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## Upcoming Meeting

- WHEN:** Thursday, March 7  
11:55 a.m.
- WHERE:** Centre Club  
Westshore at Kennedy
- PROGRAM:** Highlights of the Phillips Collection
- SPEAKERS:** Todd Smith, Executive Director  
Tampa Museum of Art
- MENU:** Pork Chasseur  
(veg plate available on request when reserving)
- COST:** Guests - \$25
- RSVP:** By March 4 – Register online or  
email [ewhubbard@aol.com](mailto:ewhubbard@aol.com).

## OPEN MEETING – GUESTS WELCOME

Todd Smith will touch on the highpoints of these 100 important American paintings from the Phillips Collection in Washington, D.C. Founded in 1921 as America's first museum of modern art, the Phillips Collection is world renowned for its exceptional collection of modern American and European masterpieces.

For this exhibition, curators selected works from the 1850s through 1960s that showcase the full breadth of its American art featuring those artists who were able to find their own voices and create work that was deeply personal and expressed with fresh vision yet connected to the great traditions of the past and the present. Geniuses of American painting in the exhibition include Winslow Homer, Thomas Eakins, Georgia O'Keefe, Jackson Pollock, Rockwell Kent, Grandma Moses and many other familiar names.

The Phillips Collection: To See As Artists See will be at the TMA through April 28.



## President's Message

### *Lessons in Letters*

Recently declassified documents shed light on a surprisingly warm relationship between two very different presidents and provide us with some valuable lessons in leadership.

The differences in age, political party and personal style of Presidents Clinton and Nixon do not seem to provide the foundation for a respectful and warm relationship. Their deep personal divisions, though, make good press. Hillary Clinton had been a legal advisor to the House Judiciary Committee considering impeachment charges against President Nixon, and he was not silent about his distaste of her demeanor during Bill Clinton's campaign ("If a wife comes through as being too strong and too intelligent, it makes the husband look like a wimp").

Yet they developed a relationship that benefitted both men. President Clinton sought out President Nixon's input on matters of foreign affairs. He ultimately described President Nixon's insight on Russia as the clearest, most rigorous and cohesive he received. The choice of President Clinton to deliver President Nixon's eulogy and Clinton's clear admiration for Nixon surprised many at the time. In the end, it was President Clinton who encouraged the world to judge President Nixon by the whole of his life with recognition of his mistakes, strengths and contributions.

The recently released letters highlight the benefit in reaching out beyond our comfort zone to entertain insights that challenge our ideas. There is poignancy too in the relationship between this elder, battle-worn and fallible leader and a young, jazz-playing, forward-looking president. It is also not surprising that it was the elder statesman, humbled by experience, who initiated the dialogue. The letters also accentuate the benefits of graciousness and respect with the passage of responsibility and power.

I would not have expected to find the inspiration for this month's President's message in letters from the late President Nixon. Maybe there is a lesson in that too.





## March Bonus Activities

The Bonus Committee invites you to Art in Bloom at the Museum of Fine Arts in St. Pete, 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.

On Thursday, March 14, you can view a treasure hidden in North Tampa where Special Collections at the USF Library houses rare, fragile and unique materials. They range from a 4,000-year old Sumerian tablet to early books, photographs and maps to modern political cartoons. You can see things from the "Dick and Jane" books we read as children to the personal papers of prominent Tampanians. Our time frame is 5:30 to 7:30 and you can register online. Students will be on spring break, so parking should be easy. Just come up to the fourth floor where **Denise Chavez** will serve goodies in the lovely Grace Allen Room. Then we can tour the entire library, giving you an update on how things are done now that card catalogs have been relegated to the past. We'll spend most of our time in the inner sanctums of Special Collections where few people are allowed to go. All this for only \$10!

And the next week (March 23) you're invited to visit the Ybor City Saturday Market followed by brunch in the Ybor Museum's Mediterranean-style garden at 11:00. During brunch, **Susan Dellinger** will give a brief perspective of her connection to baseball and **Chantal Hevia** will provide an update on the progress of the future Al Lopez Baseball Museum. Curator Elizabeth McCoy will give a tour of the *Béisbol: Tampa's Love of the Game* exhibit at 11:45. Price including brunch and Museum admission is \$20.

Please make your reservations through the Athena website: <http://www.athena-society.com/>

## News About Members

You won't want to miss the Women's Hall of Fame luncheon to support the three honorees: **Dottie Berger MacKinnon, Juell Shannon Smith** and **Deanne Dewey Roberts** (posthumously). It will be held at the Tampa Convention Center on Thursday, March 28. Tickets are \$50 and may be purchased online at [http://hclwv.org/?page\\_id=884](http://hclwv.org/?page_id=884). Please notify **Eleanor Hubbard** if you'd like to sit at an Athena table.

Congratulations to **Lorna Taylor** who will be honored on March 19 as one of the 2013 Women of Distinction by the Girl Scouts of West Central Florida. Keynote speaker at the A La Carte Pavilion luncheon will be ABC Television anchor Deborah Roberts. Tickets are \$75 and may be purchased at [www.gswcf.org/wod](http://www.gswcf.org/wod).

Congratulations to **Jeanne Tate** who is the recipient of the 2013 Tobias Simon Pro Bono Service Award which was presented last month in a ceremony at the Florida Supreme Court in Tallahassee. The highest statewide pro bono award, it was created in 1982 to encourage and recognize extraordinary contributions by Florida lawyers in making legal services available to persons who otherwise could not afford them.

**Moira Burke** has returned to the practice of ophthalmology two days a week (Monday and Friday) and can be contacted at St. Luke's Satellite Clinic, 13303 No. Dale Mabry, 384-3838.



## Calendar

March 10 – Bonus – Museum of Fine Arts, St. Pete  
March 14 – Bonus – USF Library  
March 23 – Bonus – Ybor City outing  
March 28 – Women’s Hall of Fame luncheon  
April 4 – Luncheon meeting (YWP)  
April 11 – Bonus – Tech teaching  
April – Bonus – CAMLS tour  
April 20 – Bonus – Lowry Park Zoo  
May 2 – Luncheon meeting  
June 6 – Dinner meeting - Tampa Yacht Club  
June 15 – New member party  
July 26-28 – Retreat – Palm Beach Ritz

## March Birthdays

Birthday wishes to the following members who celebrate in March:

<b>Judy Dato</b>	<b>Dianne Jacob</b>	<b>Bonnie Saks</b>
<b>Linda D’Quila</b>	<b>Laurel Lee</b>	<b>Susan Steen</b>
<b>Sandy Frye</b>	<b>Ashley Moody</b>	<b>Gwynne Young</b>

## Members’ Projects

**Chantal Hevia** invites you to hop on the Jolly Trolley or put on your walking shoes for the second annual Buildings Alive! Ybor City Architecture Hop, 5 to 10 p.m. on Thursday, March 7. presented by the Ybor City Museum Society and Bright House. Enjoy tours of historic buildings, food, beverages, a scavenger hunt with prizes and an After Party with live music sponsored by *Creative Loafing*. Tickets are \$25 in advance, \$35 at the door. You can start the hop at either Centro Ybor or Stantec. Call 247-1434 or visit <http://tinyurl.com/BuildingsAlive>.

**Angela Crawford** invites all Athena members to join a celebration on Thursday, March 21, at the Tampa Club in honor of Women’s History Month. DLA Piper’s Leadership Alliance for Women (LAW) will host an evening of wine, hors d’oeuvres and networking from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Guest speaker will be **Jane Castor**, Chief of the Tampa Police Department. To RSVP by March 1, contact Angela at 222-5989 or [angela.crawford@dlapiper.com](mailto:angela.crawford@dlapiper.com).

**Yvonne Fry** invites women who qualify to fill out the survey being circulated by the Commonwealth Institute of South Florida. The purpose is to help understand women-led businesses’ perception of the business climate and the impact and unique characteristics of women in leadership positions in Florida. The results of the survey will help determine a list of 2013’s **Top 50 Women-Led Businesses in Florida**, as well as the **Top 10 Non-Profit Organizations** in Florida. Yvonne was a winner of this award last year. [Click here to complete survey](#) (Ctrl & click)