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Upcoming Meeting

- WHEN:** Thursday, October 3
11:55 a.m.
- WHERE:** Centre Club
Westshore at Kennedy
- PROGRAM:** The Status of Women in Higher Education
- SPEAKER:** Judy Genshaft, President
University of South Florida System
- MENU:** Chicken Spanikopita (Chicken Breast stuffed
with Spinach and Feta Cheese)
Veg plate available on request when reserving.
- COST:** Guests - \$25
- RSVP:** By September 30 – Register online
or email ewhubbard@aol.com.

OPEN MEETING – GUESTS WELCOME

As always, we are delighted to hear from “one of our own” who plays such a prominent role in the community. Judy Genshaft became President in 2000 and joined Athena in 2002.

As CEO of the USF System, she oversees an organization serving more than 47,000 students at two institutions, including a major academic medical center and two regional campuses. Dr. Genshaft is responsible for the management of all units of the USF System with a \$1.8 billion operating budget that includes \$380.4 million in sponsored research funding. She is the immediate past Chair of the NCAA (National Collegiate Athletic Association) and currently serves as Chair of the Big East Council of Presidents.

In addition to describing the academic climate for women, Dr. Genshaft will enlighten us on other areas of the educational system. Join us for what surely will be a stimulating session.



President's Message

My inspiration for this month's message came from an unexpected place – a sign at the Little League Field on Davis Islands. Last Spring I was watching my son Tyler play baseball. The game was slow, the temperature was hot and I drank what seemed like a gallon of water. After returning from the women's restroom, I complained about the condition of the facilities to another mother. She pointed to a sign posted on the fence that said: "IF YOU DON'T LIKE WHAT YOU SEE VOLUNTEER."

Although my preference is to communicate in a more positive tone, this sign was direct and impactful. I reflected on how easy it is to criticize and complain about a situation rather than take positive steps to improve it. As a result, I made a generous contribution to the annual Field of Dreams fundraiser, which included plans to renovate the women's (and men's) restrooms. I also used my time and energy to persuade other parents to make a donation. My message began: "Our sons are fortunate to play baseball at one of the most beautiful fields in the United States. How many Little League fields are located next to the water?"

As we move through the year, please use your time, energy and resources to make Athena a better organization. And if you don't like what you see, *please* volunteer!

Nominating Committee

At the June meeting members voted for six individuals to serve on the 2013-14 Nominating Committee. The following were elected:

Rachelle Bedke

Patti Breckenridge

Moira Burke

Katherine Essrig

Carolyn Reed

Mary Scriven





News About Members

Congratulations to new grandmother **Linda Hanna**. She welcomed her first grandchild, William James "Liam" Snyder, on August 1 in Alexandria, Virginia. Proud parents are daughter, Sarah Kate, and husband Mike.

Paddy Moses has been appointed Honorary Commander of Security Forces for the 927 Air Refueling Wing at MacDill AFB. During the two-year appointment she'll be eligible to participate in various meetings and exercises at the base. Paddy has previously served as Chair of the Military Affairs Committee for the South Tampa Chamber.

Laura Waller's art is scheduled to be featured at Nuance Gallery, 804 So. Dale Mabry Blvd. Opening night is Friday, October 18, 6-9 p.m. and Will highlight her latest oil paintings from the coast of Maine. Laura's work was exhibited in September at the Maine Wildlife Refuge in Rockland and she recently completed a Vermont Studio Residency. Fifty artists and writers each month from around the world are awarded residencies. Laura's painting "Owls Head" won Best of Show at the 27th Annual All Florida Alliance For The Arts Exhibition.

Patti Breckenridge's recent promotion at Publix Super Markets carries an interesting title: Manager of Talent Acquisition. Formerly Recruiting Manager, she focused solely on recruiting talent outside the company. Her efforts now are directed to finding talent within the organization to fill support roles in Publix corporate offices, distribution centers and manufacturing plants.



Calendar

November 7 – Luncheon
December 15 – Holiday Party (4-6 p.m.)
January 9 – Luncheon
February 6 – Luncheon
March 6 – Luncheon
April 3 – Luncheon
May 1 – Luncheon
June 5 – Dinner
July 18-20 – Retreat



Bonus Happenings

The Bonus Committee, under the leadership of **Tina Tenret**, has hit the ground running! They've already firmed up dates through December and have some unusual activities planned for the new year including a ropes course at MOSI, a progressive dinner/tour of homes, etc. To aid the committee in making arrangements for any of the Bonuses, early RSVPs are appreciated.

October 17 – Private Party at “Cheese, Please” (3225 So. MacDill) – 6 p.m. – Cheese & Wine Tasting – \$30 per person. Early RSVP's are encouraged.

October 24 – Tech Bonus – If you're not yet comfortable accessing our website from your computer or mobile device, this one's for you. Tech Chair **Jean McNally** will conduct the session at her office (2802 No. Howard) at 5:30 p.m. and will be joined by **Elaine Terenzi**. Reserve online or with Eleanor Hubbard by October 21.

November 3 – Tour & Tasting at Keel & Curley Winery, Plant City – 2 p.m. - \$10 per person.

December 8 – Concert at Sykes Chapel – University of Tampa Campus – 4 p.m. – No charge.



October Birthdays

Birthday wishes
to the following members who celebrate in October:

Barbara Bachman
Beth Bernitt
Moira Burke
Linda Devine
Diane Egner
Amy Farrior

Stacy Frank
Jeannie Hanna
Lee Leavengood
Judy Lisi
Jean McNally

Mary Scriven
Susan Stern
Lara Tibbals
Becca Tieder
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