Toulouse-Lautrec posters were a delightful and surprising early present, Emily. Our holiday party at the Kinsolving's, under the direction of the Hospitality Committee, was another smash. Over a hundred people attended and enjoyed the holiday spirit provided by a beautifully decorated home and bountifully laden buffet. Grateful thanks to **Ruth Kinsolving** and committee chair **Susan Grady** for seeing us into the season so beautifully.

Even though it's a cliché, most of us can't help regarding each new year as a possible fresh start in some aspect of our lives. And so it is with Athena. Some of the preparations for this were discussed at our November meeting when you heard reports from the committees of Public Issues and the Community Foundation. The Public Issues group decided to enhance their mission by providing timely reports to the membership on any issues circulating in our community that they think we should be made aware of. **Susan Leisner** made the first such report when she updated us on the Florida ERA initiative and we will have another one in January as well as at other meetings as issues come up.

The Community Foundation group has enhanced their mission two-fold. First, by emphasizing growing the Athena Education Fund so that more women can be served, and second by forming an ad hoc committee to work with the Community Foundation in disbursing a \$10,000 grant to a women-oriented non-profit project.

And, one of our other committees has been re-directed. The Conference Program Committee was initially charged with developing a seminar with a national speaker. They, and especially the chair, **Helen Gordon Davis**, worked very hard to get this off the ground. However, as we all know, the "devil is in the details." There were many different ideas from the membership regarding program, financial and other goals, threshold costs and ticket prices and speaker topics. The Board decided that, in all fairness to the committee, a pause was necessary in order to develop clearer goals the majority of the membership can agree with. **Margaret Mathews**, as Bylaws Committee Chair and President-Elect, will chair a group of six who will bring proposed policies and procedures and any attendant bylaw changes to the membership for approval. There will be two members representing the Conference Program Committee, two representing the Past Presidents Advisory Council and two from the Board of Directors. Their work will give us a solid foundation for the committee to go forward next year.

And, in keeping with this month's introductory quote, many thanks to **Dena Leavengood** for opening her "new-to-them" home for our first Athena Bonus of the year. Dena is a comfortable hostess who makes everyone else feel that way too, so it was a special time for those who were there. As for the future, I'm sure **Stephanie Ferrell** and her Athena Bonus Committee will come up with another great time for us this spring. See you at the Vaughn Center.

Judy



## Philanthropy in Action Committee

*by Barbara Romano, Chair*

The Community Foundation's "Philanthropy in Action" program has chosen the Athena Society as a participant in this project designed to help civic, business and leadership groups understand the complexities of making effective grants and the joy resulting from awarding grants that truly make a difference. Athena members will choose a non-profit creative philanthropic project to receive the \$10,000 reward from the G. Robert Blanchard Fund. This is a wonderful opportunity for Athena to identify those community projects that most closely meet our goals of assisting women and families. Your Athena committee to decide on the process to accomplish this is comprised of **Linda Goldstein, Sarah Jordan-Holmes, Dena Leavengood** and me. We'll keep you informed as we progress and hope you'll give us your input to make this a successful venture.

## Athena Housekeeping

Our updated promotional brochure is herewith enclosed for those members who receive the newsletter via mail. Email readers may request a copy (or copies) by contacting Eleanor Hubbard at [ewhubbard@aol.com](mailto:ewhubbard@aol.com). Kudos to **Deanne Roberts** (Roberts Communications & Marketing) who handled the production for the fourth consecutive year.

As you flip the calendar to 2004, be sure you've noted July 16-18 as the dates for Athena's annual retreat. We'll be in Celebration just west of Orlando. Though it's not far away, you'll feel like you're in another world!

If you're planning to sponsor a new member this year, please remember that nominations are due no later than Monday, February 16. You may pick up a packet at the January meeting or call **Eleanor Hubbard** and ask to have one mailed.

In 2004 the Network of Executive Women will reinstate their Executive Woman of the Year Award to recognize a woman who has achieved notable professional success, has served the community and has assisted/supported other women. If you'd like to nominate someone, please download the form from [www.networkexecwomen.com](http://www.networkexecwomen.com) or contact Eleanor Hubbard. The deadline for nominating is January 27. (It's interesting to note that of the 12 previous recipients, nine have been Athena members.)

*Happy New Year!*







## News About Members

**Barbara Romano** is a brand new grandmother! Her daughter Tracy and husband Kris Kral are the proud parents of Rye Joseph Kral born on November 12. Our best to them all.

On December 7 **Joan Zinober** also welcomed a grandson – Zachary Marcos Zinober born to son Brett and his wife Fatima. Joan couldn't be more excited about the 7 lb. 14 oz. addition to their family! Our best to them as well.

Congratulations to Mike and **Rachelle DesVaux Bedke** who welcomed their first child, Wyatt DesVaux Bedke, on December 7 weighing in at 7 lb. 3 oz. and with lots of dark hair! Rachelle will be on maternity leave until April.

In addition to these new babies, our Athena family has a new bride: **Barbara Pankau**. Barbara and Jonathan Alpert tied the knot on December 4 at Donatello's Restaurant – "between courses" according to the groom! We wish them much happiness.

**Leslie Stein** has taken early retirement from Verizon Data Services and is enjoying her free time during the holidays. Some new career plans will be solidified soon but in the meantime she can be reached at 99 Ladoga Avenue, Tampa 33606; 251-6594; [leslie.stein2@verizon.com](mailto:leslie.stein2@verizon.com).

**Beth Ficquette** reports that the November issue of *The Oprah Magazine* recognized The Centre for Women as a recipient of a \$25,000 contribution from the magazine. Oprah's Angels Foundation investigated various non-profits that served women and/or children and selected one beneficiary in each of the four cities included on Oprah's "Live Your Best Life" tour. As a condition of receiving the funds, the non-profit groups were not authorized to make any media announcements about the gift. Needless to say, Beth states that The Centre for Women was pleased to be acknowledged in this popular, national publication.

Earlier this month **Dena Leavengood** was honored by the Tampa/Hillsborough County Human Rights Council as a recipient of their Human Rights Award. Guest speaker for the event was Mayor **Pam Iorio**.

## Another Great Party!

Our annual Holiday Buffet was a tremendous success – in large part due to the scrumptious food. Hospitality Chair **Susan Grady** thanks the following for their part in arranging this wonderful evening: **Gabriele Faulkner, Sandy Freedman, Linda Fries, Sandy Frye, Cynthia Gandee, Maria Howey, Dena Leavengood, Alene Mahin, Suzy McLain, Judy Munson, Carolyn Reed, Judy Ryan, Rhonda Trainor, Jenna Venero**, Vic Leavengood and, obviously, our very gracious hosts, Larry & **Ruth Kinsolving**. Their lovely Bayshore home was the perfect backdrop for the affable crowd that gathered on December 14. P.S. Anyone who left a serving tray or dish that evening may contact **Susan Grady** to arrange for pickup.

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## Upcoming Meeting

**WHEN:** Thursday, December 4  
5:30 p.m. – Gift shop opens  
6:00 p.m. – Cocktails (cash bar)  
6:45 p.m. – Cocktail Buffet  
(catered by Mise en Place)

**WHERE:** Tampa Museum of Art  
600 North Ashley Drive

**PROGRAM:** Holiday Celebration, Charity Contributions

**RSVP:** By December 1 – Call **Eleanor Hubbard**  
(251-9172) or email [ewhubbard@aol.com](mailto:ewhubbard@aol.com).

### CLOSED MEETING – MEMBERS ONLY

What a wonderful way to launch the holiday season! Enjoy the opportunity to mix and mingle with old friends and get to know the new ones better. Everyone has stories to tell of what Athena friendships mean to them, and this special meeting is a great way to celebrate those friendships. What a blessing to be part of this group of extraordinary women!

The Museum's gift shop, chock full of unique items, will be open for your shopping pleasure throughout the evening. But the focus of this fabulous venue is, of course, the art - available to us for viewing from 6 p.m. on. In addition to its many permanent collections, the Museum is now proudly housing a selection of prints of Toulouse-Lautrec: Master of the Moulin Rouge. A delightfully colorful display, they depict the "raucous lifestyles of artists and performers living in Montmartre, a bohemian section of Paris during the 19th century."

As in previous years - in the spirit of the season - we're asking every member to consider making a contribution to their favorite charity, to the Community Foundation Athena Education Fund or to a recent recipient of our Career Assistance Grant. (See Judy Ryan's President's Message for details.)



## President's Message

"This is the day for thanks.

A day in which we see or hear or feel the wonders of the other moments of the year.

This is a day for time.

A day in which we think of pasts that make our present rich and future bountiful.

This is a day for joy.

A day in which we share a gift of laughter, warm and gentle as a smile.

Above all, this is a day for peace.

So let us touch each other and know that we are one.

For these, and other blessings, we thank Thee, God."

Daniel Roselle

Thanksgiving is, bar none, my favorite holiday. Being reminded of the bounty we've been given by even having a day dedicated to being thankful for it is, in itself, a reason to be thankful. It is a holiday filled with warmth and good cheer without the stress of preparation (except for novice turkey roasters). And by fortuitous timing, it leads into the holidays that allow us to exhibit our thankfulness by being generous to others.

This year, as in years past, we are giving you an opportunity to bring contributions for your favorite charity to our holiday meeting. And, we are adding another possibility for you, should you choose to add a more personal dimension to your woman-to-woman generosity. The Community Foundation Committee has selected one of the previous recipients of our Career Assistance Grants to be the beneficiary of any contribution you might like to make. She is a 24 year-old single mother of four studying accounting with the goal of becoming a CPA. She has been disabled since September because of a car accident and has not been able to work or continue her education at HCC. She's doing better and will recover but is still in desperate circumstances. This is a woman who could really use our continued help. Gift certificates to any store a mother might frequent would be a perfect way to give her flexibility on where the contribution can best be used.

Our holiday meeting at the Tampa Museum of Art will be a special treat and we thank **Emily Kass** for her hospitality in making this happen for Athena. After that members-only event, we move on to our annual holiday party at the home of Larry and **Ruth Kinsolving** on the 14th. This is always a wonderful evening that brings spouses and other guests into the warmth of our sisterhood. With Ruth's wonderful style of holiday decorating and our Hospitality Committee, headed by **Susan Grady**, arranging for the cocktail buffet, it is sure to be a memorable occasion. Please come celebrate with us.

Judy



## Holiday Buffet - December 14

Annual highlight of the season is Athena's Holiday Buffet to be held at the home of Larry and **Ruth Kinsolving**, 5816 Bayshore Boulevard, on Sunday December 14, 6 to 8 p.m.

Under the able direction of Hospitality Chair **Susan Grady**, the committee will provide the sumptuous buffet they are known for. Each member is entitled to bring one guest at no charge; additional guests are \$20 each and are very welcome. RSVP to **Eleanor Hubbard** via email or phone (251-9172) prior to December 9 and please indicate guest's name.

Convenient parking will be available by continuing south on Bayshore just beyond Ruth's house; at the corner (Shell Point Road), turn left and park in the empty lot.



## Athena "Housekeeping"

Get out your 2004 calendar and mark July 16-18 as red letter dates – for Athena's annual retreat! We've had the big and glitzy (and loved it!) but this year we're going to a small boutique hotel brimming with charm and its own special personality in Celebration just west of Orlando. More detail in the months to come, but for now just block it off so you don't miss the fun.

Nomination packets are available for those who wish to sponsor candidates for membership in 2004. They can be picked up at either of the December functions, and the deadline for submitting the forms is February 16.

If you have suggestions for any bylaw modifications, please email them to **Margaret Mathews** or **Eleanor Hubbard** by January 15.

Our January meeting obviously will not be on the first Thursday of the month; plan on an unusual and very interesting gathering on January 8 at UT's new Vaughn Center.



## News About Members

Grandbabies continue to be an exciting topic of conversation. **Elizabeth Howarth** has a new granddaughter – 8 lb. 14 oz. Kendall Elizabeth – born in Tampa to daughter Sara and husband Shannon Manire. **Susan Grady** had to travel cross-country to see her new grandson: Theodore Pierce Fernon born on October 22 in San Diego to her son Clark and wife Patricia. Congratulations to all the families!

We extend our sympathy to **Paddy Moses** who lost her mother earlier this month.

News from **Sandy Freedman**, the happy traveler: “Mike and I just came back from twelve wonderful days in England—driving north to south and staying in manor houses, first in the Lake District, then Chester, then the Cotswolds and finally outside of London. Weather cold but sunny the entire time, leaving full of fall color, wonderful food and glorious accommodations. Very relaxing and renewing.” Shortly after her return she was honored by receiving the “Woman of Distinction” award from the Jewish Federation of Pinellas County at a dinner in Clearwater.

**Dianne Jacob** has been appointed to the Board of Directors of Prevent Blindness Florida.



# Happy Thanksgiving!

# Athena Society



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November, 2003

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## Upcoming Meeting

**WHEN:** Thursday, November 6  
11:55 a.m. – luncheon

**WHERE:** Centre Club  
Westshore at Kennedy

**PROGRAM:** Athena's Long Range Plan in Action

**RSVP:** By November 3 – Call **Eleanor Hubbard**  
(251-9172) or email [ewhubbard@aol.com](mailto:ewhubbard@aol.com).

## CLOSED MEETING – MEMBERS ONLY

Next week's meeting will provide a forum for YOUR thoughts and comments. We'll be updated on the status of three priorities that arose from our Long Range Planning Survey last year.

The chairs of the PAC Formation Research Committee, the Community Foundation Committee and the Conference Program Committee (major speaking event) will describe the progress that's been made in these programs which have the potential of being a significant part of Athena's future. Join us to get a status report and an opportunity to comment on the committee work being done.





## President's Message

*"To him nothing is impossible, who is always dreaming of his past possibilities."*

Carlyle

Our thanks to Mayor **Pam Iorio** for her talk with us last month. Even though most of us have known what her vision for Tampa is, it was inspiring to hear from her again all that is possible with strong leadership and enough community will to get it done. The standing ovation she received signaled the enthusiasm and appreciation we have for her leadership. We're with you Madam Mayor.

The November meeting will give us a chance to hear what's been happening with the Committees working hard to accomplish this year's goals. Last year's Long Range Planning Survey illuminated three priorities. Responding to questions of CONFLICT WITH ATHENA POSITIONS, the majority agreed that individuals should be informed and take action they deem OK and about 40 thought we should have a Political Action Committee. The PAC Formation Research Committee has done the homework and will report its findings.

Under the heading of ATHENA'S REPUTATION, the three top choices by a two to one majority were our helpfulness to children, to all women and the value of becoming informed on important women's issues. The Community Foundation Committee will report on this year's initiatives to help women through our Athena Fund and the Philanthropy in Action project.

And, lastly, the heading of WHICH ACTIVITIES YOU WANT ATHENA TO OFFICIALLY ENDORSE gathered the most votes in any category when 92 of us agreed we should hold an annual seminar with a national speaker. The Conference Program Committee will report on progress made to date in securing that speaker.

All of these efforts hark back to our roots and our mission of promoting equality and opportunity for women. They also satisfy some of the diverse interests of our membership. Other committees are meeting between the time I write this and our next member meeting, and if there are reports forthcoming they will be included in our agenda. We want to take advantage of our members-only setting to conduct Athena business.

Judy





## Time to Think Membership

by Carol Dyches, VP/Membership

Know someone you believe would be a good addition to our group? It's not too early to begin pulling together the sponsorship information. Our deadline for 2004 nominations is Monday, February 16, and forms will be available at the November 6 luncheon meeting.

As you consider likely candidates, please keep in mind the characteristics on which membership committee members base their evaluations: professional accomplishments, demonstrated leadership, community contribution, contribution to the advancement of women, diversity (occupation, race, ethnicity, age) and quality of endorsements

One more reminder: If you sponsored or co-sponsored a nominee in 2003, you may not serve in either of those capacities in 2004.

Membership Committee members are listed on the cover of the newsletter. For those receiving by email, the members are **Marsha Lewis Brown, Judy Dato, Helen Gordon Davis, Mary Estes, Renu Khator, Ruth Kinsolving** and **Miriam Mason**.

## Athena Bonus

Our first Athena Bonus of the year will be held on Thursday, November 20, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. at the home of **Dena Leavengood**, 3007 W. Chapin Avenue. The plan is to just visit and enjoy each other's company and peek around Dena's lovely new home. If you're inspired to bring your favorite finger food or beverage, fine. We'll have plenty of wine. (Directions: Six blocks north of Gandy, between MacDill and Bayshore. Dena notes that the street is very narrow and asks that you park in a way that won't block driveways or traffic.)

## Athena "Housekeeping"

Are you creative, computer savvy and willing to volunteer time and talent to Athena? If so, we've got a project for you – webmaster! We've long had a domain name and would now like to begin utilizing it for more extensive internal communication. Interested? Call **Judy Ryan** at 872-6054.

Though we haven't reminded members in a while, many continue to bring in toiletry items accumulated during their travels to be passed on to The Spring for the hundreds of clients they serve. This is a project we've embraced for years and enthusiastically encourage your participation. It takes very little effort and is much appreciated. Bring your contributions to lunch – in November or any other month – and we'll handle them from there.





## News About Members

Congratulations to brand new grandma **Gayla Russell**. Logan James Wen was born October 9 in Washington, MO..... 5 pounds 10 ounces. Proud parents are Gayla's daughter Tanya and husband Stephen of St. Louis.

**Rhonda Trainor** recently retired and hit the open road (literally!) with husband Norman. They embarked on a two-month RV trip exploring the big cities (Las Vegas, etc.) as well as remote areas in the wonderful west. Rhonda reports that she's having a great time but missing her friends back home and plans to return November 1.

We note with sympathy the passing of the mothers of **Betty Castor** (Gladys Evans), **Sarah Jordan-Holmes** (Mildred Pfrimmer) and **Judy Munson** (Malene Munson). Betty asked that any memorial contributions be given to the USF Foundation or to the charity of your choice; Sarah mentioned Prevent Blindness Florida or DaySpring Episcopal Conference Center.

We extend our sympathy also to **Jane Siling** for the passing of her stepfather.

Our favorite medical author – **Elaine Shimberg** – is scheduled to appear at Inkwood Books on Thursday, October 30, 7 p.m. to discuss and sign her 19th book, *Coping with COPD: Understanding, Treating and Living with Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease*. The book addresses the daily life issues associated with emphysema and chronic bronchitis.

**Barbara Ann Blue** and husband Jim have purchased a home in the Georgia mountain town of Blairsville. They'll be dividing their time between the mountains and their beach place on Manasota Key with frequent stays in Tampa. Barbara Ann is maintaining a BPG office in Tampa and can be reached on her cell at 813/545-3038 or at [ba.blue@verizon.net](mailto:ba.blue@verizon.net).

**Kathy Castor** was recently honored as a "Woman of Distinction" by Business and Professional Women/Tampa for her leadership and her contribution to the community.

The Women Legislator's Lobby (WiLL) named Rep. **Arthenia L. Joyner** as the recipient of their 2003 Pacesetter Award for demonstrating a commitment to forward-looking policies as well as a resolve that all women should have a place at the policy table. Arthenia was recognized specifically for outstanding achievement and hard work in sponsoring the Equal Rights Amendment in Florida and for speaking out against budget cuts that harm human services. The award was presented in Washington, D.C. last month.

Proud mom **Susan Dellinger** reports that her son Jade has just published his first book entitled *Are We Not Men? ... We Are DEVO!* (SAF Publishers, London. Fall/2003). The book chronicles the rise and fall of the esoteric rock band, DEVO (devolution). Susan says, "The topic is not my cup of tea, but the story is truly compelling - a great 'read'." Like mother, like son?

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## Upcoming Meeting

**WHEN:** Thursday, October 2  
11:55 a.m. – luncheon

**WHERE:** Centre Club  
Westshore at Kennedy

**SPEAKER:** Pam Iorio  
Mayor, City of Tampa

**COST:** Guests - \$20

**RSVP:** By September 29 – Call **Eleanor Hubbard**  
(251-9172) or email [ewhubbard@aol.com](mailto:ewhubbard@aol.com).

### OPEN MEETING – GUESTS WELCOME

(Program note: Because we expect a large crowd, early reservations are encouraged. Only one guest per member will be accepted and those slots will be limited. )

What a difference a day made! That day being Election Day 2003. Mayor Pam Iorio in just a few months has orchestrated some significant changes in our city and continues to improve the lives of many, many people.

She'll share her expectations for the future and give us an opportunity to possibly share ours. You'll also have a chance to ask questions about what's going on "behind the headlines."



## President's Message

"Those gifts are ever the more acceptable which the giver has made precious."

Ovid

As most of you know, one of our priorities this year is to grow the Athena Fund at the Community Foundation. That fund is used to provide career assistance grants to women who are trying to break the cycle of socio-economic need in which they find themselves. All of us have had the benefit of an education which provided one of the bases for our success, and we know how "precious" and important that is. With our monetary gift which can be used for anything needed to enable these women to stay in school, we are reinforcing that importance to them. That in itself is a gift to someone who may not hear that message from her circle of friends.

August was "birthday month" in my circle of friends. Oh, we have birthdays almost every month, but Leo is a big sign amongst us, so it is that we find many occasions to celebrate. There's always a meal involved and a wonderful collection of funny cards and, sometimes, a gift. This year, instead of buying a gift for those I would normally remember that way, I've started making small donations to the Athena Fund in their honor. And, because my friends know how "precious" it is to me, many have reciprocated. It is an ever widening spiral of Athena Fund giving. How wonderful. Many of us have reached a place in life where the "stuff" we have is more than plenty. If that's where you are, please join us in this tradition. Just remember to send your checks through Eleanor so they can be tracked against any pledge your honoree has made and also so the Community Foundation can be informed of the address to which the acknowledgement should be sent.

September's meeting was certainly a gift to all of us who attended. There was a buzz in the air before the meeting as everyone reunited after the summer break. Then after the program where the speakers energized us with visions of Tampa's possible future, the buzz continued for about an hour after we adjourned. A first, I think. Thanks to **Judy Munson, Susan Freeman and Linda Goldstein** for putting it all together and, of course, to our panelists who did such a brilliant job of showing us some of the facets of the Creative Economy Initiative. **Deanne Roberts** is certainly the right woman in the right place at the right time to help our community become more prosperous through embracing diversity and creativity. Paul Wilborn promises to be a great facilitator of specifics of the vision and Fran Powers is implementing one of those specifics in her Powerstories Theatre. (Athena Bonus at one of her performances, anyone?)

This month's meeting will be a perfect progression of topics when our mayor outlines her vision for a "livable" city. Hope to see you there.

Judy





## Membership Information

Former members reinstated as of July 1:

**Dorry Norris, MD** – Physician whose specialty is infectious diseases

**Vicki Vega** – Charter member – Business trainer/consultant

Welcome back, ladies!

The following have recently resigned from Athena membership:

**Elsie Garner** – moved to Charlotte, NC

**Ellen Kimmel** – moved to Santa Cruz, CA

**Alice Luckey**

**Beth Shields**

For additional information, contact Eleanor Hubbard. Current membership stands at 155.

VP/Membership **Carol Dyches** will soon be providing information on nominating procedures for 2004 candidates.

## Athena "Housekeeping"

**Jhonda Trainor** has agreed to be Athena's archivist this year and would appreciate receiving any clippings regarding members' activities – especially those coming from regional issues of the Tampa Tribune or St. Pete Times, corporate magazines, professional journals, etc. **Eleanor Hubbard** has volunteered to compile a book of candid photos and is seeking contributions beginning with functions (parties, meetings, retreats) from the 70's to the present. Please dig through your treasures and share with us; this book should provide a great "walk down memory lane."

The list of members receiving this newsletter via email continues to grow. If you'd like to be added to the list, notify **Eleanor Hubbard** at [ewhubbard@aol.com](mailto:ewhubbard@aol.com). (Get the jump on your sisters.....it arrives about two day earlier than the print version!)

Fall calendars are quickly filling up, so to be sure you don't miss any exciting Athena function, please note our schedule for the remainder of the year:

October 2 – Luncheon meeting – guests welcome

November 6 – Luncheon meeting - guests welcome

December 4 – Dinner meeting – members only – Tampa Museum of Art

December 14 – Holiday buffet – guests welcome – 6 to 8 p.m.

As usual, you'll get details in upcoming newsletters.

Dress for Success Tampa Bay's Third Annual Benefit Luncheon will be held on Friday, November 14, 11:30 a.m. at the Crowne Plaza – Westshore. **Judy Genshaft** is the featured speaker, and tickets are 50. If you'd like to sit at the Athena table, please confirm with Eleanor Hubbard (via email) prior to October 20.



## News About Members

Welcome news from longtime member **Maryanne Rouse**: " First, I've received one of two USF College of Business Administration awards for outstanding undergraduate teaching. Second, I spent a +/-month in Wales and England this summer. The first three weeks I taught in a study abroad program at the University of Glamorgan in Wales. Then my husband flew over and we spent the next ten days in London and southwest England. We were in London for the hottest day ever recorded (101 degrees F!) but had a wonderful time anyway. We drove from London to Southampton, Plymouth, Penzance, Bristol, and Tintern—with stops in between in Salisbury and Winchester and, of course, Stonehenge. Wonderful trip - Our only complaint was that the time was too short." (Anyone else with a travel narrative is encouraged to submit for this section.)

**Jenna Venero** is back on the "fast track" working at the University of Tampa as the new Director of Safety and Security for its 5,000+ member community. She can be reached at 813/253-3333x3037 or at [jvenero@ut.edu](mailto:jvenero@ut.edu).

**Lee Leavengood** has tried retirement – since June 30 - and "failed" (quote husband Vic). She has returned to USF as Stewardship Liaison for the USF Foundation.

## 2003-2004 Committee Chairs

Archives	Rhonda Trainor
Athena Bonus	Stephanie Ferrell
Community Action	Louise Thompson
Community Foundation	Marva Crenshaw
Conference Program	Helen Gordon Davis
Hospitality	Susan Grady
PAC Formation	Suzy McLain
Public Issues	Jean Amuso
Publications/PR	Annette DeLisle
Retreat 2004	Judy Munson/Mary Scriven
Women's History Book	Sandy Frye
Young Women of Achievement	Leslie Stein
Young Women of Promise	Sylvia Richardson

## Nominating Committee Results

At the June meeting, members were given the opportunity to vote for six individuals to serve on the 2003-2004 Nominating Committee. The following were elected:

<b>Jean Amuso</b>	<b>Mary Scriven</b>
<b>Kathy Castor</b>	<b>Mimi Stamps</b>
<b>Deanne Roberts</b>	<b>Becky Steele</b>

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## Upcoming Meeting

- WHEN:** Thursday, September 4  
11:55 a.m. – luncheon
- WHERE:** Centre Club  
Westshore at Kennedy
- PROGRAM:** "The Creative Economy: Athena Gets a Sneak Preview"
- PANELISTS:** **Deanne Roberts** - Chairman, Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce  
Paul Wilborn - Manager of Creative Industries, City of Tampa  
Fran Powers - Founder of Powerstories Theatre Company
- MODERATOR:** **Linda Goldstein**
- COST:** Guests - \$20
- RSVP:** By September 2 – Call **Eleanor Hubbard** (251-9172) or email [ewhubbard@aol.com](mailto:ewhubbard@aol.com).  
RSVP via email is preferable this month.

## OPEN MEETING – GUESTS WELCOME

Ever since Dr. Richard Florida spoke at the Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center in April, hundreds of citizens have been motivated to pursue the principles he espouses for building a vibrant community.

Author of "The Rise of the Creative Class," he has ignited energy and excitement at the prospect of producing a community that is creative while also attracting economic growth. And one of the keys to this ideal is to cultivate and nurture the talented people living in the region.

Our panelists will share with us their ideas on how that can be done. Join us for a stimulating session about YOUR community.



## President's Message

"There are years that ask questions and years that answer."  
Zora Neale Hurston

Thanks to the questions posed by the Long Range Planning Committee last year, we have a variety of survey answers to explore. Three of those have become our priorities for this year:

Reintroduce our National Speaker Program

Research the formation of a Political Action Committee

Grow the Athena Education Fund to help women in socio-economic need

These were the topics of a lively member forum at the Field Club on Sunday morning at the annual Retreat in July. And what a Retreat it was. The selections and planning by **Paddy Moses** and the Retreat Committee drew the largest attendance ever. There was a definite "buzz" in the air on Friday evening over cocktails and dinner at our hotel, the Sarasota Ritz-Carlton. Everyone was anticipating a great weekend, and they weren't disappointed. The Saturday program theme of de-stressing your work and home life was a hit. **Lisa Robbins** generously shared details of her life and how she deals with its complexities, **Anne Kantor** talked about the relaxation response she has been using for many years and taught us all how to do it, and Rita Carlino gave some wonderful tips on how to take the stress out of entertaining. Will Publix's roast chicken ever be the same?

Afternoon was "at leisure" for spa treatments, movies, shopping or sightseeing. About 20 of us toured Ca d'Zan to see the results of our late dear friend **Jan Abell's** passion. It was, of course, awesome. Saturday evening's dinner was delicious and entertaining at Zoria's, and the Field Club Sunday brunch was as spectacular as always. Above all, the camaraderie we experienced during the weekend is of lasting moment to all of us. It is these kinds of experiences that lay the groundwork for supporting one another. I always come away feeling how lucky we are to have each other in our lives and knowing that support magnifies and translates to helping all women. I think this year's priorities speak to this in three distinct ways and you'll be hearing a lot more about how you can help further them as our year progresses. Here's to a great Athena year.

Judy





## "I Don't Have a Thing to Wear"

If you ever say that (or even think it!), **Judie Taggart** can help as that's the title of her newly published book and she's bringing it to our September luncheon! Written in collaboration with Jackie Walker, the book is subtitled "The Psychology of Your Closet" and it gets to the heart of your clothing issues – from "emotional" shopping to wardrobe blind spots to "someday" thinking. The closet, they explain, is a room of emotion, a room of past lives and future dreams. They give advice on "how to shop wisely, organize easily and create a wardrobe that makes you feel attractive, comfortable, powerful, sexy and completely yourself." (You can't ask for more!)

Since the August 5th publication, life has been exciting for the authors, what with signing and speaking appearances and last week Judie was interviewed by Instyle Magazine. But on the 4<sup>th</sup> she'll be with us, happy to sign copies for you or your friends. What a great holiday gift.....\$12 and chock full of tips that will help you look and feel your best. Bring your cash or checkbook; Judie doesn't take American Express or any other card!

It is, by the way, available at all the local booksellers as well as Amazon.com.



## News About Members

**Deanne Roberts** has been named Chair-Elect of Leadership Florida to serve from summer '04 to summer '05.

It's been an eventful summer for **Becky Steele**: she opened her own law office, was sworn in as President of the Hillsborough Association for Women Lawyers and spoke at three seminars. She can now be reached at 112 So. Armenia Ave., Tampa 33609, 813/254-0925 or [becky@rebeccasteelaw.com](mailto:becky@rebeccasteelaw.com).

At USF's residency graduation in June, **Moira Burke** was named Surgical Teacher of the Year..... for the second year in a row!

Our thoughts and prayers are with several members who have recently lost loved ones: **Sharon Kilpatrick** and **Judy Dato** both lost their fathers; **Jan Roberts'** mother passed away earlier in the summer.

Former member **Kem Toole** – now living in Virginia – lost her husband this week as well.





## Athena "Housekeeping"

Are you suffering from paper overload? Would you prefer to receive your Athena newsletter electronically rather than via mail? Almost half of our membership already does, and if you'd like to be added to the list, notify **Eleanor Hubbard** at [ewhubbard@aol.com](mailto:ewhubbard@aol.com). Just one single keystroke will do the trick!

Those who have made pledges to the Community Foundation are reminded to mail the checks (payable to Community Foundation – Athena Education Fund) to **Eleanor Hubbard** who is handling the record keeping. If you haven't yet pledged, you can do so at the September luncheon OR request a form from Eleanor at any time. Consider contributing in memory of or in honor of a friend, family member or colleague. It's also a wonderful way to acknowledge a birthday, anniversary or other special event.

Last call for updating both the directory and the promotional brochure. Any copy changes or photos must be received by September 3.

Athena's Board of Directors last week voted to participate in the Community Foundation's "Philanthropy in Action" program whereby we are given \$10,000 to re-grant to the charity of our choice. A process will be developed for the selection of a worthy non-profit project that will help women in some capacity. You'll hear more as we progress.

The Young Women of Achievement Committee – under the direction of Chair **Leslie Stein** – is forging full steam ahead in an effort to locate all former Young Women of Promise. If you are in touch with any of these ladies or simply know of their whereabouts, please relay the information to Leslie.

Early alert for those wishing to attend the Dress for Success fundraising luncheon on Friday, November 14: as last year, we'll have an Athena table. Luncheon will be at the Crowne Plaza on Westshore and the featured speaker will be our own **Judy Genshaft**. Other details are not yet available, but you may reserve a seat by emailing [ewhubbard@aol.com](mailto:ewhubbard@aol.com).



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## Upcoming Meeting

**WHEN:** Thursday, June 5  
5:30 p.m. – cash bar  
6:15 p.m. – dinner

**WHERE:** Centre Club  
Westshore at Kennedy

**PROGRAM:** Business Meeting – Agenda to include:  
Election of Nominating Committee  
Approval of 2003-04 budget  
Election of officers/directors  
Passing of the gavel  
Installation  
Introduction of new members

**MENU:** Prime rib of beef (**If you prefer** a veggie plate or Chicken Napa w/sun-dried tomatoes and goat cheese, please indicate.)

**RSVP:** By June 2 – Call **Eleanor Hubbard** (251-9172) or email [ewhubbard@aol.com](mailto:ewhubbard@aol.com). No response card enclosed; please observe reservation deadline of 5 p.m., 06/02

## 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 12 months.



## President's Message

My penchant for brevity is being challenged as I write this final column. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as Athena's twenty-sixth president. It has been an honor to work with the Board, committee chairs and the membership. Special thanks go out to **Eleanor Hubbard** for the invaluable assistance that she provided during the year.

Throughout the year we have: celebrated the next generation; examined the cultural aspects of our community; considered alternative ideas for improving the quality of life and explored the divine secrets of Athena's sisterhood. Continuing with the Athena tradition, our two holiday celebrations were a welcome respite from the "hectic" pace we endure daily. We also presented another Level Playing Field Award and educational assistance grants to three women. Imagine how many more women we could assist with breaking the cycle through a larger fund! The possibilities are endless.

Our May program honoring the Young Women of Promise was as expected rejuvenating. This chapter of Athena's journey toward the mark of improving the status of women from "all walks of life" ends with our annual meeting in June. Please join us as we install a new board and **Judy Ryan** as the next president. My hope going forward is that Athena charts a course, which acknowledges the diverse political, religious and socioeconomic ideals, which exist amongst the membership.

Marva



## Sunday, June 22 – Party Time!

Our annual party to honor new members is scheduled for Sunday, June 22, 4 to 6 p.m. at the home of **Margaret Mathews**, 2426 Sunset Drive in South Tampa. The Hospitality Committee – chaired by **Cynthia Gandee** – will present its usual wonderful spread....to be enjoyed in the lovely garden or in air-conditioned comfort. There's no charge for members and one guest; additional guests are \$20. Reservations may be made by emailing or phoning Eleanor Hubbard prior to June 17. Please list guest names; see page ? for driving directions.



## Athena "Housekeeping"

As usual, there will be no Athena meetings in July and August; luncheons will resume in September. Barring extraordinary circumstances in the coming year, we'll continue to adhere to our first Thursday of the month schedule (in January it's the second) with dinners in December, May and June.

Repeat of last month's message: We'll soon begin working on the 2003-04 directory and for many that means it's time for a photograph. If you don't have one in the current book, please plan to mail us an original or an electronic version: pdf or tif. Deadline for these photos is August 1.

Reservations for retreat have been coming in at a steady rate but the deadline is fast approaching: June 23. (Date for release of room block.) Please mail your form with check and credit card information ASAP; we have a wonderful weekend planned. Specifics again: July 25-27 at the Sarasota Ritz-Carlton. Need a roommate? No problem... Eleanor will match you up.

## New Members to be Introduced

We're pleased to announce the following women have accepted Athena's invitation to membership and will be formally introduced at the June 5 annual meeting:

Rachelle DesVaux Bedke – sponsored by Becky Steele  
Kimberlee DeBosier - sponsored by Pam Wolf

**WELCOME! WELCOME!**

## Directions to June 22 Party

Driving directions from Kennedy and MacDill Avenues: Travelling south on MacDill, pass through three traffic lights. Sunset is the third street beyond the light; turn left; Margaret's house is in the third block on your right. Parking is permissible on only one side of the street; please observe the posted signs.



## 2003-04 Slate

The following slate has been proposed by the Nominating Committee:

President . . . . . Judy Ryan  
President-Elect . . . . . Margaret Mathews  
VP/Membership . . . . . Carol Dyches  
VP/Programs . . . . . Judy Munson  
Secretary . . . . . Susan Leisner  
Treasurer . . . . . Melinda Chavez  
Imm. Past President . . . . . Marva Crenshaw

### BOARD MEMBERS

Second year of 2-year term:	Two-year term:
Stacy Frank	Linda Devine
Paulette Gross	Barbara Pennington
Jenna Venero	Lisa Robbins

### MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Second year of 2-year term:	Two-year term:
Helen Gordon Davis	Marsha Lewis Brown
Renu Khator	Mary Estes
Judy Dato	Ruth Kinsolving

Alternate: Miriam Mason

## Nominating Committee Election

At the April meeting, members were asked to vote for 12 individuals eligible to serve on the 2003-04 Nominating Committee. The following are being presented as the result of this preliminary ballot. Because of a 3-way tie for twelfth position, only eleven are being proposed.

<b>Jean Amuso</b>	<b>Deanne Roberts</b>
<b>Maruchi Azorin</b>	<b>Linda Saul-Sena</b>
<b>Kathy Castor</b>	<b>Mary Scriven</b>
<b>Cynthia Gandee</b>	<b>Alex Sink</b>
<b>Dottie MacKinnon</b>	<b>Mimi Stamps</b>
<b>Becky Steele</b>	

The final election will take place at the June meeting at which time six members will be selected – five to serve as regular members and one to serve as an alternate until the annual meeting in 2004. If you do not plan to attend the June meeting, you may wish to implement Article V, Section 10 of the bylaws: Proxies.

# Athena Society



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May, 2003

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## Upcoming Meeting

**WHEN:** Thursday, May 1  
5:30 p.m. – light dinner

**WHERE:** Centre Club  
Westshore at Kennedy

**PROGRAM:** Young Women of Promise  
Class of 2003

**COST:** Guests - \$20

**RSVP:** By April 28 – Call **Eleanor Hubbard**  
(251-9172) or email ewhubbard@aol.com.  
reservation deadline of 5 p.m., 04/28

## OPEN MEETING – GUESTS WELCOME

Need some inspiration? A promise of better things to come? Then be sure to attend on May 1 when you'll meet 11 very special Hillsborough County juniors who will share their stories. (See page 2 for a list of those to be recognized.)

The Young Women of Promise program is a long-standing tradition of Athena to recognize and support young women who are contributing members of their communities and demonstrate promise for even greater achievement. After **Sylvia Richardson** and her committee introduce you to these remarkable teenagers, you'll leave feeling energized and hopeful about tomorrow. A wonderful return on your investment of time!

Please plan to join us and bring friends who will enjoy the light supper and good news about our area youth.



## President's Message

It is May and almost "sine die." Our final program for the year will honor Athena's 2003 Young Women of Promise. Attending this program will provide you with an inexpensive opportunity to become part of a "bridge to tomorrow." Each of us has received words of encouragement along the way from many sources. Why not share a moment, perhaps providing the encouraging word that determines which of two roads these young women take. It's not too late to check your calendars and RSVP.

While you are doing calendar checks, fast forward to the 2003-2004 year and volunteer to assist **Judy Ryan** our President-Elect as she prepares to lead us into Athena's twenty-seventh year. There are many, many tasks to perform to keep us moving forward. What will your investment in Athena be for 2003 - 2004? The opportunities are endless. Growing our Women's Education Fund will permit us to reach more women who are trying to break the cycle through education. Developing new ways to expand our Level Playing Field mainstay could provide further inroads and opportunities for women in the business sector. Implementing a plan, locating and reconnecting with our former Young Women of Promise holds innumerable possibilities.

There are many ideas that have come about as a result of the Long-Range Planning Committee's work. While implementation of some of those ideas requires simple policy decisions by the board, others require a commitment of time from you the membership. There is something more that we all can do...

Marva



## 2003 Young Women of Promise

- Caroline Anderson ..... Hillsborough High School
- Alexandrea Denis ..... Gaither High School
- Farrah Elchahal ..... Berkeley Preparatory School
- Patricia Hearne ..... Freedom High School
- Rebecca Hough ..... Plant High School
- Stephanie Johnson ..... Robinson High School
- Kristin Leigh Misiak ..... Tampa Preparatory School
- Chelsea Ottaway ..... Riverview High School
- Emily Rivard ..... Academy of the Holy Names
- Casey Smith ..... East Bay High School
- Erjeta Toska ..... Tampa Bay Tech High School



## Athena "Housekeeping"

We're having a garden party so mark your calendar! Our annual gathering to honor new members is scheduled for Sunday, June 22, 4 to 6 p.m. at the home of **Margaret Mathews**, 2426 Sunset Drive in South Tampa. Hospitality Chair **Cynthia Gandee** notes that several committee members are unable to help with this event, so if you'd enjoy preparing a personal speciality, please contact her at 258-7300.

A number of members are receiving this newsletter electronically - 3 days earlier than those by "snail mail." If you'd like to join that group, notify **Eleanor Hubbard** at ewhubbard@aol.com and she'll gladly add you to the list.

Our last regular meeting of the year will be on June 5, 5:30 p.m., at the Centre Club: introduction of new members, recognition of current board, installation of new one, election of Nominating Committee, etc. It's a "members only" function.....please plan to attend.

We'll soon begin working on the 2003-04 directory and for many that means it's time for a photograph. If you don't have one in the current book, please plan to mail us an original or an electronic version: pdf or tif. Deadline for these photos is August 1.

Enclosed is information on the retreat scheduled for July 25-27 at the Sarasota Ritz-Carlton. Please return your registration form as soon as you've cleared your calendar. We've got a wonderful weekend planned!



## Members' Projects

Athena members are invited to celebrate the 25th anniversary of The Centre for Women at an Open House Reception on Thursday, May 8, from 5:30 to 7. The program at 6:15 will feature founder, **Helen Gordon Davis**. The Centre has grown to a staff of 90 with a \$5 million budget. Come and learn about the many and varied services it provides to our community. This is a great opportunity for former board members (many of whom are Athena members) to reconnect and for others who have never seen the inside of the Ward-Taliafero House to see the beauty of its classic design.

**Judy Dato** invites members to join a celebration on May 22, 6:30 p.m., at the Hyatt Regency Tampa in honor of community volunteers who serve the students of Hillsborough County. Highlights include introduction of the county's "Teacher of the Year," special remarks by Superintendent Earl Lennard and entertainment provided by talented students. Call 813/872-5254 for additional details; tickets are \$35 per person.





## Athena Survey – Partial Summary

As of April 14, 97 surveys had been received. According to **Judy Munson**, not everyone completed every question; percentages, therefore, were taken of the numbers of actual answers. The information below represents 90% of the returned surveys. To get an idea of what's behind the numbers, at the June meeting members will have an opportunity to read all of the comments.

### *Preliminary Information*

- 86% members have attended at least one retreat
- 78% have sponsored or co-sponsored at person for membership

### *Membership*

- 54% wanted to keep the membership cap at 160

### *Political & Social Activity*

- 96% of members are aware of the ethical constraints against political activity that some members have because of the positions or job.
- 86% is aware of the social or religious constraints which some members have because of their person beliefs.

### *Activities you want Athena to officially endorse*

- 77% supported Holding an annual Seminar
- 64% supported mentoring young women in executive positions
- 57% supported referendum/legislative issues
- 57% supported mentoring young women in socio-economic need

### *Members with constraints about Athena goals.*

- 15% felt that members with constraints should resign and none be admitted in the future.
- 9% felt that members with constraints can be only ex officio and not vote or hold office
- 40% felt that Athena should have a separate Political Action Committee.
- 52% felt members should be informed about political issues and take whatever action they deem appropriate.

### *Athena's Reputation*

- 79% felt Athena should be known for becoming informed regarding women's issues.
- 80% wanted to be know as helpful to women members
- 83% wanted to be known as helpful to women and girls in the community.

### *Current Membership Benefits (pick the top five)*

- 87% appreciated personal friendships
- 84% appreciated professional networking
- 62% enjoyed the luncheon meetings
- 43% enjoyed the retreats
- 38% valued the directory

## News About Members

Our sincere sympathy to **Linda Saul-Sena** who recently lost her mother.

**Wilma Smith** has been certified for a Ph.D. in Applied Anthropology and will participate in the May 3 USF Arts & Sciences commencement ceremony. The title of her dissertation is "The Effects of Workplace Support on the Career Paths of African American Professional Women in the Corporate Employment Sector." Congratulations, Wilma.....a great accomplishment!

# Athena Society



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## Upcoming Meeting

- WHEN:** Thursday, April 3  
11:55 a.m. – luncheon
- WHERE:** Centre Club  
Westshore at Kennedy
- PROGRAM:** Level Playing Field Award  
Community Foundation Scholarship  
winners
- PRESENTERS:** Louise Thompson & Linda Fries
- COST:** Guests - \$20
- RSVP:** By March 31 – Call **Eleanor Hubbard**  
(251-9172) or email [ewhubbard@aol.com](mailto:ewhubbard@aol.com).  
No response card enclosed; please  
observe reservation deadline. .

## OPEN MEETING – GUESTS WELCOME

This month's program captures two Athena community outreach efforts: our annual presentations of the Level Playing Field Award and Community Foundation scholarships. **Louise Thompson** will showcase, through the Level Playing Field Award, employers who are promoting the advancement of women and a family-friendly work environment; the award is part of the work of the Community Action Committee chaired by **Marsha Rydberg**. The second portion of the program will feature our three Community Foundation Scholarship recipients; these deserving women were chosen by an Athena committee chaired by **Linda Fries** (See page 2). Career assistance funding will be provided to them so that they may pursue their professional aspirations. Please invite friends, colleagues and others who are interested in and support the advancement of women and families!



## President's Message

On March 6, 2003 a culture of teamwork prevailed when eighty plus members joined together to dialogue on Athena's future. The exchange of ideas amongst eighty women of diverse social, religious, and political beliefs was profoundly stimulating. The sixty minutes passed too quickly. Thanks to **Margaret Mathews** and the Long-Range Planning Committee for a job well done. Endless hours were spent by the committee in developing the survey which served as the focus of the discussions. The survey results will be incorporated into the committee's 2003 long-range plan that will be presented at the June meeting. As we approach the end of Athena's twenty-sixth year, it is imperative that the dialogue continues and that the diversity of the membership is embraced. Without open dialogue that acknowledges the diversity of Athena's membership, there can be no meaningful growth.

Marva



## 2003 Athena Scholarship Winners

by Linda Fries

The Athena Community Foundation Committee met recently and selected three outstanding applicants to receive Career Assistance Grants of \$700 each.

The first is a 21-year-old single mother who is studying for her nursing degree at HCC. She is in a work study program, does some volunteer work, helps her fellow students and still manages a 3.5 GPA.

The second, a 24-year-old single mother of four, is studying accounting at Erwin and will enter HCC in August to pursue her AA degree. Her ultimate goal is her CPA designation. She is active in SAC (Students Advisory Council) at Erwin and volunteers at her daughter's school and maintains a 4.0 GPA.

The third recipient is a 42-year-old single mother of two. She is at Erwin studying to be a carpenter. Her goal is not only to make a living at carpentry but to be able to use her skills in mission work for one or two months a year, building houses in impoverished areas.

They are all overcoming unbelievable obstacles to become self-sufficient. Our challenge to them was for them to be wildly successful so they could give back to other women as well. Come meet them at the April meeting. You will be not only impressed but proud as well.



## Athena "Housekeeping"

Preliminary voting for the 2003-04 Nominating Committee will take place at the April meeting. Members will be asked to select 12 nominees; voting for the final six will be on June 5 at the Installation Dinner.

The purpose of last month's meeting was to hear and gather the thoughts of members on a variety of subjects and from that standpoint it was a roaring success. Eighty members completed the survey and before drawing any conclusions, we are eager to have input from the 75 members who were not there. Enclosed is a survey for those members with a request that it be returned prior to April 7. A summary of the results will be printed in the next newsletter; a complete report will be made at the June meeting.

Are you suffering from paper overload? Would you prefer to receive your Athena newsletter electronically rather than via mail? If so, notify **Eleanor Hubbard** at [ewhubbard@aol.com](mailto:ewhubbard@aol.com) and we'll begin with the May issue.

A reminder about the Community Foundation's Athena Education Fund: donations are always welcome (and encouraged!). Help us grow the fund by contributing in memory of or in honor of a friend, family member or colleague. A contribution is a wonderful way to acknowledge a birthday, anniversary or other special event. Next week you'll have an opportunity to meet several of the women who benefit from this wonderful fund.

Enclosed is a form to be filled out by any member who wishes to be considered for nomination to the 2003-04 Board of Directors.

If you haven't yet marked your calendar for July 25-27, do it! Those are the dates for our annual retreat, scheduled this year at the elegant Sarasota Ritz-Carlton. There's so much to do in that area, and **Paddy Moses** and her committee are planning some special activities. Information packets with registration forms will be mailed within the next ten days.

Enclosed is our updated promotional brochure.....again produced by Roberts Communications & Marketing. Our heartiest thanks to **Deanne Roberts**. If you'd like additional copies, contact Eleanor Hubbard.

**Erica Der** of Plant City High School is this year's Strawberry Festival Queen; she was a Young Woman of Promise last year.





## News About Members

**Elsie Garner** has accepted the position of President/CEO of Charlotte's public television station and will be moving there in June. You can reach her at [ElsieGarner@aol.com](mailto:ElsieGarner@aol.com).

**Lee Leavengood** was recently honored as a Woman of Distinction by the Girl Scouts of Suncoast Council.

## May 1 – Young Women of Promise

**Sylvia Richardson** and her committee encourage you to mark May 1 on your calendars for an uplifting evening as we salute our 2003 Young Women of Promise. Eleven outstanding high school students have been selected as our award recipients this year, and this program is always an inspiring recognition of the awardees who will undoubtedly become young women of distinction.

## Directory Changes

Nancy McDonald's email: [nancymcd@4goodstuff.com](mailto:nancymcd@4goodstuff.com)

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901-853-7696  
[ewalters6@aol.com](mailto:ewalters6@aol.com)



## Members' Projects

Do talent, technology and tolerance translate into growth and prosperity? What does a creative culture have to do with economic vitality? **Deanne Roberts** invites you to hear the ideas of Richard Florida, professor of economic development at Carnegie Mellon University and author of the new bestseller, [The Rise of Creative Class](#). Prof. Florida will be speaking on Friday, April 11, 7:30 – 10 a.m. at the Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center. Cost is \$30; to register, call Elisa DeGregorio at 813/878-2208. The Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce, The Arts Council of Hillsborough County and Tampa Bay Partnership are among the sponsoring organizations.

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## Upcoming Meeting

**WHEN:** Thursday, March 6  
11:55 a.m. – luncheon

**WHERE:** Centre Club  
Westshore at Kennedy

**PROGRAM:** Athena 2003 and Beyond:  
Insights, Reflections & Direction

**MODERATOR:** Margaret Mathews, Chair  
Long Range Planning Committee

**RSVP:** By March 3 w/enclosed card or call  
**Eleanor Hubbard** (251-9172) or email  
[ewhubbard@aol.com](mailto:ewhubbard@aol.com).



## CLOSED MEETING – MEMBERS ONLY

This closed session provides Athena members with an opportunity to discuss issues at the heart of the organization and its development. **Margaret Mathews** and the Long Range Planning Committee will conduct a structured conversation so that all can contribute insights and reflections on the direction of Athena, particularly in the areas of potential political and social activities, membership-related issues and foci of the organization.

This is not a meeting to deliberate but rather to contemplate what our collective future holds.



## President's Message

How will Athena remain true to its mission statement in the years ahead? Plan to attend the March meeting as we collectively seek out the correct response. Programs for the final quarter of the 2002 - 2003 year will be devoted to our three mainstays: Level Playing Field Award, Athena Society's Women's Education Fund Scholarship awards and recognition of the Young Women of Promise.

In April the nominating committee will begin its work to prepare a slate for 2003 - 2004. There are many tasks which must be performed to keep Athena moving forward. Take a moment and reassess your commitment to Athena. My thanks to **Wilma Smith**, 2002 Retreat Chair, who resigned from the board due to work conflicts; to **Paulette Gross** for filling the board vacancy and to **Susan Leisner** for sharing her thoughts on Athena in the February newsletter. It's time to transform commitment into action by contacting a member of the nominating committee and volunteering to fill one of the many essential positions for the 2003 - 2004 year.

Marva

## Programs Ahead

April 3. A salute to the professions as well as our annual awards will be part of this open meeting.

May 1. Plan now to attend this evening meeting to honor our Young Women of Promise recipients, hosted by Chair **Sylvia Richardson** and her committee.

June 5. Closed business meeting (installation of officers, introduction of new members, election of Nominating Committee, etc.)

## Level Playing Field Award

Enclosed in this newsletter is the 2003 application form for the Level Playing Field Award, an Athena Society effort to promote the advancement of women and family-friendliness in the workplace. We ask that each of you distribute this form to others in your network who may be or know others who may be potential candidates for the award. Deadline for application submission is 5 p.m., March 14.. The award will be presented at our April 3 meeting. Please give this your urgent attention. If you would like the form sent to you electronically, contact **Louise Thompson** at [lthompsn@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:lthompsn@tampabay.rr.com).



## Athena "Housekeeping"

Enclosed is a list of members eligible for the 2003-2004 Nominating Committee. Preliminary voting will take place at the April 3 meeting. If you wish to be removed from this list, please notify **Eleanor Hubbard** prior to March 14.

July 25 - 27.....mark it in red and write "FUN" in the squares! Those are the dates for our annual retreat, scheduled this year at the elegant Sarasota Ritz-Carlton. Reservation packets with all the details will be mailed by the first of April.

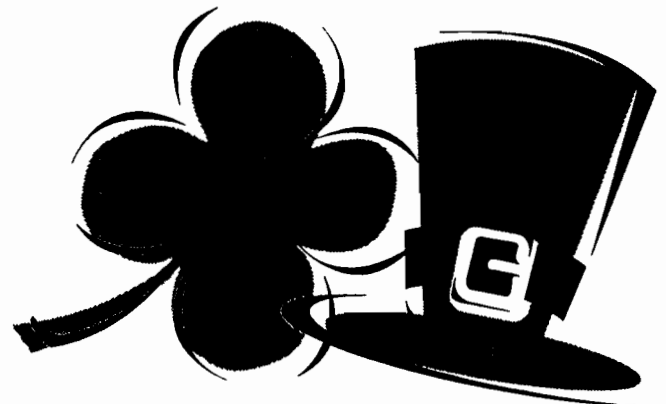
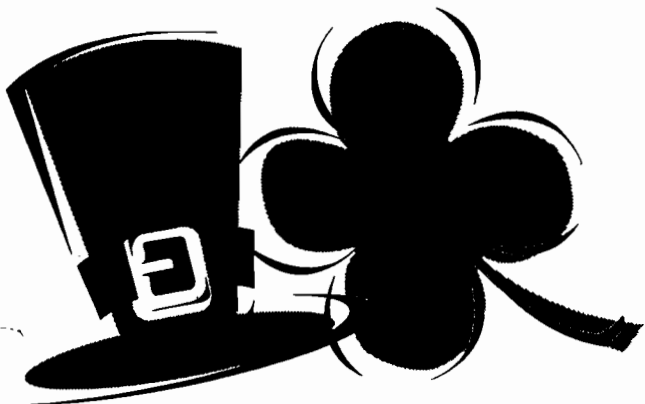
## News About Members

Our heartfelt sympathy to **Beth Shields** who lost her son to a heart attack last month. (Beth's new address is 1002 Harbour Court #1208, Tampa 33602.)

**Juel Smith** has been elected to Habitat for Humanity International's 31-member Board of Directors, the group overseeing the organization's mission of building decent housing in partnership with people in need throughout the world. Juel has an extensive background in teaching, counseling and lecturing throughout Africa, Europe and the Caribbean as well as the U.S.

**Sandy Freedman** just welcomed grandbaby #6 - Anna Curry Woodward - born to daughter Lisa and husband Edward Woodward on February 15. Congratulations!

**Margaret Mathews** has been elected President of the Board of Directors for Bay Area Legal Services.







## Update on YWP Alumnae

The following information on two former recipients comes to us from **Lee Leavengood**:

Nina Lacevic (YWP 2000) is an Honor Student at USF and has recently joined the National Society of Collegiate Scholars and the USF Honors College Council. After a summer internship in the County Attorney's office with **Emmy Acton**, she has changed her goals from medicine to law and now hopes to attend Harvard Law School. Nina and her family escaped from Bosnia and eventually came to the United States in 1995.

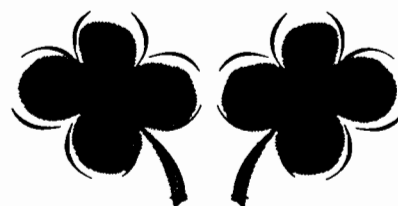
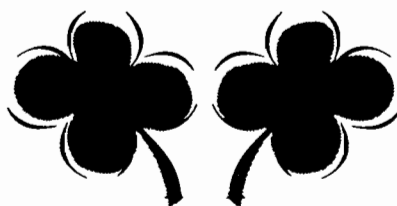
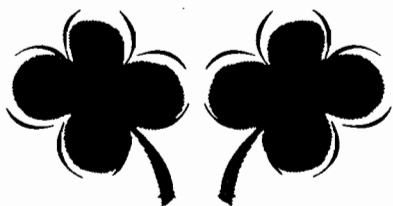
A senior at Riverview High School, Saima Qadree (YWP 2002) has been accepted into the USF Honors College for the fall. She has received a scholarship of \$2,000 in addition to the 100% coverage of tuition and book cost that she expects through the Bright Futures Program. Saima is originally from Pakistan and visited relatives there last summer.

## Members' Projects

Want to be a fairy godmother? Just clean out your closet! Dream a Dress, a non-profit that provides underprivileged Hillsborough County high school girls with dresses, shoes and accessories for the prom, is looking for donations.

"Almost every woman has a fabulous long gown that she doesn't wear anymore, hanging in the closet," says **Dianne Jacob**, founder of the all-volunteer organization. Costume jewelry, shawls, handbags and accessories are needed, with a special need for dresses in larger sizes.

The girls get to "shop" at a donated storefront. "It's a joy to watch these girls find the perfect outfit," says Jacob. To donate, call (813)354-0995. Cash donations can be mailed to Dream a Dress, 213 S. Matanzas Ave., Tampa, 33609.



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A Jewel in Tampa Bay's Crown
- MODERATOR:** Margaret Miller  
Director/Chief Curator  
USF Contemporary Art Museum
- COST:** Guests - \$20
- RSVP:** By February 3 w/enclosed card or call  
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## OPEN MEETING – GUESTS WELCOME

Brought to you by fellow Athenians, this session will speak to the cultural dimensions of our lives – undoubtedly promising to be a creative and adventurous presentation. Sharing their expertise and knowledge of what is available for our personal enrichment, **Margaret Miller**, **Cynthia Gandee**, **Emily Kass** and **Judy Lisi** will focus on ways that we can engage in the cultural aspects of our community, Bring a friend!



## President's Message

A message from the heart: February promises to be another "actively" challenging month. It always provides additional opportunities for me to engage in "open dialogue" on issues of diversity and a chance to remember those special people in my life. Lastly, considering the temperature outside as I write this column, it will provide an opportunity for me to hope that on February 2nd Pennsylvania is a very cloudy place.

Opportunities will continue to abound in Athena for the membership to share a moment of their time and energies with a view towards tomorrow. Some of you will take advantage of the opportunity to sponsor potential members for this year or future years consideration.

Our "Young Women of Promise" mainstay presents numerous opportunities for membership involvement. Attendance at the May program where we acknowledge and encourage these young women is an easy, inexpensive investment in tomorrow. Someone somewhere provided you with an "attagirl" which helped shape your career choices. **The date is May 1, 2003. The time is 5:30. The location: Centre Club.** Why not place it on your calendar today. Reinvest in the cycle by spending a minute with these young women at the May program. There is always room to "share" when your glass is half full, not half empty.

Marva

## Programs Ahead

March 6. This closed session will be an opportunity to share your thinking with the Long Range Planning Committee, chaired by **Margaret Mathews.**

April 3. A salute to the professions as well as our annual awards will be part of this open meeting.

May 1. Plan now to attend this evening meeting to honor our Young Women of Promise recipients, hosted by Chair **Sylvia Richardson** and her committee.

## Athena Bonus

If you've not yet been to Pop City at Channelside, join the Athena gang on Thursday, February 13! Plan to meet at 5:30 to woop it up and play games or just sit in a corner with a glass of wine and chat with friends. Then there are lots of options: we can move on to Ybor City via the trolley, shop, take in a movie or – for those with the time and interest – have dinner. **Susan Leisner** is coordinating this outing so please let her know if you plan to attend ([swleisner@aol.com](mailto:swleisner@aol.com)). We promise fun!



## Athena "Housekeeping"

Reminder: Deadline for proposing new members is Friday, February 14. Contact **Eleanor Hubbard** for nomination forms.

Believe it or not, it's already time to "think Retreat." In response to a genuine groundswell of suggestion, the committee (chaired by **Paddy Moses**) has booked the new, elegant Ritz-Carlton in Sarasota. Dates are July 25 - 27, and reservation packets will be mailed by the first of April.

## News About Members

Our sincere sympathy to two members who lost loved ones this month:

**Irene Hadley Bodeman's** husband, Bob, passed away as did **Betty Tribble's** brother-in-law, Harvey Wittner.

Congratulations to **Maria Howey** on the arrival of Natalie Paige Bardin, her second grandchild and first granddaughter. Natalie made her debut at 8 pounds on January 17 and is the daughter of Matt and Dorothy Howey Bardin.

## Directory Changes

Please note these and contact Eleanor Hubbard if you know of others.

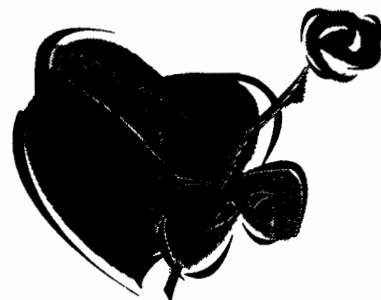
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## Athena – Past, Present and Future

Susan Leisner

When **Marva Crenshaw** asked me to jot down a few thoughts about Athena, I thought it would be an easy task, but it has turned out to be more difficult than I imagined. When I think about our beginnings, the memories come flooding back and it's difficult to select those that would be the most meaningful to current members. The times were so different then. Professional women were practically invisible in Tampa. Our first task was to find each other among all the men in the pin-striped suits. We did find each other, and began to understand how desperate we were to discover soul mates in the battle for professional success. Our beginnings were all about fomenting a unified voice for the frustrated few who believed in the dream of equality. Our goal was to achieve a face and a voice for working women. One that would say, "We're here, we're smart, and we want to take our rightful place at the boardroom table with those in power." Power was a word that permeated our initial meetings. We wanted women in a place where their decisions would matter.

As Athena matured and the years flew by, many of those early goals were achieved. We may have even exceeded our most optimistic expectations. Our members were appointed and elected to important governmental positions. They reached powerful positions in banks, law firms, universities and professional organizations. Athena became the source and the cheerleading section for a whole host of successful women. Our membership supported and nurtured each other and became a symbol of what smart women could achieve when they combined their strengths.

A side benefit to our efforts, one that we really didn't anticipate, was the formation of enduring friendships. (I can still hear **Nancy Ford** at particularly acrimonious early meetings saying, "Friendship? I'm not here for that, I already have a lot of friends.") But our personal lives did become entwined with our professional goals, and we were all enriched by this unexpected phenomenon.

And the future? Maybe we have become a little too comfortable and a little too complacent. After all, we have come a long way baby! But we still haven't reached the summit. Remember, our original goal was the passage of the Equal Rights Amendment. The ERA may be a bit moribund, but it's not dead yet. Only three states need to come over from the dark side, including Florida, to make it into the Constitution. Our right to a safe, legal abortion is slowly being eroded and may disappear with the next appointment to the Supreme Court, while sexual harassment and discrimination in the workplace have yet to be eradicated. In addition, our political successes on the local level have certainly not been replicated in Washington.

So let's not get too comfortable with our own success. We have a wonderful, intelligent and feisty group of women in Athena. We should continue to use our resources to push and prod our way up to the next precipice. Apathy, thy name is not Athena!

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## Upcoming Meeting

- WHEN:** Thursday, January 9  
11:55 a.m. – luncheon
- WHERE:** Centre Club  
Westshore at Kennedy
- PROGRAM:** “Happy New You –  
Your Health and Well-Being”
- SPEAKER:** Suzanne Hiebert, Ph.D., A.R.N.P., M.P.H.
- COST:** Guests - \$20
- RSVP:** By January 6 w/enclosed card or call  
**Eleanor Hubbard** (251-9172) or email  
[ewhubbard@aol.com](mailto:ewhubbard@aol.com).

## OPEN MEETING – GUESTS WELCOME

What better way to start the new year than with a focus on our health and well-being. Chair **Cynthia Gandee** will introduce us to Dr. Suzanne Hiebert, A.R.N.P. Suzanne’s journey is an interesting one: writer, teacher, scholar, administrator and currently medical professional. Her life’s work has focused on issues of well-being from nearly every wellness dimension. She’ll bring to us new ways of considering the notion of “health” and “well-being”, offering alternative ideas about improving quality of life. Bring a friend to this session!

*Happy 2003!*





## President's Message

Decisiveness has been a hallmark of my twenty-six years of legal wrangling. However, finding the "right" words to convey my sentiments as we end this calendar year is a more daunting undertaking.

My heartfelt thanks to all of you who have said "yes" when approached for various responsibilities over the last six months. Some of you simply provided an ear I needed to brainstorm new ideas, offered words of encouragement or took the helm of committees and immediately let me know that I could move onto another task. Each of you has in some way made the challenges of being at the helm of Athena easy. Notwithstanding Mother Nature's contribution, the visit to Lifsey House was a perfect beginning to our holiday celebration. The camaraderie enjoyed at the home of **Dottie Berger MacKinnon** with our guests was indeed a grand finale. Unquestionably, as the crowd demonstrated, an enjoyable evening was had by all. What's next.

Many of us have accomplished much. Do we continue to celebrate our successes in 2003 and rest on our laurels? Staying the course is always an easy, comfortable decision. There are few if any new or novel expectations. We all know the routine. The expenditures of time and finances remain virtually unchanged. Our three mainstays – Young Women of Promise, Athena's Women's Education Fund within the Community Foundation and the Level Playing Field Awards – have served us well. Through these mechanisms we have the chance to build bridges to the next generation, the business community and to assist women trying to break the cycle through education.

We cannot stay the course. Improving the status of women in 2003 will require that we expand existing bridges and establish new ones. These new connections must more accurately replicate our larger community. There is a woman somewhere who is depending upon you to open a door, remove a barrier or reduce an obstacle to her advancement. Accept the challenge. Don't let her down. Make one of your 2003 resolves: to motivate, mentor or otherwise empower at least one other woman.

Marva

## Athena Bonus

A special Athena Bonus at the Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center is scheduled for Saturday evening, January 25 - a performance of "Satchmo" to benefit the Tampa Firefighters Museum. Athena members will be the guests of **Judy Lisi** and **Judi Breuggeman**. (Contributions, however, will be welcome.) To reserve tickets, call Judi's office (274-7043) prior to January 10.

Another Athena Bonus is scheduled for Thursday, February 13 - an evening at Channelside. Look for specifics in the next newsletter!



## YWP – Message From the Chair

We need more members to attend! Young Women of Promise is one of Athena's finest programs. To hear those wonderful young women tell their stories is a heart-warming, awe-inspiring experience. Many of them will eventually qualify for membership in this august body. However, a relatively small number of our Athena members have been attending this event.

The YWP Committee has tried, unsuccessfully, several ways to stimulate attendance. Perhaps the hour has been a problem. It's difficult to go home from work and then have to go out again for a non-compulsory meeting. Therefore, in 2003 the YWP Awards Dinner will be on May 1 at 5:30 p.m. at the Centre Club. **PUT THIS DATE ON YOUR CALENDARS NOW!**

Every year we've discussed the need to have a follow-up to learn what our former winners have done in their lives. We tried to start a Young Women of Achievement Committee, but it did not materialize. We need a stalwart individual to chair such a committee and a group of volunteers for its membership. A good database exists. It would be enlightening to learn what these young women have done, if they are indeed fulfilling their promise. Anyone who is willing to dedicate herself to this endeavor should please notify **Eleanor Hubbard**. Thank you. Sylvia O. Richardson, YWP Chair!

## Membership Information

If you're planning to sponsor a new member, please pick up a nomination form at the January luncheon or call **Eleanor Hubbard** to have it mailed. Enclosed is a list of members eligible to sponsor or co-sponsor; deadline for submitting the forms is February 14.

## News About Members

**Betty Castor** has joined MGT of America Inc. as National Education Director. See contact information on next page.

Our heartfelt sympathy to **Anne Kantor** who lost her son David in an auto accident on November 27.

**Sylvia Richardson** terms herself "truly blessed" as she recently received an award as Leader in the Field of Learning Disabilities from the Linden Hill School, MA. In November she learned that in the new building for the International Dyslexia Association a large room has been designated as "The Sylvia O. Richardson Hall of Honor". This was requested by a donor who gave the organization \$500,000.





## Pat Schroeder Kicks Off ERA Campaign

Former U.S. Congresswoman Patricia Schroeder will appear at USF's St. Pete campus on Sunday, January 19, at 2 p.m. to kick off the newly reinvigorated campaign to add the Equal Rights Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. Also speaking will be Sandy Oestreich, Chair of Florida's ERA Campaign Alliance – "Picking Up Where We Left Off – Only 3 States to Go!" The event is free and open to the public.

## Directory Changes

Our new membership directory is out and – if it was accurate while being printed - it's not 100% accurate now. So, for your convenience, please note these changes or additions:

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**Dottie Berger MacKinnon:** Home phone – 254-3360; home fax – 251-2397.

**Barbara Pennington:** Home – 4471 Dunmore Avenue, Tampa 33611.

**Laura Waller:** Office email – [laura.waller@raymondjames.com](mailto:laura.waller@raymondjames.com)

**Renee Williams:** Home email – [williams.renee@verizon.net](mailto:williams.renee@verizon.net)

## Members' Projects

**Sarah Jordan-Holmes** is thrilled that fellow Athenian Dr. **Judy Genshaft** is one of the honorees at the 2003 People of Vision Dinner to benefit Prevent Blindness Florida. Scheduled for Tuesday, February 25, at the Hyatt Regency Downtown, the dinner will also honor Drs. Gwen Stephenson and Ron Vaughn. Tickets are \$150. If you'd like to join an Athena table, contact Sarah at 874-2020.

## Programs Ahead

February 6. Learn how to enrich your life through the arts in Tampa Bay! Chair **Margaret Miller** promises a look at the way our journeys can include local arts-related treasures. Open meeting – guests welcome.

March 6. This closed session will be an opportunity to share your thinking with the Long Rang Planning Committee chaired by **Margaret Mathews**.

# Athena Society



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## Upcoming Meeting

**WHEN:** Thursday, December 5  
5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** Lifsey House, USF  
(Directions below)

**PROGRAM:** Season's Greetings  
Sharing with Others (see page 3)

**RSVP:** By December 2 with enclosed card or  
call **Eleanor Hubbard** (251-9172) or  
email [ewhubbard@aol.com](mailto:ewhubbard@aol.com)

## CLOSED MEETING – MEMBERS ONLY

We're closing our 2002 program series in style by meeting at the beautiful Lifsey House, official residence of the USF President, our own **Judy Genshaft**. Lifsey House provides an elegant yet cozy place where we can mix, mingle and have a respite from hectic end-of-the year activities.

Directions are simple: Enter the USF campus from Fowler and turn right on Alumni Drive (the first intersection). Lifsey House is on the right hand side of the Drive. Parking is available next to the Alumni Center which is adjacent to the home. Follow the arbor trellis from the parking area, and you won't be lost. (An attendant will help direct you if you are unfamiliar with the area.) Full bar and heavy hors d'oeuvres will help our mingling, and we'll be treated to the sounds of the Zephyr Wind Trio.





## President's Message

The Secrets of the Divine Sisterhood Athena. What are they? What does Athena mean to you? Athena members **Katherine Essrig, Moira Burke** and **Susan Dellinger** shared with us their perspectives on these issues at the November meeting. The trio's insightful responses were warm, diverse and very moving. How will you answer the questions? There can be no debate that Athena is a gem.

December will present our two annual opportunities to gather, renew old acquaintances and strike new ones starting at the Lifsey House and then on to **Dottie MacKinnon's** with our guest. Hopefully, you will be able to attend one if not both events. As we begin another holiday season, do take time to relax, enjoy friends and family and celebrate all that is good with our world. Let us however not forget **Mary Scriven's** comments at the close of the November meeting that to whom much is given much is expected. There are still glass ceilings to be broken, women who need a hand. There is work to be done.

Marva

## Holiday Buffet

The Hospitality Committee is looking forward to welcoming you to the annual Holiday Buffet on Saturday evening, December 14, 6 to 8 p.m. It will be held at the gracious waterfront home of Sandy and **Dottie MacKinnon**, 334 Blanca Avenue, Davis Island. There is ample and convenient neighborhood street parking. Your Hospitality Hostesses are planning a festive evening with your favorite foods, favorite drinks and favorite people. Each member is entitled to bring one guest at no charge; additional guests are \$20 each and are very welcome. RSVP to **Eleanor Hubbard** on your green card or email ([ewhubbard@aol.com](mailto:ewhubbard@aol.com)) prior to December 10. It will be a special evening, but only if you are there.

## Programs Ahead

January 9. Ring in the New Year with an eye on women's health and well-being. Program Chair **Cynthia Gandee** promises an alternative look at the wellness dimension. This open program is a chance to bring guests.

February 7. This meeting will also be an open session – this time focusing on the cultural aspects that enrich our lives (and make them infinitely more interesting!). Program Chair **Margaret Miller** and her committee will offer ways to engage in the cultural arts of Tampa.



## Sharing with Others

Part of Athena's holiday tradition is an opportunity to donate to a local non-profit organization of which there are numerous possibilities: Joshua House, Pace Center for Girls, Centre for Girls, Migrant Missions and the Tampa Police Department's stuffed animal drive. You may have others or wish to support a fellow Athenian's organization.

We'll make it easy for you: Just write a check made payable to the charity of your choice and bring it to the December 5 meeting. We'll make sure it gets to the proper organization.

## Athenians at the Forefront

In December we have two more opportunities to support members who are making vital contributions to our community. The first is The Spring's **Mabel Bexley** Gift of Peace Breakfast on Thursday, December 5, 7:30 a.m. at the A La Carte Pavilion. Speakers will be a "survivor" as well as Don Wallace of Lazy Days, RV. Tickets are \$30 and we hope to have 10 at an Athena table. If you'd like to join us, please call Eleanor Hubbard (251-9172 ) immediately.

On December 18 the Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce will hold their annual meeting at the Tampa Convention Center. The Chamber's premier business event, it will be MC'd by WFLA's Gayle Sierens with Montel Williams as the special guest. The "star," however, will be **Deanne Roberts**, incoming Chair of the Chamber. Deanne will be the fourth female leader of this 117-year-old organization but the first small business/entrepreneur. (Bit of trivia: two of the first three were Athena members!) We're planning an Athena table and if you'd like to be a part of it, call Eleanor prior to December 6.

## News About Members

We extend our deepest sympathy to **Judi Breuggeman** whose husband passed away last week.

After a four-year absence, **Diana Furr** is back in town and is looking forward to connecting with old and new Athena friends. She is exploring the possibility of taking a corporate executive position instead of rebuilding her local consulting practice and would welcome any thoughts from Athena members. She may be reached at 251-9762 or [TriunityC@aol.com](mailto:TriunityC@aol.com). We're delighted she has returned!

**Sarah Jordan-Holmes** has been re-elected to the Association for Fundraising Professionals National Foundation for Philanthropy board and elected to their committee on Directorship. She also has been elected president of the Southwest Florida Episcopal Church Foundation.



## Membership

Reminder that nomination forms will be available at both December functions or may be mailed. Deadline for submitting is February 14. As you consider candidates, please be cognizant of the criteria for membership and the fact that we are close to reaching our cap. Anyone who sponsored or co-sponsored a member in 2002 will not be eligible to do so in 2003. (A list of those individuals will be printed next month.)

## A "First Person" Story

*(Editor's note: Susan Dellinger, the last presenter at the November meeting, regaled the group with her memories but - alas - ran out of time. This vital segment was left unsaid so we are happy to include it for your reading pleasure.)*

In 1977, Athena President, **Suzy McLain**, proposed to her board of directors the idea of Athena "special interest groups." There were many new members and the organization was growing. It needed some forum (beyond the monthly meetings) for members to become better acquainted. The idea of special interest groups was similar to the Athena "Bonus" concept of today.

The board set up several special interest groups, re: tennis, golf, trivial pursuit and BRIDGE. This was how the Athena Bridge Club was formed. Vice President **Susan Dellinger** accepted responsibility for setting up this group. Some of the original members included **Candy Olson, Barbara Pankau, Margaret Fisher, Mary Taylor, Suzy McLain, Ruth Kinsolving, Virginia Gregory, and Lee Leavengood**. The club met on Friday evenings after work. The wine flowed and the early group was more a "social group" than a serious bridge club. Many friendships were formed in this early group.

As Athena grew, more members joined the Athena Bridge Club. With growth came formality. The Club grew to 3 tables (12 women) and began to meet on Sunday afternoons at member's homes. The hostess served a luncheon prior to the bridge games. The first official Athena bridge "luncheon" was held at the home of **Alice Luckey** (circa 1979-80?).

Members in the 1980's included **Velma Pate Thomas, Phyllis Marshall, Helen Davis, Alene Mahin, Noni Brill, Mary Lou Harkness, Gwynne Young, Adelaide Few, Betty Tribble, Carolyn Reed, Giny Crawford and Bonnie Saks**. As the club grew, new members significantly enhanced the camaraderie and the playing "skills" of the Club.

As Athena grew, so did the Bridge Club. Now, with 18 members strong, there are not enough months in the year for each member to host a luncheon, so many share those duties. In the last decade, the group has added **Judy Ryan, Judy Munson, Helen Chavez and Becky Steele**.

Although the other "special interest groups" fell by the wayside, the Athena Bridge Group has existed for 25 years and is still going strong! In 2002 the group took its first "Bridge Cruise" on the Carnival Jubilee to Key West and Cozumel. The Athena Bridge Club is more than just bridge...it has become a group of friends. Any member of Athena (old or new) is welcome to join us!

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## Upcoming Meeting

- WHEN:** Thursday, November 7  
11:55 a.m. - luncheon
- WHERE:** Centre Club  
Westshore at Kennedy
- PROGRAM:** "Divine Secrets of the Athena Sisterhood"
- MODERATOR:** Mary Scriven
- RSVP:** By November 4 with enclosed card or  
call **Eleanor Hubbard** (251-9172) or  
email ewhubbard@aol.com.

## OPEN MEETING – GUESTS WELCOME

Our program cycle continues with a look at the social dimensions of our lives. This luncheon program will focus on the relationships between and among women with a special look at Athena friendships and the benefits of Athena membership in a busy world. Moderator **Mary Scriven** will set the stage for the sharing of great stories and insights of the Athena sisterhood!





## President's Message

"Let them get their own goddess" is my all time favorite comment from the October meeting. My thanks to each of you for joining in the discussion and the debate. The feedback has been tremendously positive.

Our November program led by **Linda Devine** and her committee promises to be equally stimulating as we explore the secrets of membership in Athena. I hope to see you there. Bring a guest, especially if you are considering sponsoring someone for membership in 2003. Membership VP **Barbara Pennington** has provided information elsewhere in this newsletter.

One of the best things about membership in Athena is our concern and support for fellow members. Whether that concern is manifested by a phone call, attending an event for an honoree, celebrating a promotion or spreading the word about an illness or death, it is simply our protocol. Take a moment, beginning with the November meeting, to expand your Athena circle by networking with old friends and making new ones.

Marva



## Programs Ahead

Thursday, December 5: This meeting (closed) is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the winter season with fellow Athenians in a beautiful setting – USF's Lifsey House. Plan now to attend.....5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Open bar and heavy hors d'oeuvres.

Saturday, December 14: Annual Holiday Buffet, 6 to 8 p.m. at the home of **Dottie MacKinnon** on Davis Islands. Guests welcome!

It's almost 2003, and we'll ring it in on January 9 with a luncheon featuring a program on health and wellness issues (in time for New Year's resolutions! J). The February 6 meeting, centered on the cultural dimension, will look at ways in which we can engage in the cultural arts experience in the Tampa Bay area. Both of these meetings are open – so plan to bring a friend.



## Athenians at the Forefront

Athena members are invited to attend Dress for Success Tampa Bay's "Cause for Celebration" on Thursday, November 21, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Crowne Plaza Westshore. Honorary chairperson and keynote speaker for the event will be **Helen Gordon Davis**. The mission of the organization is to provide free interview-appropriate clothing for low-income women seeking employment. Tickets are \$30. If you'd like to join an Athena table, contact **Eleanor Hubbard** at [ewhubbard@aol.com](mailto:ewhubbard@aol.com) or 813/251-9172.

**Dottie Berger MacKinnon** will be honored on November 13 as the first recipient of the GAL Guild Champion for Children Award. The presentation by Guardian ad Litem will be held at the Amphitheatre, 1609 E. Seventh Avenue, Ybor City, from 6 to 9 p.m. Tickets are \$50. If you'd like to join an Athena table, contact **Eleanor Hubbard**.

## Athena Bonus

Attention all nature lovers (and who isn't?! The first Athena Bonus of the year is scheduled for Saturday, November 23, 10:30 a.m. at USF's Botanical Gardens. The tour of the gardens and conservatory – including orchids, ferns, palms, rainforest and lakefront walk – is about an hour. Cost is \$2.

Afterwards, those who have time will lunch together. What a great way to launch the holiday season in (probably) gorgeous weather. To confirm, call **Mabel Bexley** (996-2285) or email her at [mhbexley@direcpc.com](mailto:mhbexley@direcpc.com).

## News About Members

**JoAnn Urofsky**, General Manager of WUSF Broadcasting, has been elected to a three-year term on NPR's Board of Directors. The 16-member board is comprised of ten station-based managers and five public members plus the President/CEO of NPR.

News from out of state: **Giny Crawford** has been named "Citizen of the Year" in her town of Wyoming, Ohio, a suburb of Cincinnati. An extremely active member of that community, she has been president of the Parent/Student Association of the Wyoming School District, a board member of Wyoming Youth Services and a committee member for the Wyoming Art Show. ("And a great wife" according to husband Don.)





## Membership Information

It's time to consider sponsorship of new Athena members. The Board has established Friday, February 14, as the deadline for submitting nomination forms with the following criteria for membership:

- Professional accomplishments
- Demonstrated leadership
- Community contributions
- Contribution to the advancement of women
- Diversity (occupation, race, ethnicity, age, etc.)

Forms will be available at the November 7 luncheon. If you wish to have one mailed before, contact Eleanor Hubbard at 813/251-9172.

## Members' Projects

A women-only 5K (3.1 miles) walk/run is being held at 8 a.m. Saturday, November 9 at University of Tampa Pepin/Rood Stadium. The event is benefiting St. Joseph's Women's Hospital and St. Joseph's Heart Institute and their program for treatment and prevention of heart disease. **Mary Estes** is in charge of promoting the event and invites anyone interested in participating to sign up on-line at [www.tambayrunners.com](http://www.tambayrunners.com) or call her at 813/839-3324.



# Athena Society



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October, 2002

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## Upcoming Meeting

**WHEN:** Thursday, October 3  
11:55 a.m. - luncheon

**WHERE:** Centre Club  
Westshore at Kennedy

**PROGRAM:** "Where We Are Now - Possibilities for  
Athena's Future" (Mix, Mingle and Discuss)

**RSVP:** By September 30 with enclosed card or  
call **Eleanor Hubbard** (251-9172) or  
email ewhubbard@aol.com.

## CLOSED MEETING - MEMBERS ONLY

As part of our commitment to look at our possibilities this year, October 3 will be devoted to issues that focus on Athena's future. Should we grow? If so, how so? How do we respond to other groups that wish to emulate the spirit and successes of Athena? These and other questions will be the heart of our conversations.

As conversation starters, Program Committee members will be seated at each table and will provide some discussion questions for their group to consider. We'll share our table talk with the greater group at the session's close.

This session is not about final decisions or votes but rather is a structured opportunity to continue the dialogue about who we are and what we hope to become. Please join us and share your thoughts; they are crucial.



## President's Message

We need a place to call our own. Those words stuck with me long after **Beth Ficquette** and her staff made their presentation at the September program on the Centre 4 Girls. As Beth described the synergy associated with the development of the Centre 4 Girls, I once again was reminded of the awesome power of a little bit of faith, hope and persistence. As we embark upon our yearlong journey to reassess and refocus, let's keep the next generation at the forefront of our planning.

Our October meeting will give us a chance to share our thoughts on expansion, both internally and externally. Externally, how do you weigh in on the issue? The pros are obvious. What group would not be flattered by an overture from outsiders seeking to emulate them?

On the other hand, there are some very obvious drawbacks to expansion, the most noteworthy of which is accountability. How do we insure that there is a shared vision? Internally, our cap is set at 160. We currently have 154 members. Twenty-five years ago, over half of the membership was under the age of fifty. Today the pendulum probably swings in the other direction. Should we create categories of membership? Should we raise the cap? Impose a moratorium? There are many, many questions. The answers to these questions lie with you, the membership.

If, you are unable to make the October meeting please share your thoughts on these issues with me or pass them along to our long-range planning committee. Long-Range Planning co-chairs **Margaret Matthews** and **Elizabeth Walters** await your input as we wade through this process, seeking the right solution for Athena. We need and value your input. Join us.

Marva

## Sneak (Program) Previews!

*Linda Devine, VP/Programs*

Upcoming Athena programs will continue our focus on the many aspects of our lives, as well as the life of Athena. On November 7 we'll enjoy a program crafted around social dimensions, which of course includes Athena and the ways that our Athena memberships and friendships enrich our lives. This will be an open meeting, so bring along a friend. To usher in the winter season the December 5 evening meeting (closed) will be at USF's Lifsey House. The January 9 meeting will focus on health and wellness (just in time for New Year's resolutions!) and the February 6 session will celebrate the arts and culture. Many good things are planned, so mark your calendars now!

## Athena Housekeeping

Time to update. Enclosed is a copy of Athena's 2001-2002 promotional brochure. Please review it and make changes - in writing - either by faxing to **Eleanor Hubbard** at 813/253-3901 or emailing [ewhubbard@aol.com](mailto:ewhubbard@aol.com) prior to October 7. If we don't hear from you, we'll print the current information. New members: Please submit information and select a category. Thank you!



## News About Members

Our sincere sympathy to **Susan Grady** whose father passed away last month and to **Adelaide Few** who lost her sister.

**Casey Shear** has been elected president of the Tampa Orlando Pinellas Jewish Foundation (TOP). The foundation serves Jewish donors in the three communities by helping them create a personal legacy through endowment funds and donor-advised philanthropic funds. TOP has approximately \$20 million under management.

Our best wishes to **Amelia Campbell** and Bill Sharon who were married at the Tampa Yacht & Country Club on September 21. They are now honeymooning in Paris.

**Rhonda Trainor** was inducted into the Hall of Fame at the annual conference of the Florida Association for Career and Technical Education. This award recognizes the most outstanding and distinguished professional educators in career and technical education who have made a longterm significant impact on the profession in Florida.

**Jan Platt** was presented the Local Environmental Leadership Award by the Florida Local Resources Agencies (FLERA) in recognition of her outstanding local government environmental efforts. In presenting the award, FLERA stated that Jan "has a long and impeccable history as a strong environmental advocate, both in her capacity as an elected official and as a private citizen."

**Laura Waller** has a new business partner - her son Jonathan Wax, CFP, who was formerly with Raymond James. They merged their practices in the spring, and Laura is delighted. Her other good news is that daughter Melissa Roller in Atlanta recently presented her with a granddaughter, grandchild #2.

More grandbabies: **Anne Kantor's** daughter Janet Echelman gave birth to Samuel Amitai Echelman Feldman in New York City on July 23. A former Young Woman of Promise, Janet is thrilled with the new baby and with her busy career. The Government of Portugal recently awarded her a U.S. \$1.08 million commission for a permanent public sculpture along the waterfront redevelopment of Porto and her commission for the Bass Museum of Art in Miami will open jointly with Art Basel Miami Beach, December 5-8. The latter is the first American venue of Europe's most important art fair.

Two Athena members will be honored by the Italian Club Ladies Auxiliary which recognizes and honors outstanding Italian-American women in the Tampa Bay area. **Louise Thompson** has won the "2002 Italian-American Woman of Excellence Award" in the Business/Professional category for her work on behalf of Public Access Television and **Pam Iorio** was selected in the Government category. The ladies will be honored at a luncheon at 11:30 a.m. at the Italian Club, 1713 East 7th Avenue in Ybor City on Saturday, October 5. The cost is \$35 and includes wine, antipasto and lunch. For reservations call Frederica Russell, 813/254-1687x14.





## Members' Projects

On the Saturday before Thanksgiving ( November 23 ) cookbook author (and former mayor!) **Sandy Freedman** will be teaching at the Publix Apron's Cooking School located at Publix at the Shoppes of Citrus Park, 7835 Gunn Highway. Class time is 12:00 noon and will last about two hours; reservations may be made by calling Apron's at 813/926-4465. There is a charge (not yet determined at press time) and the class size is limited. Sandy would be delighted to see some Athena members join her for this fun session.

## UT to Honor Sylvia Campbell

The Center for Ethics at The University of Tampa is hosting the 12th Annual Business Ethics Breakfast in honor of **Sylvia Campbell, M.D.** on Friday, October 11. Sylvia will be the recipient of the prestigious 2002 Tampa Bay Ethics Award and we'd like to show our support by having an Athena table. The breakfast will be held at 7:30 a.m. in Fletcher Lounge at UT; tickets are \$20. If you'd like to attend, please reserve with **Eleanor Hubbard** prior to October 3.

## Nominating Committee Results

At the June meeting, members were asked to vote for six individuals to serve on the 2002-2003 Nominating Committee. The following were elected:

Emmy Acton  
Patti Breckenridge  
Katherine Essrig

Linda Fries  
Phyllis Marshall  
Mary Scriven

## 2002-2003 Committee Chairs

Athena Bonus  
Community Action  
History  
Hospitality  
Public Issues  
Publications/PR  
Retreat  
Women's History Book  
Young Women of Promise

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Marsha Rydberg  
Mary Lou Harkness  
Cynthia Gandee  
Susan Leisner  
Mary Estes  
Paddy Moses  
C. Dyches/S. Frye  
Sylvia Richardson

If you have not yet signed up but are interested in serving on any of these committees, feel free to contact the chair.

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## Upcoming Meeting

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


**WHERE:** Centre Club  
Westshore at Kennedy

**PROGRAM:** The Centre for Girls

**SPEAKERS:** Beth Ficquette, Executive Director  
Stephanie Johns, Director of Girls' Services  
The Centre for Women

**COST:** Guests - \$20

**RSVP:** Prior to September 2; call **Eleanor Hubbard**  
(251-9172) or email ewhubbard@aol.com.

 **AFTER SEPT. 2, call Sharon Canterbury**  
at 223-7474.

## OPEN MEETING - GUESTS WELCOME

Underpinning this year's program series is the theme of *engagement*, the many ways that women engage and take responsibility, both personally and in their communities. Related to this theme is the important life cycle task of *generativity* - the feeling of sense of responsibility for the next generation.

What better way to capture both of these ideas than to feature the Centre for Girls, an innovative prevention project of the Centre for Women! Offering a variety of after-school and weekend programs, the Centre addresses the unique needs of girls thereby helping them to make the transition from adolescence into healthy adulthood. An enlightening program.....join us!



## President's Message

September has always been one of my favorite months. For the last twenty-five years I have taken the liberty of declaring at least one day during this month as "Marva's personal holiday." Over the years, I have spent my holiday engaged in many activities from an entire day of jogging, biking, reading to occasionally doing absolutely nothing. The activities that I have undertaken over the years are not as significant as the insights that have been gained from this day of reflection. At the conclusion of my holiday, questions abound, old challenges remain, new challenges appear and so does my resolve to tackle them one at a time.

In July at the beautiful Casa Monica Hotel in St. Augustine, Athena embarked upon its 27th year. It will be a year of reflection. Under the leadership of Retreat Chair **Wilma Smith** and her committee, the weekend began with a spellbinding presentation on creative ways to deal with stress from our own **Carolyn Reed**. The requests for a repeat performance, Carolyn, are still pouring in. On Sunday morning we explored many issues including expansion, membership intake and Young Women of Promise. The diversity of ideas was apparent as our members openly embraced each of these subjects. The discussion will continue throughout the year on these various issues. The Long-Range Planning Committee under the leadership of co-chairs **Margaret Mathews** and **Elizabeth Walters** will develop a long range plan as a result of the discussions. This plan will be utilized to guide us towards our 30th birthday and onward. All Athenians are encouraged to join in the discussion and embrace the debate. Questions and challenges will always remain. And so will Athena's resolve to continue to being a viable force in improving the status of women overall.

Marva

## Athena Housekeeping

Our thanks to **Candy Olson** for opening her lovely home (again!) in South Tampa for the party honoring new members in June. It was casual and relaxed and, as usual, the Hospitality Committee performed to perfection: a delectable buffet. Thank you! Thank you!

Very last call for directory information and new photos. If you're having difficulty with the latter, phone **Eleanor Hubbard** (251-9172) for help.

Assembling publicity for the Athena scrapbook is a huge task...almost impossible without the aid of our members. **Linda Fries** did a wonderful job last year but would appreciate your sending her articles you clipped that she might have missed, i.e. from weekly papers, company newsletters, etc. The dates in question are July, 2001 through June, 2002.



## Programs for 2002-2003

*Linda Devine, VP/Programs*

Keeping with our theme of engagement, we will be “engaging” in many ways this fall! The October meeting will be closed so that we can focus on issues facing us as Athena grows older (and wiser!); November’s session highlights the relationships between women as part of our “social” connections; and December’s evening meeting will be a special treat, as we will journey to USF’s Lifsey House to celebrate the season.

Spring engagements include programs about health and well-being, the cultural arts community in Tampa, celebration of women’s history month, and our annual awards programs.

The Program Committee is a high energy, creative group. Members include **Emmy Acton, Susan Dellinger, Margaret Fisher, Susan Freeman, Cynthia Gandee, Margaret Miller, Mary Scriven, Casey Shear, Mimi Stamps, Betty Tribble, Laura Waller** and **Renee Williams**. Do you have program ideas? Share them with a committee member!

## News About Members

The Florida Consumer Action Network (FCAN) recently named **Arthenia Joyner** FCAN's 2002 Consumer Champion for her hard work and dedication on behalf of Florida consumers in the Florida Legislature. Arthenia is State Representative, District 59.

Our sincere sympathy to **Susan Zimmer** whose mother passed away in June.

**Moira Burke** was recently honored with the “Surgical Teaching Award” presented annually to the outstanding USF ophthalmology faculty member as chosen by the resident staff.

**Dottie MacKinnon** became a first-time grandmother back in May and is thrilled to tell stories about Hudson Gennaro Aprile born to daughter Shannon and husband Rob.

At the other end of the grandmother spectrum is **Elaine Shimberg** who just welcomed her tenth grandchild! Son Michael and wife Jackie presented 18-month-old Zachary with a little sister (Ashley) on August 6.

**Paula Knaus** was recently named USF Health Sciences Center Associate VP for Faculty Affairs and Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs, College of Medicine. Now we know why Paula finds it difficult to get away for lunch!





## How I Spent My Summer

*(Editor's note: Great response to our request for "summer stories".....so good, in fact, that some will have to be carried over to next month. Athenians, it appears, were all over the world!)*

**Deanne Roberts** and her son, Kent (12), spent two weeks driving the Highlands of Scotland. Castles, lochs, wildlife, dramatic scenery and famous battlefields filled their days. Evenings were times for traditional Scottish foods, music and stories at cozy inns. They put 750 miles on a rental car — mostly on single-lane roads dodging sheep and cattle!

**Elaine Shimberg** spent the summer in Maine, juggling grandkids, kids and a deadline for her manuscript for a book on COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease). "It balances nicely with Elmo and the Teletubbies. Athena members are flexible with their interests!"

**Jan Roberts** – in her own words: "My 87 year old mom was born in Glasgow, Scotland and was recently diagnosed with untreatable severe heart problems. It seemed like fate was taking a hand in giving me closure with my mom through the "birthing of the Earth Charter" in her birthplace when I received an invitation to speak there. Of the many feelings I experienced, none were as moving as walking on the streets she walked and viewing the buildings through her eyes. Standing in the rain on the banks of the river Clyde, I felt so connected to this sunny young girl with the sparkling green eyes and touching vulnerability. I am grateful for the warmth and many kindnesses that her fellow Scots showed me. The Earth Charter seeds have been planted in Glasgow, Stirling and Edinburg and I thank my mom for giving me this opportunity to sow them—because even if I don't know how she magically made this happen, I know in my heart that she did."

**Lee Blanton Grizzard** – in her own words: "Sandy, Chris and I took our 3rd annual baseball trip this July. We plan to attend games in all 30 baseball stadiums before Chris graduates from high school. This summer we rented an RV and spent two weeks on the road. We knocked out the industrial mid-western teams, traveling to Cincinnati, Pittsburg, Detroit and Cleveland. To make the trip a little more exotic, we also went to Montreal and Toronto. We're now 17 down and 13 to go. We had a great time and driving the RV through the mountains was quite an adventure. A week after our return Sandy had hip replacement surgery which was highly successful. We're spending the rest of the summer convalescing. "

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## Upcoming Meeting

- WHEN:** Thursday, June 6  
6:00 p.m. - cocktails  
6:45 p.m. - dinner
- WHERE:** Tampa Yacht & Country Club  
5320 Interbay Boulevard
- PROGRAM:** Business Meeting - Agenda to include:  
Election of Nominating Committee  
Approval of 2002-03 budget  
Election of Officers/Directors  
Passing of the gavel  
Installation  
Introduction of new members
- MENU:** Roast sliced tenderloin of beef w/wild mushrooms and Bernaise sauce  
(If you prefer a veggie dinner, please indicate on your return card.)
- RSVP:** By June 3 with enclosed card or call  
**Eleanor Hubbard** (251-9172) or e-mail  
ewhubbard@aol.com.

### 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 12 months.



### *It's Party Time - June 15*

Our annual party honoring new members is set for 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Saturday, June 15, at the home of John and **Candy Olson**, 2632 Prospect Road. 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 11. Please list guest names; see page 2 for driving directions.



## President's Message

Well, it is finally here. Time to hand over the gavel to a real judge! Join us at the Tampa Yacht Club to install Judge **Marva Crenshaw** as President, vote on the slate of officers for the new year and wrap up a little business. We will also vote on the bylaw changes (attached for your review in this newsletter).

The Membership Committee, headed by **Becky Steele**, extended invitations for membership to eight active leaders in the community (listed in this newsletter.) Please help us welcome them at this June meeting.

The enclosed revisions to the Position Statements, which are a part of the Policy and Procedure Guidelines, have been approved and will appear in the next directory update. The Public Issues Committee spent almost two years working on this project. We appreciated the feedback received at retreat, in the November meeting and to the mailed drafts. Special thanks to the members of the Public Issues Committee - **Dottie Berger MacKinnon** (Chair), **Susan Casper**, **Betty Castor**, **Stephanie Ferrell**, **Margaret Fisher** and **Louise Thompson** for compiling this version. It was not an easy task.

Those attending the May meeting marveled once again at the confidence and accomplishments of this year's recipients of the Young Women of Promise Award. Chair **Sylvia Richardson** looked like the proud mother of each girl, ensuring that we fully appreciated her talents. A truly fun evening! **Mary Estes** solicited local media coverage for the event. I was pleased to see recognition of the award in the papers.

Co-Chairs of the "Book" Committee, **Sandy Frye** and **Carol Dyches**, report that the updates to the 1991 book, A History of Women in Tampa, is at the printer. We are looking at a release date of October or November. As many of you know, **Nancy Ford** was very instrumental in getting this project underwritten by The Saunders Foundation and The Frank E. Duckwall Foundation.

I have enjoyed my year as President. Thanks for the support, the friendships and the feedback (both positive and negative.) Differences in personalities, values, politics and ways to approach issues may make it difficult to agree at times. Yet, as members of the Athena Society, we all share feminist goals to improve the status of women while enjoying the comradely of a highly effective group of gals! Who could ask for more?

I look forward to seeing you at the retreat. Call me for lunch!

Molly

## Directions to June 15 Party

Driving directions from Kennedy and MacDill Avenues:

Travelling south on MacDill, pass through three traffic lights. Prospect is fourth street beyond light; turn left; house is second one on the right. Cars may be parked on the south side of Prospect or in the doctor's lot on the street behind Candy's house.



## New Members to be Introduced

We're pleased to announce the following women have accepted Athena's invitation to membership and will be formally introduced at the June 6 annual meeting:

**Judy Genshaft** - sponsored by Betty Castor  
**Dianne Jacob** - sponsored by Candy Olson  
**Elizabeth Jenkins** - sponsored by Mary Scriven  
**Sarah Jordan-Holmes** - sponsored by Jean Amuso  
**Emily Kass** - sponsored by the Membership Committee  
**Holly Tomlin** - sponsored by Linda Devine  
**JoAnn Urofsky** - sponsored by Molly Crews  
**Elizabeth Waters** - sponsored by Amelia Campbell

*Welcome! Welcome! Welcome!*

## Athena Housekeeping

RETREAT REMINDER: Mail or fax your form for the Casa Monica Hotel in St. Augustine to **Eleanor Hubbard** as soon as possible. Though our reservation deadline is June 27, we've been informed that space is limited, so early registration is encouraged. The fee of \$195 is due on that date as well. Check - payable to Athena - may be sent to the P.O. Box.

As usual, there will be no Athena meetings in July and August; luncheons will resume in September. Barring extraordinary circumstances in the coming year, we'll continue to adhere to our first Thursday of the month schedule with dinners scheduled in December, May and June.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY ALERT: We're moving into the 21st century and will be creating the directory this year via a digital process. This means that photos submitted prior to 1998 cannot be utilized and must be replaced; deadline for new photos is August 15. What a great excuse for updating a photo long out of date!

## News About Members

Congratulations to **Renu Khator** who has been named Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at USF! She had served two years as interim dean of the college which is USF's largest with 15,000 students.

**JoAnn Urofsky**, Athena Class of 2002, is also due kudos for having just been named General Manager of both the radio (89.7 FM) and TV stations (WUSF, Channel 16) at USF.

Did you know Athena has a bridge group? There are 18 members who get together monthly for Sunday brunch and bridge hosted by one or two of them each time. Six of them recently took a four-day cruise ostensibly to see Key West and Cozumel but mainly to play lots of bridge. **Susan Dellinger** organized the cruise and tournament and sailed along with **Mary Lou Harkness**, **Phyllis Marshall**, **Suzy McLain**, **Judy Munson** and **Judy Ryan** and some invited guests to round out the foursomes. **Mary Lou** was the tournament champion. New players are always welcome, so if you play bridge (any level), please contact **Judy Ryan** and she'll add you to the invitation list for the next bridge date.



## Nominating Committee Elections

At the April meeting, members were asked to vote for +12 individuals eligible to serve on the 2002-2003 Nominating Committee. The following are being presented as the result of this preliminary ballot:

**Emmy Acton**  
**Patti Breckenridge**  
**Katherine Essrig**  
**Linda Fries**  
**Susan Grady**

**Dena Leavengood**  
**Alene Mahin**  
**Phyllis Marshall**  
**Paddy Moses**  
**Barbara Pennington**

**Jan Platt**  
**Linda Saul-Sena**  
**Mary Scriven**  
**Jeanette Taft**

The final election will 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 2003.

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.

+14 because of a tie

## 2002-03 Slate

The following slate has been proposed by the Nominating Committee:

- President . . . . . Marva Crenshaw
- President-Elect . . . . . Judy Ryan
- VP Membership . . . . . Barbara Pennington
- VP/Programs . . . . . Linda Devine
- Secretary . . . . . Becky Steele
- Treasurer . . . . . Jan Cornelius
- Imm. Past President . . . . . Molly Crews

### BOARD MEMBERS

- |                   |                  |
|-------------------|------------------|
| Returning:        | Two-year term:   |
| Emmy Acton        | Margaret Mathews |
| Lagretta Lenker   | Wilma Smith      |
| Sylvia Richardson | Jenna Venero     |

### MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

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| Returning:        | Two-year term:     |
| Carol Dyches      | Helen Gordon Davis |
| Kathleen Grizzard | Renu Khator        |
| Sharon Kilpatrick | Judy Dato          |

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## Upcoming Meeting

- WHEN:** Thursday, May 2  
7 p.m. - light buffet supper
- WHERE:** Centre Club  
Westshore at Kennedy
- PROGRAM:** Young Women of Promise  
Class of 2002
- COST:** Guests - \$20
- RSVP:** By April 29 with enclosed card or call  
Eleanor Hubbard (251-9172) or email  
ewhubbard@aol.com.

### OPEN MEETING - GUESTS WELCOME

A longtime favorite of Athena members, this program will certainly reassure that today's youth has abundant promise!

Ten very special young women – selected from a field of 32 – will be presented, each outstanding in her own unique way. See page 3 for a list of those to be recognized.

Each honoree will have 3-5 minutes to describe which of her accomplishments has given her the greatest satisfaction and why. You'll be amazed, inspired and impressed by their stories!

Please join us and bring friends who'll enjoy meeting incredible teenagers.



## President's Message

Activities are picking up as we begin winding down the year with only two more meetings. Our next two regular monthly meetings will be held in the evening, so adjust your calendars! Other night events include the Athena Bonus get-together in the home of **Betty Tribble**, Thursday, April 25th, and the new member reception in the home of **Candy Olson**, Saturday, June 15th.

The May meeting honors ten extremely gifted local high school juniors for their remarkable accomplishments. The Young Women of Promise reception promises to be an inspiring event. I really enjoy meeting these multi-talented young ladies. They represent our future women leaders, and we are hopeful that they will keep women's issues a priority as they move through life. Please plan on helping the Athena Society pay tribute to them for their accomplishments. (It is also fun to see those Athena members who cannot easily make the noon luncheons.)

The Level Playing Field Award was presented last month to both Busch Gardens and Carlton, Fields, Ward, Emmanuel, Smith & Cutler, P.A. for their leadership policies and practices that are "family friendly" and that promote the advancement of women. Both organizations have Athena members in their top management. **Elaine College** is the Vice President of Entertainment for Busch Gardens. **Gwynne Young** heads the the litigation division and **Ruth Kinsolving** heads the real estate division at Carlton, Fields, et.al. Again, thanks to **Louise Thompson** and the members of the Community Action Committee for their work in the selection process.

Three scholarships were awarded from the Athena Society Education Fund this year. **Paddy Moses** introduced two of the scholarship recipients who attended the April lunch. I wish that all of you could have heard their stories of achievement in spite of strife. If you have not already done so, I would like to ask you to make a contribution to the fund this year. Learning how the interest on our contributions makes a difference in these ladies' lives makes it an easy check to write.

On May 13th, our own **Dena Levengood** will be honored at the 2002 Community Communications Award Banquet as the Outstanding Community Advocate of the year. Those of us on one of her email lists know that she is passionate, caring, persistent, and tireless. A wonderful honor!! Congratulations to Dena!!

Have you called that Athena friend yet for lunch this month? Are you planning on going to retreat? Did you go to Athena Bonus at Betty's? Are we going to see you at the Young Women of Promise May meeting? If you said no to all of these questions, you are definitely working tooooooo hard! Hope to see YOU soon!

Molly





## 2002 Young Women of Promise

Minh Dang	Robinson High School
Erica Der	Plant City High School
Anupama Kotha	King High School
Rachel Malkowski	Sickles High School
Adrienne Mills	Brandon High School
Saima Qadree	Riverview High School
Ramani Rasile	Wharton High School
Leslie Rogoff	Hillsborough High School
Caroline Young	Plant High School
Teresa Zambrano	Academy of the Holy Names

## Should Athena Expand ?

Members of Athena met with three Pinellas County community leaders regarding the possibility of starting an Athena Society in Pinellas County. An ad hoc committee has been asked to weigh the pro and cons before making a recommendation to the membership; contact **Emmy Acton** if you are interested in meeting with this committee. The question will be discussed at retreat but will not be on the agenda at the June business meeting. Rest assured that no permission will be granted on this request without full opportunity for the entire membership to participate in the decision.



## Athena Housekeeping

Retreat packets were mailed last week. If you didn't receive yours or have questions, call **Eleanor Hubbard** (251-9172). Scheduled at the ultra elegant Casa Monica Hotel in St. Augustine, it'll be a weekend to remember (July 19-21)! Eleanor will gladly arrange for roommates, carpools, etc. Mark your calendar for fun!

Enclosed is the proposed 2002-03 budget. If you have questions or comments, please direct them to Treasurer **Judy Ryan** at 872-6054 prior to May 10. The budget will be voted upon at the annual meeting, June 6.





## News About Members

**Annette DeLisle** has returned to her position as President of the Ybor City Chamber of Commerce. She can be contacted at 1514 1/2 East Eighth Ave., Tampa 33605. Phone: 813/248-3712, Fax: 247-1764 and adelisle@ybor.org.

It's Spring - a season of kudos for **Dena Leavengood!** In March she was profiled by "La Gaceta" for her role in Tomorrow Matters with focus on the difference she is making in our community. Next month she'll be honored as the 2002 Outstanding Community Advocate (see Molly's message) and she recently was named a "Distinguished Woman of Diversity." Also selected for the latter honor were **Helen Gordon Davis, Pat Frank, Pam Iorio, Candy Olson, Jan Platt** and **Linda Saul-Sena**.

Everyone knows of **Mabel Bexley's** recent retirement as Executive Director of The Spring and of her outstanding leadership in that role. If you've wondered what she's doing now, here it is - in her own words: "We're back home at our Pasco County ranch with white tail deer, wild turkey, fox squirrels and coyotes; a pair of sandhill crane dance outside the door. My son and I, wearing snake-proof boots, are clearing brush with chainsaws and maintaining the pine forest. While I used to whine about putting the trash on the curb, now I load up the truck and carry it a half-mile to the hard road. It's a good life." Sounds just like Mabel!



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## Upcoming Meeting

**WHEN:** Thursday, April 4  
11:55 a.m. - luncheon

**WHERE:** Centre Club  
Westshore at Kennedy

**PROGRAM:** Level Playing Field Award  
Community Foundation  
Scholarship winners

**COST:** Guests - \$20

**RSVP:** By April 1 with enclosed card or call  
Eleanor Hubbard (251-9172) or email  
ewhubbard@aol.com.

## OPEN MEETING - GUESTS WELCOME

Two ways Athena acts to fulfill its missions will be proudly displayed at our April meeting. We'll be shining a spotlight on employers who are promoting the advancement of women and a family-friendly environment during Part I of our meeting. We'll then be introducing individual women who will benefit from our commitment to improving the status of women.

During the first portion of the program, Community Action Chair **Louise Thompson** will present our "2002 Level Playing Field Award" to a deserving Bay area employer. During the second portion, **Barbara Romano** will fill us in on the Community Foundation which devotes energies to building a better community through creative philanthropy, vision and leadership. To close out the program, **Paddy Moses** will introduce the recipients of our scholarship awards. (See story on page 3.)

Please invite friends, colleagues, press and others who are interested in the advancement of women and families.



## President's Message

Fawn Germer shared her own "Hard Won Wisdom" at the March luncheon to another packed house. Hats off to **Judie Taggart** for a year of great programs that have our members not only attending but bringing guests.

As mentioned before, we slide into our last two meetings (before the business meeting) focusing on community projects sponsored by Athena. Therefore, it is all the more important to have you attend to show your support.

The Community Action committee spent a great deal of time establishing the criteria to recognize businesses that demonstrate support for women. Come meet the recipients of the Level the Playing Field Award in our April meeting. Thanks to **Louise Thompson** and her committee for their work!

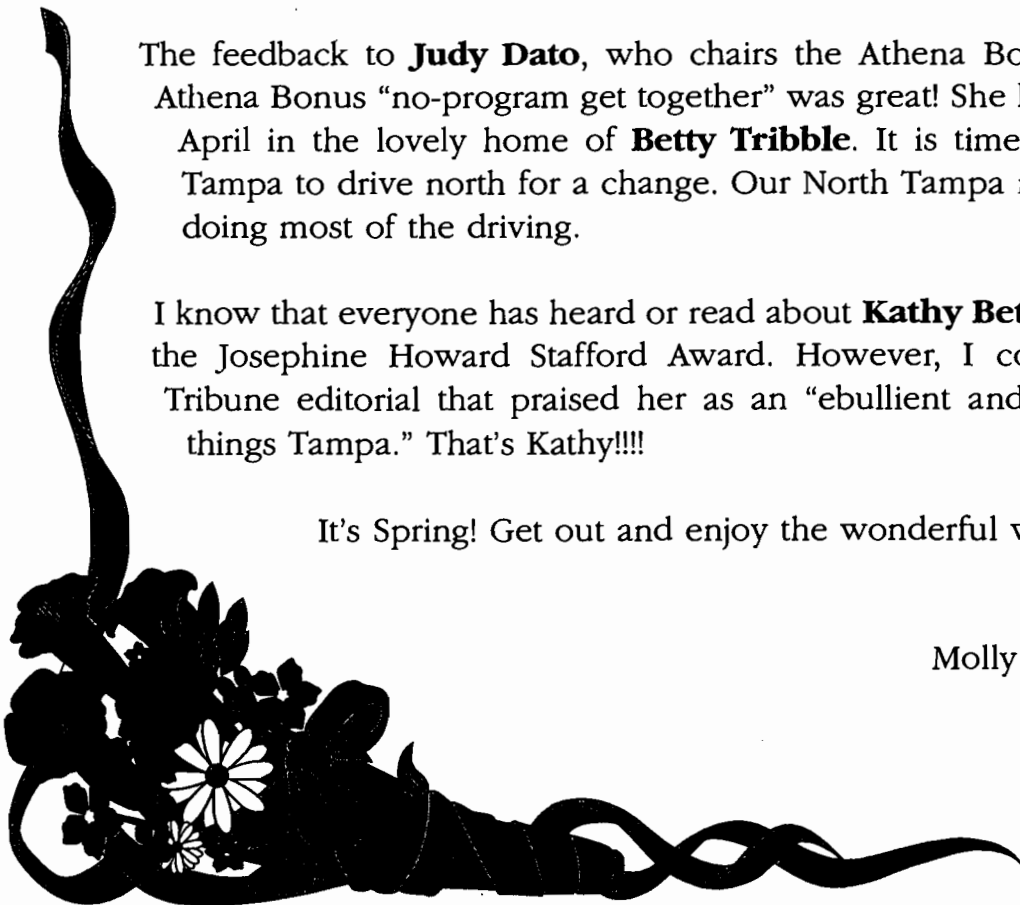
We will also take time to present the scholarships provided from the Education Fund to women who are overcoming obstacles. **Paddy Moses** and **Barbara Romano** will share Athena's history with the Community Foundation and update you on what the Foundation and the Athena Education Fund means to Tampa.

The feedback to **Judy Dato**, who chairs the Athena Bonus program, on our recent Athena Bonus "no-program get together" was great! She has scheduled another one in April in the lovely home of **Betty Tribble**. It is time for those that live in South Tampa to drive north for a change. Our North Tampa members have certainly been doing most of the driving.

I know that everyone has heard or read about **Kathy Betancourt** being honored with the Josephine Howard Stafford Award. However, I couldn't help mentioning the Tribune editorial that praised her as an "ebullient and unapologetic booster of all things Tampa." That's Kathy!!!!

It's Spring! Get out and enjoy the wonderful weather and each other.

Molly





## 2002 Athena Scholarship Winners

by Paddy Moses

The Foundation Committee reviewed 13 candidates for scholarships and selected six for final interviews. Of the six, three were chosen to receive awards of \$800 each. Those selected were:

Ellen Dux, a full time nursing student at HCC who will finish her RN program this year with a 4.0 GPA. She is a single mother with a 13-year-old daughter, works part time, rarely receives child support and lives on an income of \$832 per month.

Betty Valentine is also a full time nursing student at HCC who will graduate as an RN. She works part time and is the mother of two. She has an income of \$1,000 per month and receives no child support.

Monica Scott is a single mother with three children, one of whom is autistic. She is seeking her AA in Business Administration and will continue her studies at USF to receive her bachelor's degree in accounting. Her goal is to eventually become a CPA and have her office in her home. Care for her one child who requires a great deal of attention has proven to be extremely difficult.

These women all displayed great motivation, tenacity and strength. Those of us on the committee wondered if we could do what they are doing. Their hardships are many but their determination is strong. They all care very much about their children's current and future well being, and it's obvious they are wonderful role models.

Our Athena Foundation fund, started five years ago with \$20,000, today is at \$35,727. We are proud of our growth and we are going to make every effort to help this fund continue to grow. We can give away 7% of our income annually so the more we have, the more we can give. This year we are giving \$2400. Please remember our foundation when you are doing recognitions, birthday, holidays or gifts for any reason.

## Athena Bonus

Last month's gathering was a huge success, so we've planned another for Thursday, April 25, at the home of **Betty Tribble** from 5-7 p.m. Betty lives in Lutz - 18401 Owl Drive - so it's a much-deserved driving break for the ladies in North Tampa. (We'll provide a map by the middle of the month. ) RSVP's may be directed to committee chair **Judy Dato** (727/360-2960) prior to April 2. Please bring your favorite hors d'oeuvre or beverage and plan to have a wonderful time in a lovely, peaceful setting.



## News About Members

**Kathy Betancourt** was selected by the City of Tampa to receive the 2002 Josephine Howard Stafford Memorial Award; the presentation was made last month during Women's History Month celebration at City Hall. Her letter of notification stated that "you have consistently honored your family and yourself with unwavering integrity and your commitment to be the best there can be to both your employer and your community." Your Athena sisters are proud of you!

The Judeo Christian Health Clinic's annual testimonial dinner will honor **Dottie Berger MacKinnon** with the 2002 Humanitarian Award on April 25 at Higgins Hall. Individual tickets are \$95 and may be purchased by calling 813/879-5964. Proceeds will benefit the Clinic in its efforts to provide free health care to thousands of medically indigent persons each year. Prior to dinner there will be a cocktail reception and silent auction.

**JT Taft** spent three weeks in Sao Paulo and Rio de Janeiro, Brazil providing management consulting to non-profit organizations. She also facilitated Leadership Training at the Leadership Institute. JT took some time out to visit with her family in Rio but made the ultimate sacrifice by leaving the day before Carnivale to attend to other business! She notes that the food was wonderful, weather perfect, and she says her Portuguese is improving.



## Members' Projects

If you have events you'd like promoted community-wide, email **Dena Leavengood** at [dleaveng@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:dleaveng@tampabay.rr.com). She's moderating the Tomorrow Matters listserv and can help you.

A number of Athena members are involved in a night of fun to benefit scholarships for the USF College of Visual and Performing Arts . . . and you are invited! It's the Second Annual "A Taste of the Arts" on Thursday, April 18 , 5:30-9:00 p.m. at the Bank of America Cube (the building with the exploding chicken), corner Ashley at Kennedy. Among those on the committee are **Sandy Frye, Becky Steele** and **Teresa Oscher**. **Nancy Cole** is coordinating the entertainment, which is composed of fine arts faculty and students, and has everything from dance pieces to selections from "Phantom of the Opera." It an incredible evening of gourmet food, delightful wines, artful auction offerings and the best of entertainment. For ticket information and other details, call 974-2038.

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March, 2002

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## Upcoming Meeting

**WHEN:** Thursday, March 7  
11:30 a.m. - autograph session  
11:55 a.m. - luncheon

**WHERE:** Centre Club  
Westshore at Kennedy

**SPEAKER:** Fawn Germer  
Author of "Hard Won Wisdom"

**COST:** Guests - \$20

**RSVP:** By March 4 with enclosed card or call  
Eleanor Hubbard (251-9172) or email  
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### OPEN MEETING - GUESTS WELCOME

Fawn Germer is a veteran investigative reporter and editor who has been a correspondent for both The Washington Post and U.S. News and World Report; she was also an editor for the Tampa Tribune.

"Hard Won Wisdom," a collection of 50 of today's most influential and successful women (businesswomen, athletes, politicians, scientists, activists) was featured on Oprah Winfrey's December 13 nationally syndicated show. The views of these women offer an extraordinary insight into what it takes for women to succeed in today's world.

Fawn says inspiration for the book came from her personal experience hitting the "glass ceiling" in the communications industry. She has won numerous awards and has four Pulitzer Prize nominations. Her book will be available for purchase.



## President's Message

Hope that you enjoyed our February program. Special thanks to Athena member **Pam Iorio**, Supervisor of Elections, for the hands-on access to our new voting booth and a behind-the-scenes look at the upcoming elections. It was good to learn that Hillsborough County is taking a lead in technology improvements in the voting process.

Next month's program will be enjoyable as we step away from our member-presented programs to hear Fawn Germer talk about her book "Hard Won Wisdom". Although not as famous as the 50 highly successful women interviewed for this book, I realized that we have many "firsts" accomplished by Athena members who were equally as gutsy in "just doing it" without stopping to consider the obstacles. You'll enjoy the book and the insights shared on staying focused on your goals!

With the Level Playing Field Award and Community Foundation presentations in April, the Young Women of Promise evening meeting in May and installation evening meeting in June - the year is flying by. Mark your calendars with the times for these upcoming events. Good attendance at special Athena sponsored programs is important.

We encourage those of you who are willing to serve on the board next year to let us know by filling out the interest forms. The Nominating Committee will be working on the slate over the next few weeks - so don't delay.

Please remember to reserve the July 19th weekend for the retreat in St. Augustine. It's only a 3-hour drive, and it will give you a chance to enhance your Athena friendships in a more relaxed environment.

Whether it is retreat, Athena Bonus, the monthly meetings or a small dinner outing, set aside time to love, laugh and enjoy your Athena friends! A little effort, a lot of reward!

Molly

## Level Playing Field

Enclosed in this newsletter is the 2002 application form for the Level Playing Field Award, an Athena Society effort that promotes the advancement of women as well as family-friendliness in the workplace. We ask that each and every one of you pass this form on to others in your network who may be — or who can pass it along to — potential applicants. [If you would like the form sent to you electronically, please email **Louise Thompson** at [lthompsn@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:lthompsn@tampabay.rr.com) and she will get one out to you.] Since submission deadline is 5 PM on March 15, please give this your urgent attention. Thanks.



## Athena "Housekeeping"

Enclosed is a form to be filled out by any member who wishes to be considered for nomination to the 2002-03 Board of Directors.

Also enclosed is a form of those eligible for the 2002-03 Nominating Committee. Preliminary voting will take place on April 4.

Our thanks to all the members who conformed to the lunch reservation policy last month by meeting the 5 p.m. Monday deadline. It was much appreciated by the Centre Club.

Every year the Tampa Bay Business Journal recognizes outstanding business women in the Bay Area community. They run a full page announcement on the finalists and have a luncheon to honor the winner. Athena has many members who could be serious contenders. If you'd like an application for yourself or to submit on behalf of another member, please contact **Eleanor Hubbard**. This year's deadline is March 29.

You can also contact Eleanor if you're interested in learning more about The International Alliance's "Trip of a Lifetime" to Hong Kong and Beijing, May 4-11.

The Institute on Black Life at USF is hosting a conference, World African Community Relationships on April 4-6. A highlight of the conference will be a luncheon address by Her Excellency, Sheila Sisulu, Ambassador of South Africa. The luncheon will be at a downtown hotel at noon on Friday, April 5. Further information will be available at the Athena March meeting or call **Lee Leavengood** at 974-9412. Please save the April 5 date so Athena can be represented.

Reserve the dates of July 19-21 for retreat. We'll be at Casa Monica Hotel in St. Augustine where "elegance" will be the buzzword!

1997 Young Woman of Promise Eunice Kindred was the featured artist at Tampa's second annual Black Heritage Festival celebrated last month. An exhibition at the Tampa Museum of Art highlighted paintings she made over a 15-year period beginning when she was 5. Eunice is a graduate of Tampa Prep and currently attends Harvard University.







## News About Members

Great response from the news forms mailed last month:

**Elaine Shimberg** was on the "Today Show" on January 8 talking about step-grandparenting from her book, "Blending Families." An accomplished author herself, Elaine's recommended reading list includes "Ester's Child," a story about Jews and Palestinians. She describes it as "well written, gripping and balanced on both sides."

**Marsha Rydberg** has been elected Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Jacksonville branch of the Atlanta Federal Reserve Board.

**Judy Munson** has recently joined General Electric Assurance Company (a division of GE Corp.) and her focus is long term care. Working out of her home, she's excited about this opportunity to create plans to help individuals cover the costs of long term care.

An endowed scholarship at USF, started two years ago to assist public health students, was recently named in honor of **Lee Leavengood**. Lee, who founded and directed the USF Division of Senior Programs, was honored at a luncheon last month to recognize her years of commitment and to formally name the scholarship in her honor.

**Susan Freeman** recently enjoyed a week in the French-speaking Swiss Alps. Although she notes the skiing was compromised due to lack of snow (the worst in 20 years - global warming!), the ambience made up for it. She enjoyed the opportunity to speak French, hike, partake of five-course gourmet dinners and spend time with her husband.

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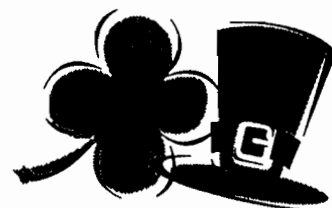
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## Upcoming Meeting

- WHEN:** Thursday, February 7  
/ 11:30 a.m. - voting machine preview  
11:55 a.m. - luncheon
- WHERE:** Centre Club  
Westshore at Kennedy
- PROGRAM:** Touch-Screen Voting Machine to Change  
Florida's Election Procedures
- SPEAKER:** Pam Iorio  
Supervisor of Elections  
Hillsborough County
- COST:** Guests - \$20
- RSVP:** By February 4 with enclosed card or call  
Eleanor Hubbard (251-9172) or email  
ewhubbard@aol.com.

### OPEN MEETING - GUESTS WELCOME

Hillsborough County is one of the first in the state to have "Touch Screen Voting Machines" available for voters' pre-election trial. Athena gives you an opportunity to examine this new technology at our February meeting. If your schedule permits, come early as the machines will be set up at 11:30 AM for your perusal and "test drive."

**Pam Iorio** will give an overview focusing on this new technology and its impact on elections, the voting process, redistricting, poll management and other changes wrought by the infamous 2000 presidential election results in Florida. She will be available after the meeting for questions.



## President's Message

**Renu Khator** put together a great program for the January meeting. We certainly enjoyed hearing from the four young Islamic "women of the veil". These young ladies are extremely devoted to their faith and were happy to provide their insight as to why Islam is the fastest growing religion in the world. They shared interpretation on where leaders of Islamic nations may be out of step with their doctrine. Their willingness to participate in our program at this difficult time was appreciated.

As we were putting together a "Politics 101" program for February, concerns were raised that the program would present issues that might offend some of our members or compromise their very membership. Those involved in the program itself knew that this was not true but respectfully changed the focus to remove the concerns. Even though Athena has developed position statements for the organization, it truly cannot take action on these positions as an organization. Our "awareness and action" theme should become an encouragement for "awareness and individual action" on Athena positions. Athena is not the only organization that wrestles with constraints on helping to shape public policy due to the diversity of its membership. Please be assured that this Board respects these guidelines.

I, however, have a concern that we may "censor" information to our members concerning groups or opportunities that exist in the community where they may participate to actively affect public policy. It was not our intention to present a program that proposes support of a group attacking any of our members. For example, our January meeting highlighted the Islam religion without offering support on it. It was not our desire to offend our Christian, Jewish, Hindu or atheist members. The incidents surrounding September 11 guided us to becoming more aware of their beliefs. Good judgment must rule when we put together these programs. If we have failed, I apologize. It isn't easy, but we are trying.

Please welcome **Linda Fries** to the board. She will fill the remainder of **Nancy Ford's** term and will serve as the liaison to the History of Women in Tampa Book Committee. Linda is currently our Historian.

Nominations for new members are due shortly. If you are sponsoring someone for membership, please ensure that you have taken the time to address the candidate's ability to meet membership criteria. Don't leave the membership committee guessing.

**Wilma Smith** is busy with plans for the next retreat and has reserved the Casa Monica Hotel in St. Augustine for the weekend of July 19th. She recently visited the hotel and believes that you will find it charming. Please plan on attending and help **Marva Crenshaw** kick off the new Athena year!!

Don't forget to love, laugh, and enjoy your Athena friends! What a true treasure we have!

Molly





## **Athena Housekeeping**

Reminder of our retreat dates: July 19-21. We'll be at the elegant Casa Monica Hotel in St. Augustine and plans are shaping up nicely for what is always a special weekend with special friends. Registration kits will be available the first part of March.

Enclosed is a news form which you are encouraged to submit now or file for later use. Tell us about your vacation, a great book you've read, a honor you've received, a project you're involved in, etc. You get the idea: we're interested and hope you'll share your news with us. Form can be faxed to 813/253-3901. Thank you!

February 16 is the deadline for submitting nomination forms for prospective members.

## **Lunch Reservation Policy Reiterated**

Many people were inconvenienced and Centre Club service was not up to par at the January meeting because of the large number of members and guests in attendance. The large numbers are wonderful; the problem was that many came without reservations. Some called Wednesday afternoon or Thursday morning when food had already been ordered, the room had been set, staff assigned to serve, etc. None of these functions can be handled at the last minute.

To avoid chaos and ensure efficient service, we request again that you make your reservations by 5 p.m. Monday. (Tuesday is acceptable but not preferred.) It's suggested that cards NOT be mailed after Saturday as they frequently are enroute for 3-4 days. Our meetings are on the first Thursday of the month, no deviation. In May and June the meetings will be in the evening; why not calendar all of them now? Please help us make these meetings as relaxed and comfortable as they should be and can be with your cooperation. Thank you!

P.S. We understand last-minute schedule changes and will do all we can to accommodate you.

## **Message from Paddy Moses**

I want to take this opportunity to thank my Athena family for all the care, support and love you gave to my family and to me with the loss of Gary, my daughter's only child and my only grandchild for 13 years.

While we were in such a state of grief and shock, you took over. Between the service, the food and the house, you brought it all together. I cannot begin to describe how much this and all your hugs, cards and words of caring meant. Those days are such a blur and while I have tried to thank each of you, I am sure there will be someone I miss. So, please accept this message as our thanks and gratitude. We will never forget all you did. I could not have gotten through it without you.



## Did You Know?

There is a member among us who played the church organ in high school. Part of her duties included responding to the priest in Gregorian chant, not her forte. "I frequently sang out of tune," she recalls, which prompted the priest - Father Armbruster - to look up at the church loft the first time she played this role.

She was, however, very good at Latin, having studied it for years. She also was talented with the keyboard. She learned to play the piano at five and the organ at 13. She even picked up the alto clarinet so she could be in the marching band. Can you picture which Athena member wore one of those cute marching band uniforms as a youth?

She taught piano early in her life and played in a recital at the symphony hall in Buffalo shortly after graduating from high school. She doesn't have the time these days to practice as much as she'd like, but her playing time is more than just pleasurable to her ears and her soul. It's also therapeutic for her hands. "The piano provides an exercise in dexterity when I am in between surgeries," she says.

You're right. We're talking about **Moira Burke**. Dr. Moira Burke, the ophthalmologist. Her dream: to study music again once she retires. I'll bet she does it! Athena members have a way of making their dreams come true.



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# Athena Society



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## Upcoming Meeting

- WHEN:** Thursday, January 3  
11:55 a.m. - luncheon
- WHERE:** Centre Club  
Westshore at Kennedy
- PROGRAM:** Our Sisters Behind the Veil
- SPEAKER:** Renu Khator - Moderator  
Najia Kurdi (Arab-American)  
Anna Bennet (African American)  
Fatimah Wakeel (Asian American)  
Maysi Hnin (Asian American)  
Monica Conti (Spanish American)
- COST:** Guests - \$20
- RSVP:** Prior to December 31; call **Eleanor Hubbard**  
(251-9172) or email ewhubbard@aol.com.  
No RSVP card is enclosed.

### OPEN MEETING - GUESTS WELCOME

What could be more timely or of greater interest than to hear the personal stories of women who practice Islam? Unravel the mystery of this provocative subject at this first meeting of 2002.

**Renu Khator**, Interim Dean of the USF College of Arts and Sciences, has organized this panel of USF students, all of whom are American citizens. She'll introduce the topic and the guests will then give their interpretations of "What is the Role of Women in Islam?" They'll also help us understand what is going on in Afghanistan.



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## IN MEMORIAM

# Nancy Torbett Ford

1927 - 2001

*(Editor's note: The following excerpt is from the eulogy delivered by Linda Hanna on November 28 at the Palma Ceia Methodist Church.)*

Nancy Ford was a person of many gifts. She had enormous energy, great intellect and vision, an engaging personality and leadership ability the like of which I have not seen equaled. She had great and imposing personal presence but her sweet, almost shy, smile belied all of that personal power which intimidated many when they first met her. And that smile reflected the very sensitive person Nancy was beneath her regal appearance.

Nancy made great use of all of her gifts. The newspaper articles and announcements have covered the facts about Nancy's work and accomplishments, leaving no question about the breadth and heft of them.

Nancy was thoroughly engaged with her world. There was nothing which didn't interest her - to her, issues were challenges, puzzles to be solved through the application of her active intellect and energy and with the help of her ever-expanding circle of friends and associates.

Nancy would have been a leader anywhere, in any arena, but she chose to bloom where she was planted, firmly, here in Tampa where she never lived more than five miles from her birthplace except for a short while she spent in Atlanta when she and Buddy were first married and where CJo was born. Her loyal dedication to this place has been the great good fortune of Tampa, its arts community, its business community, the University of South Florida and, most of all, it has been the great good fortune of all of us, her business associates, her friends and her family.

But, Nancy could not have thrown herself into all that she did were she not a partner in a great love story. She and Buddy were married for 51 years and he was right with her and supported her in all the projects she tackled. Handsome and charming, Buddy was always there to talk things over with, to get away to see the autumn color with, to go antiquing with. Along the way they were blessed with daughters CJo and Charlton who brought them the absolute delight of their three grandchildren. A pillow on display in their house tells their story, "Happiness is being married to your best friend."

When Nancy's class of 1948 at her beloved Randolph-Macon Woman's College held its 50th reunion, in 1998, she wrote about her life, and I want to read to you excerpts from that page in the reunion booklet, in Nancy's own words:

"Nowadays, I enjoy a fairly peaceful existence with my husband, Buddy, living in a townhouse on Hillsborough Bay in Tampa. Our elder daughter, CJo, lives nearby with her son, Ford. Our daughter, Charlton, lives in Mobile, Alabama, with a daughter, Genevieve, and a son, Sean Michael. These children are, of course, the world's first perfect people.

I retired from the public relations and development fields several years ago (praises be!), and now every day is Saturday.

Of all the volunteering I have done, the most satisfactory was working on behalf of women. I helped found and served as president of the Athena Society and the Florida Women's Alliance, both still going strong after 20 years. These networking groups have the common purposes of supporting women and working to ensure their rights; I also served as president of The International Alliance, now an organization linking women's networks throughout the world.

My years at Randolph-Macon prepared me well for the life I have described. As well as an excellent education, the College gave me confidence, leadership and volunteer opportunities plus the firm belief that women can accomplish anything they want or need to do."

As we all know, Nancy not only believed these words, she lived them.







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## Did You Know?

Which Athena member plays bridge with people all over the world late at night? "I'm really addicted to playing bridge on the Internet," she says. "My office light is the only one you can see from the street at Mariner Condos at 2 a.m."

It's no surprise that she was the organizer of the Athena Bridge Club 25 years ago. And no surprise that bridge is the first thing listed in her Athena directory profile under special interests. Do you know who she is?

The next hint: She collects Goddess statues from all over the world. Those of Athena, Nefertiti and Kwan Yin watch her play the piano from just above her seat. "There's something comforting about that," she says. Do you know her identity yet?

The next hint: A two-day seminar she developed has been presented in England, Ireland, Scotland, Belgium, Denmark, Sweden, Germany, Canada, Hong Kong, Singapore, Juala Jumpir, Jakarta, Mexico and the Netherlands. Her latest invitation is to teach it in Saudi Arabia. Now you know why "frequent flyer programs" is also on the list of her special interests in the Athena directory.

Yes, we're talking about our own **Susan Dellinger**, a professional author and speaker.

There's one more interesting tidbit about Susan. When she turned 50, she sent plane tickets to 12 women who had made a difference in her life with an invitation to gather at the beach for a reunion. She called it a "Gathering of Goddesses" and gave them gifts daily to recognize their importance in her life. They've repeated this reunion annually for 10 years. What a wonderful way to celebrate the power of connection in our journey here on earth.

If you have some interesting stories that most Athena members may not know, please share them with **Patti Breckenrdge**, the author of this monthly feature. Her email address is Pbreck813@aol.com.

## Nomination Deadline – February 16

Members planning to nominate candidates for membership may pick up forms at the January luncheon or contact VP **Becky Steele** to have them mailed.

For your convenience, we're repeating the guidelines previously printed to assist you in making the decision to sponsor a candidate for membership:

- A member may sponsor or co-sponsor someone only once every two years. Membership committee members and new members in their first year of membership cannot sponsor or co-sponsor.
- The proposed member:
  - 1) Must have resided in the Tampa Bay area for at least one year.
  - 2) Must be gainfully employed in a position of responsibility and committed to the objectives of Athena.

Deadline for submission of nomination forms is February 16.



## Athena Housekeeping

Our thanks to **Barbara Reeves** for opening her lovely new home on Davis Islands for the annual Holiday Buffet. It was truly a treat for the eyes and the food prepared by the Hospitality Committee (under the direction of **Gabriele Faulkner**) was a treat for the palate. Thank you! Thank you!

Athena Bonus: **Judy Dato** and her committee have planned an afternoon/evening outing to Busch Gardens on Saturday, January 26. We'll view their spectacular ice show and follow with dinner at the Gardens. Judy will have the price and other details at the January luncheon meeting.

FYI - In addition to a table of toys, at the December dinner meeting Athena members contributed \$1895 to the five organizations suggested as recipients of their generosity.

Mark your 2002 calendar for July 19-21 for Athena's annual retreat. We'll be in St. Augustine; details later.

Enclosed is Athena's new promotional brochure. For additional copies, call Eleanor Hubbard.



## News About Members

The Sierra Club recently honored Hillsborough County Commissioner **Jan Platt** with the Black Bear Award for her work protecting the natural environment. She was described as "a rare individual who recognizes that our investments in the environment and in human services contribute equally with economic growth to make a community great."

**Judie Taggart** is elated about her new role: grandmother! Justin Edward Novellas was born in Atlanta on October 22 to daughter Jennifer and her husband Scott. Congratulations!

With the excitement of the impending birth, we just got the details of **Judie's** wonderful month in Australia and New Zealand with husband John. Highlights included diving and sailing on the Grand Barrier Reef, Sydney, the Outback where they saw herds of wild camels and mustang horses and the natural beauty of Fjordland and the Southern Alps in NZ. It was winter there and they loved it.

**Melinda Chavez** has just accepted the position of Executive Director of the Tampa Bay Business Committee for the Arts which acts as a liaison between cultural organizations and the business community. Melinda is thrilled as she feels it's a perfect fit for her experience. She may be reached at 813/221-2787; fax is 221-1679. Mailing address is P.O. Box 559, Tampa, 33601.

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## Upcoming Meeting

- WHEN:** Thursday, December 6  
5:30 p.m. - cocktails  
6:15 p.m. - dinner
- WHERE:** Centre Club  
Westshore at Kennedy
- PROGRAM:** Holiday Celebration  
Toy/Check Contributions
- MENU:** Herbed Prime Rib w/Cabernet au jus  
(Option: Chicken Francaise w/brandied  
cherries - indicate on card.)
- RSVP:** By December 3 with enclosed card or call  
**Eleanor Hubbard** (251-9172) or e-mail  
ewhubbard@aol.com.

### CLOSED MEETING - MEMBERS ONLY

What a wonderful way to launch the holiday season! Enjoy the opportunity to mix and mingle with old friends while getting to know new friends a bit better. Everyone has stories to tell of what Athena friendships mean to them, and this special meeting is a great way to celebrate those friendships.

As in previous years, we're asking every member to consider contributing a toy or a check to one of the following organizations:

Alpha House  
Joshua House  
Redlands Christian Migrant Assn.  
The Spring

Checks will also be welcome for the Athena Education Fund channeled through the Community Foundation.

We wish the best for you and yours during this joyous season!! (See holiday buffet story on page 2.)



## President's Message

November's meeting provided the membership an opportunity to review our position statements again. A new position statement concerning indigent healthcare was introduced by the Political Action Committee. Each table had good discussions on the "current affairs" of a position as well as suggestions for modifications. The wrap-up reviews were great. Thanks to **Dottie Berger MacKinnon** and the committee for incorporating these suggestions for approval at the June meeting.

A number of those in attendance expressed the need for the Athena Society to do more than simply "state a position". Many of our members are actively involved in influencing positive change in both the workplace and community. However, the Athena Society has not leveraged its influence as an organization in the last few years. Hmmmmm! Perhaps it is time to do so..... "awareness and action".

We are looking forward to our holiday meeting at the Centre Club. If you would like, bring a gift or a check made-out to one of this year's charities or even a check for the Athena Society Women's Education Fund. The holiday gathering at the new home of **Barbara Reeves** promises to be lots of fun as well.

Don't forget to love, laugh, and enjoy your Athena friends! May all of us go into the holidays feeling truly blessed.

Molly



## Holiday Buffet – December 15



Annual highlight of the season is Athena's Holiday Buffet to be held this year at the charming new home of **Barbara Reeves** on Davis Islands. Hours are 6 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, December 15; address is 420 Channel Drive.

Our always fabulous buffet will be handled by the Hospitality Committee under the direction of **Gabriele Faulkner**. Each member is entitled to bring one guest at no charge; additional guests are \$20 each and are very welcome. RSVP to **Eleanor Hubbard** (251-9172) prior to December 12. If you prefer, email ([ewhubbard@aol.com](mailto:ewhubbard@aol.com)) or note on your green card. Please indicate guest's name.

## Retreat 2002 – The Venue?

The retreat committee, chaired by **Wilma Smith**, is seeking your input. The date has been set: July 19-21, but where shall we meet? After researching availability, the committee recommends the following: the historic Casa Monica Hotel in St. Augustine, the landmark Boca Raton Resort and Club or the Naples Ritz Carlton. Your comments are encouraged and may be emailed to Wilma a [wsmith2578@aol.com](mailto:wsmith2578@aol.com).



## Did You Know?

*(Editor's note: In an effort to get to know each other better, this is #2 in a series being featured in each newsletter during the current year. **Patti Breckenridge** is doing the writeups and welcomes your input.)*

Did you know that one Athena member was a monkey watcher while in college?

A professor nicknamed "Mr. Walrus" tipped her off to a research opportunity. One thing led to another and she ended up doing field research at a primate colony off the coast of Puerto Rico. She also conducted a site search for National Institutes of Health breeding sites in coastal South Carolina. Not surprisingly, she was an adviser to the Darwin Society in the 1970s.

Her most amusing finding: That the 125 monkeys she followed each day had not read the scientific literature. In other words, she discovered some things no one previously had spotted. At first, she was studying their play behavior. Then she started to notice how they all cared for the babies among them - not just the mothers. All of the monkeys - male and female, young and old - participated in "parental care."

Do you know whom this Athena member is?

Maybe her take on how she applies lessons from her days as a monkey watcher to her current life will reveal her identity: "The current most important function of this took kit seems to be keeping my husband eternally amused in any crowded room." But the lessons are valuable to her current career as well: "Groups are important. Family is important. Loved ones are important. Firefighters are an amazing group. They are a unique family that cares about the world in a way that would be foreign to many."

You must have guessed who she is by now. If not, here are a few more clues:

She has a great sense of humor. When asked how her career veered from its anthropological course, she said, "I was exploring field opportunities when my father had a serious stroke, my grandmother was trying to live to be 100, my mother was in ill health, and my niece was adrift without my father in her life. So 22 years ago, I came back to Tampa for a year to fix it all." And never left.

She served as Conservation Coordinator at Busch Gardens for 10 years and later worked for the Department of Education and for then-Sen. Helen Gordon Davis.

Yes, you guessed it! We're talking about **Judith Breuggeman**, who now is Special Assistant to the Chief for the Tampa Fire Rescue Department. She traveled an interesting road from her days as a primate researcher to her current role as public servant. Both require a lot of careful observation!

## News About Members

Our deep and sincere sympathy to **Paddy Moses** for the loss of her 16-year-old grandson, Gary Nix, this week.

Brand new grandmother **Maria Howey** has just returned from North Carolina where she was introduced to Richard John McDermott, born November 10. Parents are Maria's son John and wife Karen.

Welcome back to **Barbara Ann Blue** after an absence of 3 years! A management consultant, she's president of Business Performance Group at 3225 So. MacDill Ave. #129-333, Tampa, 33611. She can be reached at 813/832-9608; FAX: 831-0678; bpg@gte.net. Barbara Ann resides with husband Jim at 2931 Bayshore Court, Tampa, 33611.



## Athena "Housekeeping"

Reminder: Membership nomination forms will be available at December functions or may be mailed at your request. Deadline for submitting forms will be Friday, February 16.

Mark your calendar for a VERY special meeting right after the holidays. Scheduled for lunch on our usual first Thursday, January 3, the topic is timely...it's actually more than timely, it's in the forefront of our daily news. Check your January newsletter for details.

## Directory Changes

The 2001-02 edition of the Athena directory is now being distributed and, as always, is a "work in progress." We've left a few pages blank in the back if prefer to note the changes there instead of on the member's page.

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## Cookbook Launch – November 29

Burdines third floor at Westshore is the place; 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. is the time and cookbook kickoff is the event! Enjoy the launching of **Sandy Freedman's** showpiece ("Specialties of the House") with recipe sampling, a bit of wine and autographing.

*(Editor's note: Have you ever been curious about the genesis of a cookbook? Following my inquiry to Sandy, this was her intriguing reply.)*

Last year I decided to put down some of my recipes for my kids because they were always calling for things that I had made when they were young or when they had been over for dinner. They all cook, so I figured I'd put down twenty or so and surprise them with looseleaf albums of recipes. It turned into a four or five month project (took much longer because I'm almost computer illiterate) that is well over 100 recipes and 130 pages and became somewhat of a memoir because I included personal recollections about each one. It was really surprisingly rewarding to do and really appreciated by them.

Afterwards I called the Tribune food editor to tell her she should recommend this kind of a project to her readers; she did a story with recipes and pictures. Then I talked with a publisher and this is the result. Most of the personal reflections are out. It's called "Specialities of the House" (easy recipes for people on the go). Costs \$14.95 and will be in most of the area bookstores; book signings are scheduled in a number of different venues.

P.S. The kids still call for the same recipes because they generally can't find their books. And my two oldest grandchildren have even made some of the recipes.

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**WHEN:** Thursday, November 1  
11:55 a.m. - luncheon

**WHERE:** Centre Club  
Westshore at Kennedy

**SPEAKER:** Mix, Mingle and Review Athena  
Position Statements

**PROGRAM:** Where We Are Now...and What's Ahead

**RSVP:** By October 29 with enclosed card or call  
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### CLOSED MEETING - MEMBERS ONLY

You asked for it! In response to members' requests, several meetings this year will concentrate on conversation and exchange among members. To expedite effectiveness, we ask that you NOT sit with the same people you usually do at our regular meetings. For conversation starters, a member of the Public Issues Committee will be at each table and review one position, soliciting opinion, reaction and discussion.

Each table will be identified by position statement so you have the option of choosing one about which you have a strong opinion OR may be interested in knowing more about.

This is not about drafting new positions, changing present positions, etc. This plan is primarily to make members aware of what the organization believes are issues of importance.





## President's Message

Those in attendance at the October luncheon were treated to an update from our own **Kathy Betancourt** on the more important issues in front of the Florida Legislature this year. She was informative, witty and not shy about sharing her personal slant on how and by whom major decisions will be made. With so many years in Tallahassee, it was interesting to hear her analysis on the difference in today's Legislature makeup from those ten or twenty years ago, as well as the changes in the camaraderie. Kathy also stressed the importance of our encouraging qualified women to run!

We hope that you have enjoyed the first two programs and our emphasis on "awareness and action". November's luncheon will provide a table-top, members-only look at the actual position statements adopted a few years ago. Enjoy the chance to visit and discuss what's currently happening in each of the key areas where Athena has taken a position.

As we approach the holidays, please consider making contributions to the Athena Society Women's Education Fund which is administered by the Community Foundation Fund of Tampa Bay. Even though the \$5,000 check presented from Athena to the fund at last month's meeting is a small boost, true growth can only come from member participation. The Foundation makes grants each year from the income of the Fund to provide support for the education of women. This includes such items as tuition, books, transportation, child-care or any purpose that enables a woman to pursue post-secondary education. Obviously, increasing the Fund's earnings increases the awards presented each year.

Don't forget to love, laugh and enjoy your Athena friends! Make a lunch date with an Athena member in November whom you haven't seen in a while.

Molly





## 2002 Membership Nominations

If you're interested in nominating a candidate for membership, please read this carefully. Sponsorship packets and nomination forms for proposing new members will be available at the November 1 luncheon meeting. (Thereafter you can request forms from **Eleanor Hubbard**.) Deadline for submitting the forms is **Friday, February 16, 2002**.

### Requirements for Sponsoring

If you sponsored or co-sponsored a candidate last year, you cannot sponsor a candidate until 2003. In addition, membership committee members and new members in their first year of membership cannot sponsor or co-sponsor candidates.

### Requirements for Membership

Candidates must be gainfully employed in a position of responsibility and committed to the objectives of Athena. A proposed member must have resided in the Tampa Bay area for at least one year. A person may be proposed for membership no more than three times.

The sponsorship packet will provide more detailed information about the membership process and the criteria for membership.

## News About Members

We have an opportunity to participate in two separate functions being planned to honor Athena members: **Dottie Berger MacKinnon** and **Mabel Bexley**.

The first function is a Roast & Toast for **Dottie** and her husband, Sandy MacKinnon, by the Arthritis Foundation on November 8. Raymond James Stadium will be the venue; tickets are \$150 and organizers promise a fun night with Jack Harris as Toastmaster.

The other opportunity to honor comes on December 12 - the **FIRST Mabel Bexley** Gift of Peace Breakfast. (Though this is the 11th Gift of Peace Breakfast, it is the first to carry the name of The Spring's retiring CEO.) Scheduled from 7:45 to 8:45 a.m. at the Tampa Convention Center, it's a wonderful way to launch the holiday season....a real "feel good" experience.

We'd like to organize Athena tables for both these events. If you're interested, call **Eleanor Hubbard** at 251-9172.



## Did You Know?

*(Editor's note: In an effort to get to know each other better, this new feature will be included in each newsletter during the current year. **Patti Breckenridge** is doing the writeups and welcomes your input.)*

...that one of our members is blossoming in a new job she accepted at age 72? She started her career late in life after raising children and serving as a volunteer in the community. But she's put in 28 years with one employer and it has paid dividends. In July, this member became assistant director for an agency she helped found seven years ago. Can you guess who it is, yet?

In July, she became Assistant Director of the Institute on Aging at the University of South Florida. Before then, she had served Director of the Division of Senior Programs, Director of Lifelong Learning and Admissions Advisor for Mature Students.

By now, you probably know we're talking about **Lee Leavengood**. "It is never too late to have a post mid-career change!" Lee said. "The Institute acts as a catalyst to improve the lives of older adults and enhance our understanding of aging. I have created a quarterly newsletter, The Elder Statement, which makes its debut in September. I am stirring up the 160 members of the Institute by organizing focus groups to get them more involved. I am thoroughly enjoying the many challenges of saving the world for us senior citizens!"

So just how long does Lee plan to pursue her career? "Yes, I will retire! I am enrolled in a retirement program that forces me to retire in two more years. Otherwise the University would probably have a hard time getting rid of me. Totally rid of me...never. I shall come back as a lifelong learner in the programs that I have helped to set up."

Good for you, Lee! And good for USF and the senior citizens that will benefit from her new assignment!



# Athena Society



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October, 2001

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## Upcoming Meeting

- WHEN:** Thursday, October 4  
11:55 a.m. - luncheon
- WHERE:** Centre Club  
Westshore at Kennedy
- SPEAKER:** Kathy Betancourt  
Associate VP/Governmental Relations  
University of South Florida
- PROGRAM:** Where We Are Now...and What's Ahead
- COST:** Guests - \$20
- RSVP:** By October 1 with enclosed card or call  
**Eleanor Hubbard** (251-9172) or e-mail  
ewhubbard@aol.com.

### OPEN MEETING - GUESTS WELCOME

Again utilizing the talent within our organization, we're pleased to have a speaker well known for her grasp of the subject and for her ability to keep an audience entertained.

**Kathy Betancourt** has been involved in state government for over 20 years, first as a representative for the Classroom Teachers Association then as Director of Government Relations for the City of Tampa prior to her USF appointment.

She'll give us a political overview of events for the balance of this year and into 2002: where women stand, what redistricting means, commission openings, the elections, etc. Join us!



## President's Message

It is difficult to write a message during a time when our Athena activities hold little importance in comparison to what has happened to our country.

If you missed the September luncheon, you missed the standing ovation given to our own **Jan Roberts** for her passionate presentation on the Earth Charter. Jan challenged us to get involved in supporting the values and principles for sustainable community and future. Ironically, the acts of terrorism against our country will inspire many to support the Earth Charter's declaration of fundamental principles for building a just, sustainable, and peaceful global society.

Athena members sponsored a table at WEDU's Speaking of Women's Health 2001 Seminar at the Renaissance Vinoy Resort. Former Athena member, Phyllis Busansky, served as chairperson of this sold-out event. **Dr. Sylvia Campbell** was honored for her work with medically indigent patients at the Judeo Christian Health Clinic and for her annual mission work in Haiti. **Elsie Garner**, COO for WEDU, was pleased that attendees experienced a day filled with information on various women-related health issues, good speakers, a great lunch, and only remnants of Tropical Storm Gabrielle.

Athena's Community Foundation Fund Committee is well underway and has selected **Paddy Moses** as this year's chairperson. The committee is contacting special groups to solicit nominations for grants to women in need of direct or indirect educational assistance. (Nominations forms will be available at the meeting if you would like to forward to someone not associated with an Athena member.)

If you missed her announcement at the last meeting, you may contact **Becky Steele**, VP of Membership, to provide comments for consideration by the committee concerning membership selection criteria.

It has been a while since we last reported on the new edition of Athena's book, A History of Women in Tampa. Initially, it was to be released in time for the 25th Anniversary Party. For numerous reasons, expect to see a more realistic date in 2002. **Sandy Frye** and **Carol Dyches** are co-chairing this committee with assistance from former chair **Nancy Ford**. We will keep you posted.

So much has been spoken about the recent acts of terrorism. We have mourned for those who lost their lives and shared in the determination to recover and rebuild - not just buildings, but also our own sense of well being. Our "safe haven" has been shaken, but not destroyed. Let us resolve to make the most of each day. Love, laugh, and enjoy the friendship that we have in Athena as well.

Molly



## Athena "Housekeeping"

A few reminders regarding Centre Club reservations: 1) Please do not mail postcards after Saturday. Those mailed on Monday and Tuesday often do not arrive until after the meeting; call or email. 2) If you have a reservation and find that you can't attend, please call Eleanor as soon as possible but a call even the morning of the luncheon is helpful. Sometimes juggling the numbers gets tough, so your cooperation will be much appreciated.

We're house-hunting! Looking for a member who'd enjoy having 100+ guests in her home to host the Holiday Buffet on Saturday, December 15. No cooking involved...that's all taken care of by our fabulous Hospitality Committee. If you're interested, please call **Gabriele Faulkner** (224-0011) or **Eleanor Hubbard** (251-9172).

For your convenience in planning, we've scheduled the year ahead; all monthly meetings are on the first Thursday - luncheons unless otherwise noted:

October 4	February 7
November 1	March 7
December 6 (dinner)	April 4
Dec. 15 (Holiday Buffet)	May 2 (YWP - evening)
January 3	June 6 (dinner)

Time to update. Enclosed is a copy of the member listing in our 2000-01 brochure. Please review it and make changes IN WRITING either by faxing to **Eleanor Hubbard** at 813/253-3901 or emailing [ewhubbard@aol.com](mailto:ewhubbard@aol.com) prior to October 9. If we don't hear from you, we'll print the current information. New members: Please submit information and select a category. Thank you all!

Though we haven't reminded members in awhile, many continue to bring in toiletry items accumulated during their travels to be passed on to The Spring for the hundreds of clients they serve. This is a project we've embraced for years and enthusiastically encourage your participation. It takes very little effort and is so much appreciated. Bring your contributions to lunch - in October or any other month - and we'll handle them from there. The Spring also continues to gratefully accept the cellphones you're no longer using. These phones are re-keyed and distributed to their clients for emergency use.





## Education Fund

by Paddy Moses

The Athena Society Education Foundation has initiated the scholarship process for the new year. This will be the third year of giving money to deserving women who have financial needs relative to furthering their education.

We had more than 60 applications the first year. Last year we had 47. We feel we will have at least that many again this year. It is very difficult to whittle these mostly very deserving women down to three. We have given away approximately \$4,000. Our fund balance as of June 30, 2001 is \$29,326.30. We can give up to 7% of our funds each year. The larger the fund balance the more scholarship money we can give.

The Education Committee is made up of five past presidents: **Susan Bucklew, Linda Fries, Suzy McLain, Judy Munson** and me. Information and applications are sent to various resources in our community, i.e., Hillsborough Community College, The Spring, Centre for Women, Leary, Erwin, Alpha House. The money can be used for whatever the women need to continue their education: day care, transportation, books, tuition, etc. An application must be submitted which includes a cover letter stating why they should receive a scholarship and a statement of plans relating to educational and career objectives and future goals. We require a copy of the previous year's income tax return and two letters of recommendation.

Athena now has a very tangible way of helping other women. We encourage our members to remember Athena's Education Foundation when making a gift for someone's birthday, anniversary or other special day. The more our fund grows, the more women we can help and that is what Athena is all about.

## Membership Issues

We are delighted to welcome back to Tampa and to Athena a former president (1992-93) and very special lady: **Juel Smith**. Juel has been in Nashville for the past two years with her husband, Dr. John Smith, who served as president of Fisk University. They both are thrilled to be home and already are involved in many of the activities they left behind. Again...welcome back!

We lost two members this summer - **Jeanie Williamson Ough** and **Mary Jane Saunders** - both of whom moved out of town.

Two others who were extended invitations to join were unable to accept at this time: Robin Carso and Susan Dix.

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## Upcoming Meeting

**WHEN:** Thursday, September 6  
11:55 a.m. - luncheon

**WHERE:** Centre Club  
Westshore at Kennedy

**SPEAKER:** Jan Roberts, President  
Institute for Ethics and Meaning

**PROGRAM:** Earth Charter Community Summits

**RSVP:** By August 31 with enclosed card or call  
**Eleanor Hubbard** (251-9172) or e-mail  
ewhubbard@aol.com.

### OPEN MEETING - GUESTS WELCOME

**Jan Roberts** - Athena member and Florida's Humanist of the Year - is the national coordinator of Earth Charter Community Summits scheduled September 29 in ten cities from San Francisco to Washington, D.C. - a major happening!

The Earth Charter is a Declaration of Interdependence which recognizes that humanity's environmental, economic, social, cultural, ethical and spiritual aspirations are all inter-connected. The Charter grew out of the 1992 Rio Earth Summit and plans are to present it to the United Nations in 2002 for endorsement.

Join us to hear about a movement that is gaining momentum across this country and the world.





## President's Message

I look forward to serving as your president this year. The Athena board is comprised of a wonderful representation of the membership that will focus on the purposes of Athena and have fun along the way.

Special thanks to **Gwynne Young** for spearheading a fabulous retreat! Jean O'Barr, Professor of Practice of Women's Studies and the Founding Director of Women's Studies at Duke University, conducted a workshop that kicked off the programs for this year that will focus on "Raising Awareness and Action".

Last year's Public Issues Committee was asked to review the Athena position statements for possible update. **Dottie Berger MacKinnon** presented a draft of suggested revisions at the retreat for review. Even though attendees provided good feedback, all agreed that opportunity for input should be solicited from the general membership. (More to come on this.)

Our Program Chair, **Judie Taggart**, will build programs around Athena positions. We truly hope that even the most informed members will finish the year with an expanded awareness of the issues that concern women, as well as a call for action.

As we look at our positions on Tolerance and Diversity, we must recognize the international effort of **Jan Roberts**, honored as Humanist of the Year, by the Humanist of Florida. She will tell us more about the Earth Charter and its principles for respect and caring for communities, the ecology, social and economic justice, democracy, nonviolence, and peace at our September luncheon. You will not want to miss this.

In October, **Kathy Betancourt**, Associate Vice President for Governmental Relations at USF, will give us a political overview of coming legislative events, where women stand, what redistricting means, commission openings, and the elections.

Thanks to **Judy Munson** for pushing this year's board to focus on our own Athena members! In May, she gathered a group to show Athena's support when the National Conference for Community & Justice presented **Helen Gordon Davis** the 2001 Silver Medallion Humanitarian Award. She is also organizing Athena tables for the WEDU's Speaking of Women's Health seminar, Saturday, September 15th, that will recognize Dr. **Sylvia Campbell** for her volunteer efforts on behalf of medically indigent patients. You have learned that Judie Taggart is drawing from the talents of our membership for upcoming programs. Note also the insert from **Patti Breckenridge** that will feature in upcoming newsletters interesting facts about some of our members.

Welcome back. It's going to be another great year!

Molly



## News About Members

Our deepest sympathy to **Wilma Smith** whose mother passed away on July 6.

**Moira Burke**, M.D. has been promoted to full Clinical Professor in the College of Medicine at USF, effective August 1. Moira relates that her application was prompted by Judy Genshaft's Athena program last year when Dr. Genshaft bemoaned the fact that USF had too few female full professors.

**Lagretta Lenker** has authored a new book that's hot off the press....Fathers and Daughters in Shakespeare and Shaw. Although she has co-authored several scholarly books, this is her first as sole author. To read details of the fascinating similarities between Shakespeare's and Shaw's treatment of the subject, you can go to website of Greenwood Publishing Group: [info.greenwood.com](http://info.greenwood.com)

**Dottie Berger MacKinnon** has been appointed by the governor to the Lawton Chiles Endowment Fund Advisory Council for Children and was elected Chair at the first meeting. Comprised of 13 members statewide, the group will operate on the interest the state realized from the tobacco settlement several years ago.

In the Spring **Anne Kantor** joined her daughter Janet Echelman (Athena YWOP '82) in Madrid to assist in the installation of Janet's sculpture for the largest art fair in Europe, ARCO. Entitled "Target Swooping Down...Bullseye!", the 20,000 square foot lacy net sculpture was composed of 1.56 million hand-tied knots and sponsored by Janet's New York Gallery, Florence Lynch. While Anne was there 180,000+ people viewed the sculpture. Janet is currently in Kyoto on a Japan Foundation Artist Fellowship.

Summer was travel time for many Athena members:

**Joan Zinober** and husband Pete took an eight-day trip to Ireland where they visited Dublin, Wexford, Waterford and Cork AND the duty-free shops at Shannon airport! "The Irish people were outgoing, friendly, helpful and full of life," Joan reports. "Of course the fact that there seemed to be at least three or four pubs on every street may have had something to do with their demeanor! We listened to traditional Irish music in pubs, visited and stayed in wonderful old castles and found the food (especially the fish) to be superb. It's a trip we'd recommend to anyone."

**Sandy Freedman** and husband Mike were in France on a week-long barge trip through the canals and rivers in Burgundy with a few additional days in Paris. She also enjoyed a mother-daughter long weekend in New York and is preparing to take off next week for a 10-day trip to Canada with Mike.

**Jean Amuso** and husband Phil went to Uppsala, Sweden to visit friends who showed them around the country. They looked in on Parliament in Stockholm, stayed at their friends' summer home on the island of Oland (where the neighbors raised camels), took a boat trip to the archipelago and generally had a wonderful time.



## Athena "Housekeeping"

Last call for directory changes and new photos. Please check to be sure everything is up-to-date and accurate on your sheet. If not, mail it (the original page sent in June) to the P.O. box immediately. Thank you!

Tickets still available for the WEDU Women's Health Seminar. (See President's Message.)

Our thanks to Tom and **Pam Jordan Wolf** for being wonderful hosts and for opening their beautiful home for the New Member Party in June. Members of the Hospitality Committee (under the direction of Chairman **Gabriele Faulkner**) served the delectable buffet they've come to be known for.

## Retreat 2001 – A Smashing Success

Forty-five people attended the 2001 Retreat at the Hyatt Sarasota July 27-29. The weekend began Friday evening with a reception in the President's suite followed by a casual buffet. Saturday morning, Jean Fox O'Barr, Founding Director of the Women's Studies program at Duke University, presented a superb program focusing on various aspects of women as leaders. Following an afternoon on our own (cruising the art galleries, shopping, swimming, etc.), the group reconvened for cocktails and dinner in the Wine Cellar at Michaels on East. After dinner **Louise Thompson** led the night owls to a local karaoke bar.

Sunday morning **Dottie Berger MacKinnon** led a lively discussion of proposed updates to the Athena position statements. The Retreat concluded with a sumptuous brunch at the elegant Field Club, former home of Marshall Field.

**Lee Leavengood** said it best in her e-mail to Retreat Chair **Gwynne Young**: "I applaud you for bringing a stimulating, inspiring and exciting program to our retreat. Jean was a jewel. You have set a higher standard for our retreats. Thank you."

## Election Results

At the June meeting, the following members were elected to serve on the 2001-2002 Nominating Committee:

**Katherine Essrig**  
**Linda Goldstein**

**Dena Leavengood**  
**Lagretta Lenker**

Alternates:

**Jean Amuso**

**Mimi Stamps**

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## Upcoming Meeting

- WHEN:** Thursday, June 7  
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  
Approval of proposed 2001-02 budget  
Election of Officers/Directors  
Passing of the gavel  
Installation  
Honoring of our founders  
Introduction of new members
- MENU:** Prime Rib of Beef  
*(If you prefer Chicken Napa w/sundried tomatoes  
& goat cheese, please indicate on your return card.)*
- RSVP:** By June 4 with enclosed card or  
call **Eleanor Hubbard** (251-9172) or  
e-mail ewhubbard@aol.com.

### 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 12 months.

*There will be no luncheon or dinner  
meeting in July or August.*

## It's Party Time - June 16

Our annual party honoring new members is set for 7 to 9 p.m., Saturday, June 16, at the new home of Tom and **Pam Jordan Wolf**, 709 Guisando de Avila. 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 12. Please list guest names; see p. 4 for directions.



## President's Message

When asked what I love about living in Tampa, I always mention the Athena Society. True value is not just found in "location, location, location" but in good people doing good things. This brings a higher quality of life for us and our community. The combination of great people doing outstanding things is how I feel about the members of Athena. It was a busy but good year. This is a random list of some highlights of the year.

As members of Athena we:

- Learned more about our own members at meetings
- Celebrated our 25th Anniversary with an outstanding party
- Honored 12 young ladies with YWP Awards plus heard their wonderful comments
- Had full houses to hear the USF President, a columnist and our members
- Enjoyed fabulous parties with incredible food in beautiful homes
- Ventured twice on great Athena Bonus outings
- Provided grants to three women to jump start their education
- Received grant funds to update our book on Tampa's women
- Welcomed eight new members into Athena
- Dined on the Plant Museum porch in the moonlight in December
- Congratulated members on awards from local and national agencies
- Presented another "Level Playing Field" award
- Worked hard in the political elections - local and national
- Were Feng Shui at retreat along with lots of friendship building - old and new
- Invited newer members to tell how to best mainstream them after joining
- Celebrated promotions and advancements of our members.

Unfortunately, we were deeply saddened by the loss of **Jan Abell** and many of our members lost loved ones. Fortunately, Athena members are "friends who are quiet angels who lift us to our feet when our wings have trouble remembering how to fly." (unknown quote)

Thank you for giving me this wonderful opportunity and for making this year such a positive and productive one. It has been an honor to work with the Board and committee chairs and members. A special thanks to **Eleanor Hubbard** who pointed out the "pot holes" and helped me walk around them. In addition, please welcome **Molly Crews** as our new president. Her plans for next year are exciting and ones each of you will enjoy in every way.

In conclusion, as I stated at the anniversary party, it is my most sincere desire that Athena will continue to prosper and will always strive towards the goal of improving the status of women in all walks of life.



## New Members to be Introduced

We're pleased to announce the following women have accepted Athena's invitation to membership and will be formally introduced at the June 1 annual meeting:

**Robin Carson** - Executive VP/Busch Gardens (Sponsored by Elaine College)

**Annette DeLisle** - President, Ybor City Chamber of Commerce (Sponsored by Jan Platt)

**Susan Dix** - Publisher, The Weekly Planet (sponsored by Louise Thompson)

**Beth Ficquette** - Executive Director, Centre for Women (Sponsored by Nancy Ford)

**Pam Iorio** - Supervisor of Elections (Sponsored by Dottie Berger MacKinnon)

**Lisa Robbins** - Chief Scientist, U.S. Geological Survey (Sponsored by Emmy Acton)

**Elizabeth Walters** - Director, Prof. Personnel and Holland & Knight Institute  
(Sponsored by Linda Goldstein)

**Renee Williams** - Director of Arts & Cultural Affairs, City of Tampa  
(Sponsored by Membership Committee)

*Welcome! Welcome! Welcome!*

## Athena "Housekeeping"

RETREAT REMINDER: Mail or fax your form for the Hyatt Sarasota to **Eleanor Hubbard** as soon as possible. Though our reservation deadline is June 26, we've been informed that space is limited, so early registration is encouraged. The fee of \$195 is due on that date as well. Check - payable to Athena - may be sent to the P.O. Box. Next week you'll receive more information on the outstanding program planned for this July 27-29 event.

"Fun" and "elegant" are two words that best describe Athena's 25th anniversary party earlier this month. Our hats off to the ladies who made it happen: **Suzy McLain** and **Gabriele Faulkner**! One of the highlights of the evening was **Judy Lisi's** rendition of a song commissioned especially for the celebration. We've enclosed a copy of the lyrics for your enjoyment. (You might want to practice.....it's been rumored this could become Athena's theme song.)

As usual, there will be no Athena meetings in July and August; luncheons will resume in September. Barring extraordinary circumstances in the coming year, we'll continue to adhere to our first Thursday of the month schedule with dinners scheduled in December and June.



## Nominating Committee Elections

At the April meeting, members were asked to vote for \*12 individuals eligible to serve on the 2001-2002 Nominating Committee. The following are being presented as the result of this preliminary ballot:

*Jean Amuso  
Susan Bucklew  
Terry Cone  
Katherine Essrig  
Linda Goldstein*

*Maria Howey  
Dena Leavengood  
Lagretta Lenker  
Barbara Reeves  
Mary Scriven*

*Mimi Stamps  
Gwynne Young  
Joan Zinober*

The final election will 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 2002.

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.

*\*13 due to a tie*

### 2001-02 Slate

The following slate has been proposed by the Nominating Committee:

President . . . . . Molly Crews  
President-Elect . . . . . Marva Crenshaw  
VP Membership . . . . . Becky Steele  
VP/Programs . . . . . Judie Taggart  
Secretary . . . . . Linda Devine  
Treasurer . . . . . Judy Ryan  
Imm. Past President . . . . . Judy Munson

#### BOARD MEMBERS

Returning:  
Nancy Ford  
Dottie Berger MacKinnon  
Betty Tribble

Two-year term:  
Emmy Acton  
Lagretta Lenker  
Sylvia Richardson

#### MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Returning:                      Two-year term:  
Noni Brill                      Carol Dyches  
Jan Cornelius                 Kathleen Grizzard  
Rhonda Trainor               Sharon Kilpatrick  
Alternate: Cynthia Gandee

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### *Directions to 6/16 Party*

Pam says the best way to reach her home is to take 275 North to Bearss Ave. Go left or west on Bearss under 275 to Florida Avenue - OR - take Dale Mabry north to Bearss Ave. Go right on Bearss to Florida Avenue. THEN....go north on Florida to the point where Florida and Nebraska begin to merge. Just before the two roads merge, look to the left for a sign marked Avila Realty in front of a one story white stucco building with a red tile roof. Take a left into the drive by the Avila Realty sign and that will take you to the gate. Security will have a guest list and will direct you to our home from the gate.

**PLEASE NOTE:** There will be signs posted that will restrict parking to only one side of the street. It's fine to park on the street - just stay to the side designated by the signs. Pam's phone number is 908-3770.

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## Upcoming Meeting

**WHEN:** Wednesday, April 25  
7:30 p.m. - Dessert Buffet

**WHERE:** Centre Club  
Westshore at Kennedy

**PROGRAM:** Young Women of Promise - Class of 2001

**COST:** Guests - \$20

**RSVP:** By April 23 with enclosed card or  
call **Eleanor Hubbard** (251-9172) or  
e-mail ewhubbard@aol.com.

### OPEN MEETING - GUESTS WELCOME!

On April 25, twelve very special Young Women of Promise will be presented to Athena. On behalf of the YWP Committee, I cordially invite you all to attend. This is one of Athena's finest programs; it enriches us all. See page 2 for a list of those to be recognized.

It is no easy task to choose 12 of 38 girls for this honor because all the nominees are so accomplished. This year, for the first time, you will hear the girls speak for themselves. Each will introduce her counselor and family and have 3-5 minutes (maximum) to talk about which of her accomplishments has given her the greatest satisfaction.

This is the 21st year that Athena has honored Young Women of Promise. We hope that this year we will have a substantial turnout of members to demonstrate our sincerity of that honor!

**Sylvia Richardson**, Chair  
YWP Committee





## President's Message

One of the best things about Athena is our support and concern for fellow members. This is true for the good times and the challenging times. During the next few weeks, each of us will have several opportunities to network with other members and celebrate many good moments:

- Athena Bonus on Saturday, April 21st,
- Young Women of Promise on April 25th
- Washington Briefing - Int'l Alliance on April 26-27th in Washington DC
- Athena's 25th Anniversary Dinner on May 3

This cluster of events is a perfect mixture to blend new and old friendships. The chairs and their committees have worked hard to make each event special and I sincerely thank them.

At the same time, the Athena bond is also there during the tough times - professional and personal. Our sympathy and thoughts are especially with **Linda Fries, Barbara Pankau** and **Barbara Romano** at this time. Many members have shared with me how well the Athena network has worked in medical emergencies, public relations issues and legal situations - just to name a few. Let's just say, "I do not leave home without my Athena Directory."

Please plan to join us during the upcoming events.



## 2001 Young Women of Promise

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|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Erica Baker               | Bloomington High School     |
| Taeyjuana Curry           | Plant City High School      |
| Danielle Darby            | Academy of the Holy Names   |
| Jill Duemig               | Durant High School          |
| Stephanie Friedel-Pizarro | Wharton High School         |
| Samantha Huntley          | Armwood High School         |
| Okhelya Knight            | Tampa Bay Technical High    |
| Ashwini Komarla           | King High School            |
| Lindsey Moffenbier        | East Bay High School        |
| Ladawn Rankin             | Riverview High School       |
| Jennifer Sasso            | Berkeley Preparatory School |
| Laura Templeton           | Walter Sickles High School  |



## News About Members

The past month has been a sad one for Athena as several of our members sustained major losses. **Barbara Romano's** mother passed away as well as her husband, Jack. **Barbara Pankau** lost her husband (Stephen) as did **Linda Fries** (Max). We extend our deepest sympathy; please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

On a happier note: **Dottie Berger** and Sandy MacKinnon made a skiing trip to Steamboat Springs, (Colorado) rather special by getting married there on February 26. She describes her life this past month as "hectic"....between a good bit of travel, maintaining her full work schedule and moving into Sandy's home at 334 Blanca Avenue, Tampa 33606. Dottie's got a lot of new home numbers which you may wish to note on her directory page: phone (254-3360); fax (251-2397) and e-mail (dberger@yaleflorida.com). Our best wishes for a long, happy life together.

**Leslie Reicin Stein** spent a few weeks in India setting up Verizon Data Services Private Ltd., a software development company. While there she was able to sightsee in Chennai (Madras), Mumbai (Bombay) and Delhi. She also went on excursions to Elephanta Island to see the Shiva Temples carved out of rock and to Agra to see the fabulous Taj Mahal. Talk about combining business and pleasure....lucky Leslie!

**Sylvia Campbell** was named Zonta's 2001 Women's Advocacy Award Recipient on April 7 by the Zonta Club of Tampa. The first female surgeon to practice in Tampa, she was recognized for, among other accomplishments, her 20+ years of volunteer service at the Judeo Christian Clinic where she is currently President of the Board. Sylvia has received numerous awards previously for her extensive involvement in female health issues. She has organized trips for many years to Haiti where she has performed life-saving surgeries under primitive conditions. Sylvia, we salute you! (A side note: Sylvia is the fourth recipient of this prestigious award; the other three are **Helen Gordon Davis**, **Nancy Ford** and **Mabel Bexley**.)

**Jan Roberts** will be honored as Humanist of the Year at the annual conference of Humanists of Florida, April 20-22, here in Tampa. She is being recognized for her work with the Earth Charter, Institute for Ethics and Meaning and with the Humanists in forging coalition building. Jan will appropriately receive her award on Earth Day, the 21st.

## Davis and Wilson to be Honored

As usual, Athena members play major roles in many of the community's significant events. On May 24 **Helen Gordon Davis** and **Sandra Wilson** will be honored by the National Conference for Community and Justice (NCCJ). Both will be presented the Silver Medallion Award in recognition of their selfless humanitarian services at a black tie optional dinner to be held at Higgins Hall. **Alex Sink** is dinner chair for Hillsborough County; **Sandy Freedman** and **Candy Olson** serve on the NCCJ board. Tickets are \$175 each. If you'd like to sit at the Athena table, please call Eleanor Hubbard.

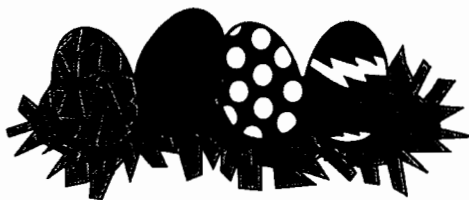


## Athena Housekeeping

An evening you won't forget is planned for Thursday, May 3, at the Yacht Club - celebration of Athena's 25th anniversary! Chairing the event is Athena's first president, **Suzy McLain**. Under her direction the evening, you can be assured, will be elegant and entertaining. Look for your invitation in the mail this week.

Everyone should have received the retreat packet several weeks ago. (If not, call Eleanor Hubbard.) Slated for July 27-29 at the Hyatt Sarasota, the annual weekend festivities are being chaired by another past president, **Gwynne Young**. Gwynne has arranged for an outstanding speaker on Saturday morning: Dr. Jean Fox O'Barr, Founding Director of Women's Studies at Duke University. There will be lots of free time for leisure activity but your biggest problem in Sarasota will be which activities: Asolo Theatre? Ringling Museum of Art? Museum of Cars & Music? Mote Marine Laboratory? Selby Botanical Gardens? Circus Museum? Shopping? Swimming? etc, etc. Guest rooms are available for \$95 per night, single or double, and should be reserved by June 29 with the yellow form enclosed in the packet. All previous retreats held in Sarasota have brought raves. This one will too, so don't miss it!

Athena Bonus: Not too late to make reservations for Saturday, April 21, for what Chair **Judy Dato** describes as "a jewel of a day." The full agenda runs from 1:30 to approximately 6:30 p.m. but you can modify to suit your schedule by including just the gallery portion, dinner or whatever. For additional details or reservations call Judy at 727/360-2960 or Eleanor Hubbard at 251-9172.



## Nominating Committee to be Elected

At the April evening meeting, members will be asked to vote for twelve (12) individuals to serve on the 2001-2002 Nominating Committee. The list of eligible members is enclosed. If you are unable to attend that meeting, you may vote by proxy by simply stating your choices and faxing your ballot to **Eleanor Hubbard** (813/253-3901) or mailing to the P.O. Box. Deadline for receipt of ballot is April 25, and it must be signed.

The results shall be published in the June issue of the newsletter; the final election shall take place at the annual 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 2002.

# Athena Society



B R I E F I N G S

March, 2001

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### ATHENA SOCIETY

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TAMPA, FLORIDA 33679

## Upcoming Meeting

- WHEN:** Thursday, March 1  
11:55 a.m. - luncheon
- WHERE:** Centre Club  
Westshore at Kennedy
- PROGRAM:** Level Playing Field Award
- RSVP:** By February 26 with enclosed card,  
call **Eleanor Hubbard** (251-9172) or  
e-mail ewhubbard@aol.com.
- COST:** Guests - \$20

### OPEN MEETING - GUESTS WELCOME

In keeping with our mission to promote the acceptance and advancement of women in business, the professions and other positions of responsibility and to improve the status of women generally, the Athena Society will present a double-feature March program. Part I acknowledges the efforts of organizations to make the workplace better for women. Part II provides individual women with the help they need to move forward.

During the first portion of our program, Community Action Chair **Louise Thompson** will present our "2001 Level Playing Field Award" to a Bay area business, non-profit or government agency that has established policies and practices that: [1] are "family friendly" and [2] promote the advancement of women in the workplace.

During the second portion, **Barbara Romano** will fill us in on the Community Foundation which devotes energies to building a better community through creative philanthropy, vision and leadership. **Paddy Moses** will then present our scholarship awards to selected young women.

Please invite friends, colleagues, press and others who are interested in the advancement of women and families.



## President's Message

Our country has survived one of the most controversial elections in history and now is the time to evaluate our future. The next four years could be full of changes and challenges. Current legislation regarding women's issues appears to be up for review. It is critical that we have constant and consistent communication with our elected officials at all levels. For your review, the Purposes of Athena as stated in the front of the directory is a good 30-second reminder of all our missions.

I would like to challenge each member to include their elected officials on their email, fax machine, phone directory (PDA) and "snail" mailing list. Why? Because when legislation comes up for a vote, we need to move quickly. I am sure many of you have already done this, but we need 100% to make an impact. As we learned in the last election, your voice can make a difference.

You are encouraged to express your individual beliefs. Should you identify yourself as a member of the Athena Society, please remember to use the approved policy statements on public issues located in the directory. This will insure that we send a clear and consistent message on behalf of Athena.

Please use the officials listed below as a start. Your individual state and federal officials will be listed on sheets at the next meeting.

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President@whitehouse.gov

Jeb Bush  
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<http://fcn.state.fl.us/eog/>

Bob Graham  
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bob\_graham@graham.senate.gov

Bill Nelson  
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Washington DC 20510  
202.224.5274 (tel)  
202.224.8022 (fax)  
Not available now



## News About Members

**Paulette Gross** has been promoted to Assistant to the Dean, Associate Sciences Programs, Dale Mabry Campus, Hillsborough Community College.

After 21 years at The Tampa Tribune as a reporter, editorial board member and manager in both the newsroom and Web operation, **Patti Breckenridge** has accepted an invitation from Publix Inc. to start a corporate recruiting team for its properties throughout the Southeast. As Corporate Recruiting Manager, she will be based at the headquarters in Lakeland but will continue living in Tampa and attending Athena functions. Her new office number is 863-688-1188.



## Athena Housekeeping

Please calendar the following important dates for the next several months:

- April 25 - 7:30 p.m. - Young Women of Promise - Centre Club
- May 3 - 7:00 p.m. - Athena's 25th anniversary celebration - Tampa Yacht Club
- April 21 - Athena Bonus - see back page
- June 7 - 5:30 p.m. - Installation of officers - Centre Club
- July 27-29 - Retreat at Hyatt Sarasota (Informational packet to be mailed in March)
- Sept. 15 - 2001 WEDU's "Speaking of Women's Health" @ Vinoy in St. Pete  
(**Sylvia Campbell** is one of the honorees.)

Because we have a compressed calendar this Spring, the next issue of the newsletter will be on your desk on April 16. It will serve simply as a reminder for the YWP meeting as well as the May dinner. You'll receive details on the latter prior to the newsletter. This will be a gala affair chaired by **Suzy McLain** - complete with entertainment and open to guests.

Our thanks to **Deanne Roberts** for again updating Athena's enclosed promotional brochure. If you'd like additional copies, call Eleanor Hubbard.



## Athena Bonus

Set for Saturday, April 21.....Chair **Judy Dato** describes this as "a jewel of a day." We'll meet at Westshore Plaza at 1:30 p.m. to travel across the bay via a unique mode of transportation OR you can follow in your car. Return time will be approximately 6:30 p.m. Spouses, friends, etc. are welcome and it'll be fun for all! Our stops will be 1) The world famous Evander Preston Contemporary Jewelry Design Gallery in Old Pass-A-Grille Beach. If you've never been there, you're in for a treat.....it is unusual! His sangria is terrific and hopefully we'll get to meet Evander in person. Then on to 2) the Nancy Markoe gallery located in St. Pete Beach. You'll find the works of over 500 North American artists represented: glass, jewelry, wood, pottery, yard sculpture and more. The last jewel is Judy Dato's Treasure Island beach home where guests will enjoy an early dinner while enjoying the cool breezes of the gulf. (It's been rumored that husband Joe is a master pasta chef!)

What a wonderful schedule; it's surely going to be a popular outing. For reservations, call **Judy Dato** (727/360-2960) prior to April 12. Cost is \$15 per person.



## Members' Projects

*Joshua House is a private, not-for-profit organization helping abused children turn their lives around. It is holding a fundraiser luncheon on April 20 at the Tampa Marriott Waterside. Last year's luncheon raised more than \$32,000 to benefit these special children. The Athena Society has been asked to participate in this event. If you are interested in helping sponsor a table for 8, please give **Dottie Berger** (949-8946) or **Molly Crews** (878-7861) a call to reserve a spot.*

*The cost of each ticket is \$62.50.*



# Athena Society



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February, 2001

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## Upcoming Meeting

- WHEN:** Thursday, February 1  
11:55 a.m. - luncheon
- WHERE:** Centre Club  
Westshore at Kennedy
- PROGRAM:** USF and the Role of Women's Wisdom
- SPEAKER:** Judy L. Genshaft, President  
University of South Florida
- RSVP:** By January 29 with enclosed card,  
call **Eleanor Hubbard** (251-9172) or  
e-mail ewhubbard@aol.com.  
**(Please don't mail cards after Saturday  
as they frequently are enroute for 3-4  
days and arrive after the meeting.)**
- COST:** Guests - \$20

## OPEN MEETING - GUESTS WELCOME

Dr. Genshaft will outline her plans for the future of USF, stressing its role as a scholarly resource for people at every life stage. In particular, she'll reflect on her identity as a woman president and on the role of women in education and at USF.

A welcome addition to our community, Judy Genshaft became the sixth president of USF in July of last year. This native Ohioan earned her bachelor's degree in social work and psychology from the University of Wisconsin and her Ph.D. in counseling psychology from Kent State. A national leader in school psychology, her research has yielded three books on gifted students and intellectual assessment as well as more than 55 articles in scholarly journals. Join us to hear USF's plans for the near and distant future.





## President's Message

For the most part, our lives are "actively" challenging. Busy, innovative, frustrating and successful. This was my week for the extraordinary. Several, unrelated events occurred and the combination of them made me appreciate all the goodness in life.

Over the weekend, my next-door neighbor (a single professional lady) was in a serious automobile accident that she was at no fault. A young woman ran a red light and directly hit her on the driver's side. My neighbor's car flipped several times, but the angels were in her court and she suffered relatively minor injuries.

Next, at the last Athena meeting, Ellen Kimmel challenged us to a treasure hunt to learn more about each other. It was a wonderful meeting and I learned about Mary Scriven's hero - her mother. With limited resources and unlimited love and determination, this lady achieved academic awards, was professionally successful and raised a family of responsible and loving children.

At the same time, my twin sister was visiting Tampa. She has a dear friend who had to have his defibrillator replaced. A chronic heart patient, the procedure required that he be "flat lined" or in layman's terms - his heart had to be stopped to see if the defibrillator worked. Although this is considered a normal procedure, it is hardly elective surgery.

Why do I mention these things? Because they made me appreciate even more that my glass is always half full, not half empty. Share my reality check and avoid one of life's potholes.



*Happy Valentine!*

***Remember to send a Valentine to Special Friends.***



## News About Members

We extend our sincere sympathy to **Virginia Gregory** for the loss of her father during the recent holidays.

**Becky Steele** has been elected president of the Board of Directors of the Nathan B. Stubblefield Foundation which owns and operates WMNF-FM Radio (88.5).

**Dottie Berger** invites all Athena members to attend a party on Monday, February 19, 5 to 7 p.m. at Valencia Gardens, 811 W. Kennedy Blvd. She is celebrating "life, love, hope, friendship, my first 59th birthday and the 9th birthday of Joshua House." To RSVP, call 949-8946x236.

## Athena Housekeeping

Good news! Members attending the December dinner at the Henry B. Plant Museum donated a total of \$1,635 to the four charities selected for consideration. Thank you for your generosity.

Deadline for submission of membership nomination forms is February 16. You may pick up one at the 2/1 luncheon or by calling Membership VP **Elsie Garner** or **Eleanor Hubbard**.

Many members clapped their hands over their mouths upon entering the room at the January luncheon murmuring "Oh, I forgot!" They were referring to the opportunity to contribute clothing to Dress for Success, an organization that donates interview clothing to women re-entering the workforce. Good news is that it's not too late! If you have clothing to give, call Executive Director Patricia Ellington at 813/685-7076 or e-mail dsuccesstb@aol.com.

Last call for submitting applications for the Level Playing Field Award; deadline is January 31. If you need guidance, contact **Louise Thompson**, LPF Chair.

Schedule alert: Retreat date is July 20-22. Under the direction of Chair **Gwynne Young**, it will be special so mark your calendar. We'll have details next month.

The TIA Washington Briefing is set for April 26-27. See TIA's enclosed newsletter for details.

## Directory Changes

You may wish to enter this information on the blank pages in the back of your directory:

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## Beauty Tips

by Audrey Hepburn

*(Editor's note: Audrey Hepburn, one of the world's most admired women, shared these thoughts in her later years.)*

*For attractive lips, speak words of kindness.*

*For lovely eyes, seek out the good in people.*

*For a slim figure, share your food with the hungry.*

*For beautiful hair, let a child run his or her fingers through it once a day.*

*For poise, walk with the knowledge you'll never walk alone.*

*People, even more than things, have to be restored, renewed, revived, reclaimed and redeemed; never throw out anybody.*

*Remember, if you ever need a helping hand, you'll find one at the end of your arm.*

*As you grow older you will discover that you have two hands, one for helping yourself, the second for helping others.*

*The beauty of a woman is not in the clothes she wears, the figure that she carries or the way she combs her hair.*

*The beauty of a woman must be seen in her eyes, because that is the doorway to her heart, the place where love resides.*

*The beauty of a woman is not in a facial mole but true beauty in a woman is reflected in her soul. It is the caring that she lovingly gives, the passion that she shows and the beauty of a woman with passing years only grows!*



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## Upcoming Meeting

- WHEN:** Thursday, January 4  
11:55 a.m. - luncheon
- WHERE:** Centre Club  
Westshore at Kennedy
- PROGRAM:** An Athena Treasure Hunt
- SPEAKER:** Ellen Kimmel, Ph. D.  
Distinguished Professor, Psychology and  
Education, USF
- RSVP:** By December 29 with enclosed card,  
call **Eleanor Hubbard** (251-9172) or  
e-mail ewhubbard@aol.com.
- NOTE:** Please bring your gently worn business  
clothing to be donated to Dress for  
Success, a non-profit which benefits  
women re-entering the workforce.

## CLOSED MEETING - MEMBERS ONLY

This luncheon meeting will be devoted to getting better acquainted with each other. The Program Committee is following up on one of the strong themes of the last retreat: members want more time to get to know each other better.

This "hunt" will be in search of your soul sisters.. "ya ya" or not. Be prepared to learn (and divulge) little known but fascinating aspects of Athena women in this interactive session. Barbara Walters will be jealous of our scoops! This meeting will be special.....that's a promise.



## President's Message

Happy Holidays and a wonderful New Year. Special thanks to **Susan Grady** and her committee for a beautiful evening at the Plant Museum - the dinner on the veranda was perfect with the moon brightly shining. The Museum is spectacular - congratulations to **Cynthia Gandee** and her staff. Also many thanks to **Gabriele Faulkner** and her committee for an outstanding Holiday party; **Joan Zinober's** gracious home was another perfect setting.

The dedication of the **Jan Kaminis Platt** Regional Library was exciting. Many of you were there along with hundred of others. It is a beautiful facility and such a perfect tribute to Jan Platt and her efforts within our community. Congratulations, Jan!

As we begin the New Year, Athena has many projects during the first quarter — each of which needs and welcomes any member to participate. All of them are important and therefore I will be politically correct and do them in chronological order.

*Level Playing Field Award:* Nominations are due January 31, 2001. This is an important way Athena can recognize businesses within our community for being proactive regarding enhancing women's professional opportunities. Enclosed again is an application - please support **Louise Thompson** and her committee by completing it.

*New Members Focus Group:* **J.T. Taft** will be facilitating this informal meeting on January 30, 2001 at my home at 6 PM. The purpose is to get feedback from members who have joined within the last five years. This was one of the items discussed at the Retreat last year. Please call J.T. or me to RSVP.

*Membership Committee:* **Elsie Garner** has done a great job getting her committee organized and ready. The applications are available and have been simplified in many ways. Remember the only restriction on nominating or co-sponsoring is that you cannot do it two consecutive years. Deadline for application is February 16, 2001.

*Mark Your Calendars:* The annual retreat will be July 20-22 - location to be announced soon. Young Women of Promise program will be held the evening of April 25. Details to follow.

Warm wishes to each of you for the best of everything in the coming year.



# Happy Holidays!





## News About Members

**Linda Goldstein** recently won two Crystal Reel awards in the statewide Florida Motion Picture & Television Association competition: one for Eckerd Youth Alternatives (Corporate Marketing) and the other for Joshua House: The House That Love Built (Best Special Program/Documentary).

**Rhonda Trainor** has been promoted to General Director, Technical and Career Education with the Hillsborough County School District. In her new position Rhonda will oversee all T & C programs - elementary through adult, approximately 700 teachers.

**Virginia Gregory** has been elected President of the Board of Managers of The Home Association, a 100-year-old facility dedicated to providing quality care for the elderly.

## Athena Housekeeping

If you plan to nominate someone for membership in 2001, please request a form from Membership VP **Elsie Garner** or from **Eleanor Hubbard**. Deadline for submission is February 16 and you'll want to allow ample time to gather the required information.

Deadline for submitting applications for the Level Playing Field Award is January 31. Yet another copy is enclosed; please consider a candidate.



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**PAM WOLF**  
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Home: Same address  
908-3770



## Tribute to Women

*(Editor's note: On New Year's Eve, consider making a toast to yourself and your sisters for all you represent. And lest you forget it, enjoy this reminder of your value.)*

*Women have strengths that amaze men. They carry children, they carry hardships, they carry burdens but they hold happiness, love and joy. They smile when they want to scream. They sing when they want to cry. They cry when they are happy and laugh when they are nervous. They fight for what they believe in. They stand up for injustice. They don't take "no" for an answer when they believe there is a better solution. They go without new shoes so their children can have them. They go to the doctor with a frightened friend. They love unconditionally. They cry when their children excel and cheer when their friends get awards. They are happy when they hear about a birth or a new marriage. Their hearts break when a friend dies. They have sorrow at the loss of a family member, yet they are strong when they think there is no strength left. They know that a hug and a kiss can heal a broken heart. Women come in all sizes, in all colors and shapes. They'll drive, fly, walk, run or e-mail you to show how much they care about you. The heart of a woman is what makes the world spin! Women do more than just give birth. They bring joy and hope. They give compassion and ideals. They give moral support to their family and friends. Women have a lot to say and a lot to give.*

