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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 2018

MENU: Chopped Spring Salad
Veg plate available on request when reserving.

COST: Guests - \$30

RSVP: By April 2 – 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.

2018 Calendar

April 17 – Bonus – Sur La Table
May 3 – Luncheon (Career Asst. Grants)
May 18 – Bonus – Jan Roberts' show @Stageworks
June 7 – Dinner (Annual Meeting - TYCC)



President's Message

I have to admit I am a "quote junkie." I collect quotes like other people collect all sorts of things. I search for quotes most often when my own words just won't do. When I am unable to express my emotions or share my views in impressive and meaningful ways, I depend on the thinking, expressions and wisdom of famous writers or history-makers or even Snoopy as substitutes. My hunt for just the right quotes comes as we prepare to recognize, celebrate, applaud, cheer on and honor this year's Dr. **Sylvia Richardson** *Young Women of Promise (YWP)* and the **Phyllis Marshall** *Career Assistance Grants (CAG)* awardees. In recognition of these celebrations, I decided to make my findings the message for this newsletter. My goal for this "quote surfing" is to find quotes that I hope will add fire to dreams, offer directions for the journey ahead, boost resolves and replace doubt with hope and inspiration. Funny, how at the end of my search, I quickly realized that many of the quotes I thought were meant for someone else, in the end also had meaning for me. I hope in some small way there might be one that speaks to you.

❖ Words to Live By ❖

Be somebody who makes everyone feel like a somebody.

Stay humble, work hard and be KIND.

You don't have to have it figured out to move forward.

Do what is right
Not what is easy!

Girls compete;
Women empower!

Begin each day with a
GRATEFUL heart!

🌀 Never Give Up 🌀

Strength
grows in the moments when you
think you can't go on
but you keep going anyway.

Just because it's hard
doesn't mean
it's impossible
YOU CAN DO IT!

A strong person is not one
who doesn't cry;
A strong person is the one
who cries and sheds a tear
for a moment, then gets
up and fights again.

You never fail until you stop
TRYING!

**YOU DID NOT WAKE UP
TODAY TO BE MEDIOCRE!**

Be fearless in the pursuit
of your **DREAMS!**

◆ Words of Wisdom and Other Stuff ◆

Believe in yourself and
you will be **unstoppable!**

Never forget how wildly
capable you are.

Be with the people who brings
out the best in you!

Almost every successful person begins
with two beliefs: the future can be
better than the present and I have
the power to make it so.

The happiest people I know
are those who lose themselves
in the service of others.
(Gordon B. Hinckley)

Focus on your goal.
Don't look in any other
direction but ahead.

Each year, I look forward to hearing the stories from our YWP winners and they never disappoint – they amaze, impress, captivate, and leave me with hope about the future. As I listen to and meet the inspiring CAG recipients, whose journey may have had some twists and turns and some detours along the way - I am always inspired, motivated, and left with a greater understanding and appreciation of the quote that so often echoes their stories of success and persistence: **"IMPOSSIBLE! I'M POSSIBLE!"**

Thank you to the committee leaders, **Katherine Young and Denise Jordan** (YWP) and **Lorna Taylor and Bemetra Simmons** (CAG) and their committee members for making these two events so memorable and inspiring!



Cooking Up Fun at April Bonus

Join us at Sur La Table from 7 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, April 17 for The Spice Market. The evening will feature creative, modern twists on classic Middle Eastern flavors. We'll practice everything from searing and braising to cooking chickpeas and making custard. Plus, we'll learn easy techniques for butchering poultry and break out the KitchenAid to magically transform cucumbers into ribbons. The menu includes Pomegranate and Cucumber Salad with Chickpeas and Herbs, Chicken and Preserved Lemon Tagine with Olives and Milk Pudding with Crushed Arabic Coffee and Pistachios. You can make reservations directly on Sur La Table's website or call 253-3063 to reserve. Learn, cook and eat for \$85.

2018 YWP Recipients

Khloe Dang
Greta Dieck
Madison Hungerford
Aashna Kadiwar
Katherine Metheny
Alyssa Nagle
Presley Pettit
Isabella Schlact
Christina Sia
Sydney VanAelst

Hillsborough High School
Academy of the Holy Names
Durant High School
Strawberry Crest High School
Newsome High School
H.B. Plant High School
Sickles High School
Berkeley Preparatory School
Gaither High School
Robinson High School

News About Members

Our heartfelt condolences to **Kassie Grizzard** whose life partner, Bob Murray, passed away on March 3.

Mary Key was recently featured in the Executive File in the Tampa Bay Business Journal. She is the founder of the Key Women's Leadership Forum: <http://keyassociatesinc.com/womens-leadership-forum/> and offers a facilitated group coaching experience for executive women. In addition, her contribution to our community and working with many successful local entrepreneurs was acknowledged. Congratulations, Mary.

Mary Gamble, usually active and energetic, has been temporarily sidelined by a broken ankle. A card or phone call would surely be welcomed. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Directory Changes

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EQUAL PAY DAY – April 10, 2018

As an organization, the Athena Society, Inc. continues to be attentive, supportive and committed to efforts that will change the present state of pay inequity between men and women and minority workers. Our position statement on Pay Equity is so in keeping with those efforts and voices who call for closing the pay gap, advocating for equal value and appreciation for the contributions of all workers and supporting comparable pay for the work of all - regardless of gender and ethnicity.

Nominations Open for WLP Award

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2018 WLP Community Leadership Award which honors leaders and philanthropists who are doing extraordinary things to make the Tampa Bay region a better place for women to live and work. To view the criteria and nomination form, go to USF's home page; deadline for submitting is April 20. Previous recipients of this award are **Susan Leisner** (2012) and **Pam Iorio** (2015).

Mary Bethune to Represent Florida

Good news, in case you missed it in the paper last week: The legislature passed and the governor signed a resolution to replace Florida's statute in the nation's capitol with Mary McLeod Bethune. (It had been Kirby Smith, the last Confederate general to surrender.) Bethune not only was the founder of Bethune-Cookman University, but also was the world's most famous woman of color in her time. Among other achievements, President Harry Truman appointed her to the founding meeting of the United Nations. Her image will be the first of an African-American woman in the capitol's Statuary Hall. Great thanks is due to **Kathy Castor**; without her leadership, this would not have happened.

April Birthdays

Birthday wishes to the following members who celebrate in April:

Marsha Lewis Brown
Robin DeLaVergne
Anne Gormly
Maria Howey

Pam Iorio
Suzanne McCormick
Shannon Reid
Jan Roberts

Linda Saul-Sena
Bemetra Simmons
Eldra Solomon
Tina Tenret



Susan Zimmer

Members' Projects

Kim de la Parte is one of the hosts for a reception to support the re-election of Kathy Castor and invites her Athena sisters to join her on Wednesday, March 28. To be held at the offices of Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick, the reception is 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.; RSVP to jhill@slk-law.com.

Marian McCulloch, while working on a possible retreat program on climate change, has learned of an exciting program which she feels is extremely timely and relevant for our Florida Gulf Coast. This Environmental Summit is scheduled for April 25-27 in Sarasota; for program details, see www.environmental-summit.com.