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Upcoming Meeting

- WHEN:** Thursday, October 4
11:55 a.m.
- WHERE:** Centre Club
Westshore at Kennedy
- PROGRAM:** Women on Corporate Boards
- SPEAKER:** Katherine S. Young
Managing Partner
Young Search Partners LLC
- MENU:** Sunburst Salad
(veg plate available on request when reserving)
- COST:** Guests - \$25
- RSVP:** By October 1 – Register online or
email ewhubbard@aol.com



OPEN MEETING – GUESTS WELCOME

Katherine will report on women's board participation at the national and state levels and strategies to increase diversity and female representation on corporate boards. She serves on the Board of Directors of Women's Executive Leadership (WEL) whose primary mission is to advocate, educate and connect accomplished women with the goal of increasing the number of women serving on Corporate Boards and in Executive Leadership.

Katherine brings more than 20 years of talent management consulting experience to the formation of her firm, having worked for the largest global firms in both the executive search and career management consulting industries. A native of Connecticut, she received her Bachelor degree in Psychology from Ohio Wesleyan University.



President's Message

The successful hosting of the Republican National Conference in Tampa last month ushered in the beginning of the political season with gusto. Turning on the television brings an endless parade of political advertisements and rhetoric that remind us we are worthy of lavish expenditures to woo our vote. (I wonder what television is like in Nebraska).

My youngest son will be eligible to vote this year for the first time. He devoured the League of Women Voters newsletters that **Lee Essrig** and **Dena Leavengood** provided at the last luncheon and is so enthusiastic about his newfound voice that he decided he wants to officially register to vote on his birthday (which is just outside the 29 day advanced requirement for the national election).

His enthusiasm has caused me to think about political voice especially now that retirement has given me an option to free mine. For the past 30 years I have spent every election season under the Hatch Act – a federal requirement often loosely read to encourage one to “keep your political opinions to yourself.” Many of our members fall under an umbrella that restrains some political discussion either through statute, as those covered under the Hatch Act, or by professional code, for example objective journalism. There is a freedom in the restriction that requires discussions to be about issues and solutions absent party positions and platforms. The voice isn't silent; it is just different.

Some of our members are running for election or re-election to public positions putting them squarely in the political arena. Their courage and determination is inspiring! And they are being cheered on and publicly supported by many of our members who have opened homes and wallets to help their voice to be heard.

Regardless of position or profession, each of our members is uniquely situated to exercise her voice for positive change, either directly by stepping into the arena or through influence and inspiration. Every contribution is significant.

One of the ways I will celebrate the freedom of the American voice this year is with a candle-topped cupcake and a voter registration application!





News About Members

Donna Petersen, Dean of the USF College of Public Health, was recently ranked #21 on the list of “100 Awesome Deans of Public Health” by MPHProgramsList.com. Criteria for the list is based on the reputation of the institution and the personal achievements of each dean.

Anne Strozier has been named the 2012 Social Work Educator of the Year for Tampa Bay and for the state of Florida by Florida’s National Association of Social Workers chapter. Nominations and recommendations for this honor come from colleagues, students and the community. When “60 Minutes” was seeking caregivers to interview for a story on kinship care, one of the show’s producers turned to Anne Strozier, co-founder and director of the USF’s Florida Kinship Center.

Candy Olson is celebrating the birth of her third grandson, 11 lb. 2 oz. Edward Ehlers Jaskowiak, born on August 26. His big brothers are 3 and 1/2 year old Charles and 2 year old Henry, the sons of Elizabeth and Derek Jaskowiak. The family lives in Everett, Washington (near Seattle) where Derek is stationed as a Navy officer.

Nuance Galleries, 804 So. Dale Mabry, is having a major exhibition of **Laura Waller’s** new oil paintings. Opening night is 6-9 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 27 and the exhibit will run for a month. Her paintings are part of a body of work she’s developing called ‘East Coast/West Coast’. Laura is the featured artist on ArtCollectorMaine.com this month and was part of the Open Studio Tour of artists in Rockland, Maine. Her painting ‘Home Port Camden’ was accepted into the juried exhibition ‘Maine Icons and Special Places’ at River Arts Gallery in Damariscotta, Maine.

Recently retired **Betty Tribble** has a new email address: btintampa@gmail.com.



October Birthdays

Birthday wishes to the following members who celebrate in October:

Barbara Bachman
Beth Bernitt
Moira Burke
Linda Devine
Diane Egner

Stacy Frank
Jeanie Hanna
Lee Leavengood
Judy Lisi
Jean McNally

Mary Scriven
Susan Stern
Sigrid Tidmore
Becca Tieder
Lara Tibbals



Bonus Activities

Join us for a lecture and behind the scenes tour of the Floridan Palace on Wednesday, October 17, 5:30-7 p.m. Built in 1926, the Floridan Palace has undergone extensive renovation to revitalize this beautiful historic landmark. Hear **Stephanie Ferrell** give a brief historical account of the building and listen to a representative of the hotel describe some of the stories behind the renovation. We'll meet at 5:30 in the Sapphire Room where light hors d'oeuvres will be served; a cash bar will be available. If you'd like to continue the experience past 7:00, feel free to make optional dinner reservations in the Crystal Dining Room by calling 225-1700. Cost of the Bonus is \$10 per person and guests are welcome. Please RSVP with payment to **Eleanor Hubbard** by October 11.

To get in the spirit of Halloween, **Linda Saul-Sena**, will guide us on a Ghost Walk of Ybor City on October 25. We'll meet at 5:50 p.m. at Centro Ybor on 7th Avenue in front of the statue of Don Vicente Ybor and guests are welcome. Parking is available at the garage across from Centro Ybor. The fee is \$10 which Linda has graciously offered to donate to the Athena education fund. If you'd like to stay for a "dutch treat" dinner afterwards at the Don Vicente, please indicate when mailing your "walk" check to Eleanor by October 19.

Save the date of December 5 for the Plant Museum Holiday Tour – details next month.

Community Action Update

Your Athena Community Action Committee has an exciting year planned! For starters, it's a presidential election year and voting is not a spectator sport! Are you and your family, friends, associates and employees registered and ready to vote? Did you know that there are eleven State-proposed Constitutional Amendments and two Hillsborough County Charter Amendments on the ballot? Have you done your homework so that you will be an informed voter?

If you have not yet received your new Voter Identification Card, you may not be able to vote in the November 6 general election. October 9 is the deadline to register or make corrections. To make sure all your information is current and that you are eligible to vote in Hillsborough County, go to the Supervisor of Elections website www.votehillsborough.org and click on the *Voter Information* link on the left side of the page. View a sample ballot, and learn about the many different ways to vote, early voting dates (Oct. 27 – Nov. 3) and voting locations, the forms of identification required to vote, the location of your precinct polling place and more. For information about the candidates and State Amendments, the League of Women Voters has published a 2012 Voters Guide available at local libraries or online at <http://thefloridavoter.org/files/download/453>.

We will be continuing our support of the Hillsborough County Commission on the Status of Women's annual project and the Women's Hall of Fame luncheon. This year their project and ours will include the issue of sex and human trafficking. What are the issues you most care about? We invite you to join us in discourse and to take action on these and other issues. Please send us your concerns and ideas and share your thoughts with us. We'll be meeting prior to our luncheon on October 4 at 10:30 a.m. and would welcome your participation.

Dena Leavengood, Chair



Calendar

- October 8 – Bonus – Photo Shoot
October 17 – Bonus – Floridan Palace tour
October 25 – Bonus - Ybor Ghost Walk
November 1 – Luncheon meeting
December 5 – Bonus – Plant Museum Holiday tour
December 16 - Holiday party
January 3 – Luncheon meeting



Philanthropy Recognition

As announced by the Philanthropy Committee last June, we're launching a campaign to publicly (within the organization) acknowledge the generous support of members for our two career development projects: the **Phyllis Marshall** Career Assistant Grants and the Dr. **Sylvia Richardson** Young Women of Promise program.

Doing this on a quarterly basis, recognition and thanks this month go to members who supported the **Phyllis Marshall** grants during July/August/September at various levels:

\$250-\$499 – Asteria – Goddess of the Stars	Amelia Campbell	Luanne Panacek
\$100-\$249 – Artemis – Goddess of Hunt	Adrienne Garcia Kathleen Heide	Margaret Mathews Juel Smith

Those who supported the Dr. **Sylvia Richardson** Young Women of Promise Awards:

\$1000+ - Athena – Goddess of Wisdom	Sylvia Richardson	Robin DeLaVergne
\$250-\$499 – Asteria – Goddess of the Stars	Bonnie Saks	Renee Vaughn
\$100-\$249 – Artemis – Goddess of Hunt	Kathy Castor Annette DeLisle Susan Dellinger Kathleen Heide	Gail Holtzman Margaret Miller Ann Ross
\$50-\$99 – Aphrodite – Goddess of Love	Emmy Acton	Cynthia Gandee