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Upcoming Meeting

WHEN: Thursday, April 3
11:55 a.m.

WHERE: Centre Club
Westshore at Kennedy

PROGRAM: Dr. **Sylvia Richardson**
Young Women of Promise Class of 2014

MENU: Steak and Asparagus Salad
Veg plate available on request when reserving

COST: Guests - \$25

RSVP: By March 31 – Register online
or email ewhubbard@aol.com.



OPEN MEETING – GUESTS WELCOME

Since 1981 Athena has identified young women of promise across Hillsborough County, and this year's program continues this fine tradition. Ten very special young women will be introduced, each outstanding in her own way. See page 3 for a list of those to be recognized.

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

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President's Message

SPOILER ALERT! At our April meeting, you will be wowed when you meet the 2014 Dr. **Sylvia Richardson** Young Women of Promise. The YWP Committee has selected ten high school juniors in Hillsborough County from 27 nominations. All of the students excel academically and devote hours to community work. You will be inspired by their stories and amazed by their accomplishments. I always leave the meeting feeling confident that there is a younger generation of strong women leaders.

I'm grateful to **Linda Devine** who graciously agreed to chair the YWP Committee again this year. YWP is one of our signature events and requires an intense time commitment. Fortunately, Linda has remarkable organizational skills and many enthusiastic volunteers on her committee. In March Linda contacted me to schedule a meeting at the University of Tampa fountain to sign the beautiful certificates which will be given to the honorees. On the day of the meeting it was raining and there was a tornado watch. I emailed Linda and suggested that we reschedule our meeting or at least the location because of the weather. Linda assured me that the weather was not an issue. I followed Linda's instructions and pulled up in front of Plant Hall. Linda walked out of the building wearing a rain coat, holding an umbrella and carrying a plastic garbage bag which contained the beautiful, oversized certificates. I thought to myself: Linda is dedicated!

She climbed into my SUV, unwrapped the certificates and handed me a pen that she had pre-tested on the paper. As I signed the certificates, we spoke about the YWP Program. Linda loves being involved with this program because she connects with other Athena members, especially our newer members. Her face lit up when she described speaking with the parents of the girls who call to RSVP for the lunch meeting. She engages a parent and asks "How did you motivate your daughter? What did you do to raise such a remarkable child?" We'd all like to know the answers to these questions!

Thanks so much to Linda and all of the committee members who have worked hard to make the 2014 YWP program memorable.

April Bonus

Join us for *Disenchanted*, the new musical comedy satire that shows the current lives of the original fairytale princesses, at the Straz Center on April 10. Those princesses are none too happy with the exploitation they've suffered through today's films, books and dolls. We'll meet at Bavaro's for dinner at 6 prior to the 7:30 performance in the intimate Jaeb Theater. Ticket prices are discounted 25% to \$38 if we book at least 10 seats, so please RSVP online by March 27. Feel free to bring friends!

April Birthdays

Birthday wishes to the following members who celebrate in April:

Marsha Lewis Brown
Robin DeLaVergne
Anne Gormly

Maria Howey
Pam Iorio
Jan Roberts
Linda Saul-Sena

Eldra Solomon
Tina Tenret
Susan Zimmer



Women's Hall of Fame

As previously announced, Athena Founder **Nancy Ford** and **Arthenia Joyner** will be inducted into the Hillsborough County 2014 Women's Hall of Fame on May 7. The presentations will be made at a luncheon (11:30 a.m.) at the Tampa Convention Center and we hope to have a huge contingent to acknowledge and celebrate this significant honor for both. If you plan to attend and would like to sit at one of the Athena tables, please register on our website and pay online or email **Eleanor Hubbard**. Tickets are \$50 and checks should be made payable to Athena.

Retreat 2014

Enlightenment

noun

1. insight, understanding, awareness, wisdom, education, learning, knowledge; illumination, awakening, instruction, teaching; sophistication, advancement, development, open-mindedness, broad-mindedness; culture, refinement, cultivation, civilization.

Being Athena – Women of Wisdom, Strength and Enlightenment
Don't miss the Athena Retreat July 18-20
Renaissance Vinoy Resort and Spa, St. Pete

2014 YWP Recipients

Konnor Brewer	Academy of the Holy Names
Rachel Weinbren	Berkeley Preparatory School
Ashley Halstead	Bloomington High School
Abby Rinaldi	Chamberlain High School
Julia Jansen	Freedom High School
Savannah Walker	H.B. Plant High School
Niritta Patel	Hillsborough High School
Sydney Fee	Joe E. Newsome High School
Julia Lewis	T.R. Robinson High School
Caneel Dixon	Tampa Preparatory School

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Calendar

April 10 – Bonus – Disenchanted
 May 1 – Luncheon meeting
 May 7 – Women’s Hall of Fame luncheon
 May 14-18 – Bonus – NYC trip
 June 5 – Dinner meeting - TYCC
 July 18-20 – Athena Retreat, Vinoy



News About Members

Our sincere condolences to **Gayla Russell** whose mother, Darlene Brey, passed away on February 19.

On March 15 **Jan Platt** received the Inaugural Helen Virginia Stelle Award “Honoring the influential role women have played in the history and development of Hillsborough County’s many public libraries.” Ms. Stelle was the first librarian for the City of Tampa.

The 2014 Loebenberg Humanitarian Award has been presented to **Jane Castor** by the Florida Holocaust Museum. The award recognizes individuals who have made an outstanding contribution to the Museum and whose vision, foresight and dedication have furthered the Museum’s mission to recognize the inherent worth and dignity of human life in order to prevent future genocides.

Pam Iorio will have a new role as of March 31 – President/CEO of Big Brothers Big Sisters of America. The national organization is based in Irving, Texas (near Dallas) and Pam plans to commute Monday through Thursday, assuring all that Tampa will always be home. Founded in 1904, BBBS is one of the oldest and largest youth mentoring organizations in the United States.

Laura Waller’s painting “Approaching The Harbor” won the Excellence Award at the recent 9th Biennial National Art Exhibition in Punta Gorda. The Vermont Studio Center has awarded her a month long Artist’s Residency for April 2014. The Center accepts 50 artists and writers from around the world each month. She’s also one of 21 artists invited to participate in a Paint Out on the Maine island of Vinalhaven and the subsequent gallery showing of the work in June.

Becca Tieder and her business partner were recently invited by President Obama’s Task Force to come to the White House to address Campus Sexual Assault. They were asked to offer their expertise and experience to key members of the Task Force such as Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius, the White House Advisor on Violence Against Women and the First Lady’s Chief of Staff. They were honored to be included and sent a subsequent memo which culled together their best practices, suggestions, tools and concepts.