

# Athena Society



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## ATHENA SOCIETY

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## Upcoming Meeting

- WHEN:** Thursday, April 5  
11:55 a.m.
- WHERE:** Centre Club  
Westshore at Kennedy
- PROGRAM:** Dr. **Sylvia Richardson**  
Young Women of Promise - Class of 2012
- MENU:** Westshore Crunch Salad  
(veg plate available on request when reserving)
- COST:** Guests - \$25
- RSVP:** By April 2 – Call **Eleanor Hubbard**  
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## OPEN MEETING – GUESTS WELCOME

Since 1981 Athena has been identifying young women of promise, and this year's program continues this fine tradition and is sure to provide an uplifting and hopeful window into the future. Selected from a field of 31, ten very special young women will be presented, each outstanding in her own way. See page 3 for a list of those to be recognized.

Each honoree will comment on one accomplishment that has given her the greatest satisfaction. You'll be inspired and impressed by their stories. Please join us and bring friends who'll enjoy meeting some truly incredible teens.



## President's Message

As the Young Women of Promise luncheon draws near, I've found myself wondering about what Athena will look like in the future, what issues its members will confront, what actions or programs they will deem necessary or appropriate to respond to the demands of the day. Change is inevitable, so how will Athena adapt to the shifting landscape and remain relevant to the women and the greater community of years to come?

One of our core purposes (not to mention one of the things we do best) — networking — will help carry us forward so long as our relationship-building reaches beyond our contemporaries and friends. We must continue to reach out to women who are different from us because they are younger or their backgrounds or professions are under-represented in our ranks or their perspectives or methods challenge our assumptions. “New” or “different” does not always mean better but being open to the possibility and engaged in the conversation will enable Athena to boast currency and vitality.

Our other core purpose — promoting women through equality, acceptance, education and opportunity — also calls upon us to push beyond our comfort zones, consider new questions and conceive novel responses. At the risk of sounding cliché, our founders “pushed the envelope” and “broke glass ceilings” in the course of earning their credentials as true advocates for women. To remain relevant, Athena must be a thought leader and be prepared to be proactive when it comes to issues that confront women and their ability to achieve meaningful progress.

I firmly believe that our core purposes are still right on target. Further, our renewed focus on long range planning and the development of a first-rate website, among other other initiatives undertaken in recent years, has kept us on a path consistent with our organizational goals.

In light of these considerations, I've determined that I was contemplating the wrong question. Rather than what “will” Athena look like in the future, the better, more important question is what “should” Athena look like in the future. So long as that is the question we ask, Athena's future is sure to be bright.





## News About Members

We extend our sincere sympathy to **Molly Crews** whose sister, Paula, passed away on March 1 following a heart attack.

**Laura Waller's** paintings are included in Maine Home and Design magazine's website ([www.Artcollectormaine.com](http://www.Artcollectormaine.com)) where participation is by invitation only. Her painting "The Art Class—Owls Head" is also included in the current exhibit at River Arts Gallery in Damariscotta, Maine.

Congratulations to **Anne Gormly** on the birth of her third grandchild, Fionnuala Anne, on March 12 in Reston, Virginia. The 9 lb. 13 oz. baby sister of 2½ year old Liam, she is the daughter of Sarah and Kevin Donovan.

Kudos to **Laura Kolkman** and her husband Bob Brown. Their book, "The Health Information Exchange Formation Guide" has been named 2011 Book of the Year by the Health Information Management and Systems Society (HIMSS), the premier global health information management organization. The award honors a book that offers outstanding practical guidance and/or strategic insight for healthcare information and management systems professionals.

**Lagretta Lenker** will be retiring from USF on April 30 after 32 years. After that time, her contact information will be her personal email ([l.lenker@verizon.net](mailto:l.lenker@verizon.net)) and home phone (813/988-3422). She's looking forward to "more time for family, friends, writing, theatre, travel and being on time for Athena meetings." We wish her the best.

## 2012 YWP Winners

Meagan Gonzalez	Academy of the Holy Names
Emily Sasso	Berkeley Preparatory School
Ashlee Klap	Chamberlain High School
Yael Marks	Hillsborough High School
Ellen Taylor Adams	Plant City High School
Emma Goldberg	Steinbrenner High School
Shaneece Lane	T.R. Robinson High School
Jhulianna Vivar	Tampa Bay Technical High School
Kathryn Krueger	Tampa Preparatory School
Kelsey Gemmill	Walter L. Sickles High School



## Athena Housekeeping

The Long Range Planning Committee thanks the 73 members who responded to the recent Athena Member Nomination Process survey. The responses and excellent feedback were greatly appreciated. To review these initial responses, please visit our website at <http://www.athena-society.com/governance/committees/lrp-committee/>. If you didn't respond to the survey but have input that you'd like to share, please contact a member of the committee by April 6. Committee members include **Kim DeBosier, Kim de la Parte, Adrienne Garcia, Lorraine Lutton** and **Jeanne Tate**.

Did you know that the Affordable Care Act (ACA), also known as the new Health Care Reform Act (and sometimes as "Obamacare"), was passed two years ago? The Supreme Court will hear arguments about it March 26-28. To learn more, see our website with the full writeup from our Community Action Committee. (Click on Governance, then Committees.)

## April Bonus

If you need an updated photo for the website or to comply with other requests, plan to attend the photo shoot scheduled for April 3 at the home of Renee Vaughn, 405 So. Manhattan. From 5 to 7:30 p.m. professional photographer Barbara Goldstein will take portraits and provide the group with a disk of the photos for easy computer upload. Those who wish to order prints may do so at an additional cost. You may reserve on the website and pay online or email **Eleanor Hubbard** and send your \$20 check (payable to Athena) to the P.O. Box. Limit that evening is 20 members.



## Calendar

- March 28 – Bonus – Museum of Photographic Arts
- April 3 – Bonus - Photo Shoot, 5 to 7 p.m., Home of Renee Vaughn
- May 3 - Luncheon meeting (Speaker: Police Chief Jane Castor)
- June 7 – Installation dinner (members only)
- June 16 – New member party (guests welcome)
- July 20 to 22 – Retreat, Sarasota



## Directory Changes

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## Philanthropy Committee Report

As Athena Members, we are very proud of our mission and signature projects that promote and support women in our community. In order to expand and fund these programs, it is important that we provide members with opportunities to support these efforts through an annual or planned gift.

The Athena Philanthropy Committee will be establishing an annual campaign with distinct giving levels so that members may make a gift to the **Phyllis Marshall** Career Assistance Grants Program, etc (through our Community Foundation fund) to recognize a woman: mother, grandmother, sister, friend, daughter, colleague, etc. by giving a donation in her honor on the anniversary of the establishment of the Athena Society or at anytime throughout the year. This will provide a tangible, consistent and focused effort and allow members to recognize special women in their lives and honor the legacy of those who established our organization.

The goal of the Committee is to increase our endowment to \$100,000 by 2017 to support the Career Assistance Grants Fund which is kept at the Community Foundation. The current value of the fund is \$58,369. As always, members can choose to support the Dr. **Sylvia Richardson** Young Women of Promise program by sending a check directly to the Athena Society.

## Members' Projects

**Judy Lisi invites** you to enjoy “grand opera at its grandest” April 20 and April 22 at the Straz Center for the Performing Arts. Experience the pageantry and passion of Verdi’s most spectacular opera – Aida! - sung in Italian with English translation above the stage. Tickets start at \$29.50; to order, call 813/229-STAR (7827). Athena members can save \$10 per ticket by using the promo code AIDA.