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Upcoming Meeting

- WHEN:** Thursday, February 7
11:55 a.m.
- WHERE:** Centre Club
Westshore at Kennedy
- PROGRAM:** Lessons Learned from Tough Times
- SPEAKERS:** **Doretha Edgecomb**
Pat Frank
- MENU:** Top sirloin w/mushroom marsala sauce
(veg plate available on request when reserving)
- COST:** Guests - \$25
- RSVP:** By February 4 – Register online or
email ewhubbard@aol.com.

OPEN MEETING – GUESTS WELCOME

Two of our esteemed members, **Doretha Edgecomb** and **Pat Frank**, will share the personal and professional hurdles, hardships and challenges they have overcome on the path to success today.

Doretha Edgecomb has been a Hillsborough County School Board member since 2004, most recently serving as board chairwoman. She represents the School Board on numerous other boards including the Hillsborough County Children's Board, the Florida School Boards Association (FSBA), ChairScholars, the Florida Center for Survivors of Torture and Keep Hillsborough County Beautiful. Doretha was named the 2010 Educator of the Year by the Tampa Bay Professional Chapter of Kappa Delta Pi, the international honor society of educators and received the Hillsborough Association of School Administrators' Dr. Earl J. Lennard Leadership Award in 2012.

Pat Collier Frank has had a distinguished career in public service and elective office, commencing with her election to the Hillsborough County School Board in 1972. Four years later she was elected to the Florida House of Representatives and in 1978 to the Florida Senate where she served until 1988. Pat has also been a member of the Tampa Hospital Authority, the Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners and numerous other boards and agencies. In 2004 she was elected to her current position, Clerk of the Circuit Court/Comptroller for Hillsborough County.

Join us to learn the stepping stones to success.



President's Message

Accolades Abound

What a week it's been! On Tuesday, I had the pleasure of attending a luncheon where **Renee Vaughn**, as president of the Leadership Tampa Alumni, presented **Ann McKeel Ross** with the Parke Wright III Leadership Award. This award is presented annually to a member of Leadership Tampa Alumni who has demonstrated exceptional leadership and made a significant difference in the Tampa Bay community. Ann had been the Director of Community Relations at USF for a number of years and a strong advocate for the USF Graphicstudio. Later, as Vice President of the Straz Center, Ann's influence in promoting Tampa as a city of the arts was evident in the numerous partnerships that she encouraged, combining her love of art with her dedication to our community. We all enjoy the Straz, but did you know that Ann also helped develop Berkeley Prep's fine arts program? As a parent of Berkeley alumni, my family benefitted directly from that program.

On Thursday, the Hillsborough County Commission on the Status of Women announced the selection of **Dottie Berger MacKinnon**, **Juel Smith** and **Deanne Roberts** (posthumously) for induction into Women's Hall of Fame. The Commission announced its selections by proclamation at Thursday's Board of County Commissioners Meeting; a formal awards luncheon will follow on March 28. What fantastic selections! The strength, grace and commitment of these three women is truly inspiring.

Dottie Berger MacKinnon has dedicated her life to children and worked to establish pragmatic solutions to difficult problems facing the most vulnerable of our city's children. She has been an untiring advocate for informed adoption, keeping children safe, access to early mental health intervention and creating ways to keep siblings together where none existed. She founded Joshua House, Friends of Joshua House, Kids Charity of Tampa Bay and A Kid's Place. One of my favorite scrapbook pictures is one of Dottie on the side of a road waving a campaign sign during her successful bid for Hillsborough County Commissioner.

Juel Shannon Smith really exemplifies graceful strength and is a true educator. She was a driving force at USF as Founding Executive Director of the USF Women in Leadership & Philanthropy Program, Founding Executive Director of the USF Institute of Black Life and the Center for Africa and the Diaspora. Juel was also the international director for "Education Across the Miles," an organization that builds schools for children in remote villages across South Africa for The Links Inc. and served for eight years on the Board of Directors of the International Habitat for Humanity.

Deanne Dewey Roberts was influential throughout the County as former Chamber of Commerce chairperson, founder of Emerge Tampa, Connect Tampa and Creative Tampa Bay and mentored young professionals throughout Tampa. She worked on the Florida Aquarium, SunTrust building, Riverwalk and the Tampa Bay History Center. Deanne is perhaps best remembered, though, for her ability to see strength in others and keep a razor clear sense of what matters – priorities. A strong communicator, Deanne could help focus others on the core principles as reflected in the everyday. In her acceptance of the Park Wright III Leadership award in 2008, Deanne focused on why community leadership organizations are vital. "*They link leaders to each other so we can use our combined strengths to take big leaps forward for our communities.*" Her words are a continued inspiration and a reminder of a core value of being in Athena.





Membership Nominations

Reminder that nominees for membership should understand Athena's position statements, the financial commitment and be interested in actively contributing to Athena. As soon as possible please give **Eleanor Hubbard** the name of your candidate and the two co-sponsors. February 11 is the deadline for submitting nominations.

Bonus Activities

The Bonus Committee invites you to Art in Bloom at the Museum of Fine Arts in St. Pete on Sunday, March 10. Please join us for a Dutch Treat lunch at noon in the museum cafe followed by a tour of the museum (\$12 admission). The exhibition will showcase some of the area's most creative and imaginative floral arrangements designed to interact with individual art works in the museum's breathtaking collection. At 2 p.m. we're invited to hear from the designers themselves, including noted artist Christopher Still; the program concludes at 4.

The week following (March 14) we've scheduled a tour of the USF Library, Special Collections Exhibit. Enjoy a wine and cheese gathering prior to the tour. Cost is \$10 per person and guests are welcome. Students are on spring break during this time so parking should be a bit easier than usual.

News About Members

We extend our deepest sympathy to **Linda Goldstein** whose brother Harry Goldstein passed away on January 16.

Last week at a luncheon attended by many Athena supporters, the prestigious Parke Wright III Award was given to **Ann Ross**.....much to her surprise! The award is given annually by Leadership Tampa Alumni to an LTA member who has demonstrated exceptional leadership and made a significant difference in the Tampa Bay community. Previous Athena winners were **Dottie MacKinnon** (2005), **Deanne Roberts** (2008) and **Dianne Jacob** (2009).

Sigrid Tidmore was recently presented the Tampa City Council Commendation Award in recognition of the murals she created involving Community Stepping Stones teens. CSS latest mural was selected for the permanent art display at the Tampa Bay Times Forum VIP suite level.

Patti Breckenridge has been promoted to Manager of Talent Acquisition for Publix Super Markets. This expanded role includes leadership of the company's internship program and its diversity recruiting initiatives. She continues with her previous duties overseeing strategic planning to keep the company's 155,000 positions filled with talented, caring people.

The Florida State Fair Authority has selected **Maruchi Azorin** to be honored on the 2013 Florida State Fair Hispanic Wall of Fame. Nominations were reviewed by the Fair Authority's Hispanic Advisory committee members who chose six candidates for the nomination. The public then voted online for their favorite nominee to determine the selection.

The Hillsborough County Bar Assn. has recognized **Gwynne Young** with its 2012 Outstanding Lawyer Award. The award is presented to lawyers who have made a significant difference in the practice of law and in the community with their personal and professional conduct.



Calendar

- February 1 – Bonus – MOMologues 2**
February 11 – Deadline, membership nominations
March 7 – Luncheon meeting
March 10 – Bonus – Museum of Fine Arts, St. Pete
March 14 – Bonus – USF Library
April 4 – Luncheon meeting (YWP)
May 2 – Luncheon meeting
June 6 – Dinner meeting

Citizen Boards Seek Applicants

Hillsborough County Commissioners are seeking residents to serve on several County citizen advisory boards and councils. Residents interested in seeking appointment must be registered voters in Hillsborough County. These are voluntary positions and members serve without compensation. Applicants may apply to more than one board but may only serve on one board at a time. The deadline for applying is February 21. Appointments will be scheduled for a meeting of the Board of County Commissioners in March.

Applications are available in the Commissioners' reception area on the second floor of County Center, 601 E. Kennedy Blvd.; by calling the Boards/Councils Coordinator at 272-5826; or on the County's website at www.hillsboroughcounty.org.

Included among the boards and councils that have openings are Affordable Housing Advisory, Anti-Bullying Advisory Committee, Child Care Facilities Advisory Board, Council On Aging, Family Child Care Advisory Board, Historical Advisory Council, Housing Finance Authority, Land Use Appeals Board, etc.

February Birthdays

Birthday wishes to the following members who celebrate in February:

Ruth Bell

Mary Gamble

Susan Leisner

Jan Cornelius

Renee Gilmore

Dottie MacKinnon

Annette DeLisle

Arthenia Joyner

Maryanne Rouse

Stephanie Ferrell

Elaine Shimberg

Happy Valentine's Day!