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Upcoming Meeting

- WHEN:** Thursday, March 1
11:55 a.m.
- WHERE:** Centre Club
Westshore at Kennedy
- PROGRAM:** The Global Status of Women
- MODERATOR:** **Doris Weatherford**, Author/Historian
- PANELISTS:** Judithanne McLaughlin
Nancy Natilson
Margaret "Peg" Ostrenko
- MENU:** Cobb Salad
Veg plate available on request when reserving.
- COST:** Guests - \$30
- RSVP:** By February 26 – Register online
or email ewhubbard@aol.com

OPEN MEETING – GUESTS WELCOME

Athena's Community Action Committee is presenting this program in observance of International Women's Day, March 2018.

Judithanne McLaughlin is a professor of political science at USF St. Petersburg and a Fulbright Scholar. She'll speak of her experience in two eastern European nations, the ancient nation of Macedonia and the former Soviet Republic of Moldova.

Nancy Natilson, a former banker, has worked on international projects for women since 1996. Specializing in both micro-finance and reproductive health, she has been a consultant on three continents with projects in Bosnia, El Salvador, Nicaragua, South Africa, Turkmenistan, Vietnam and more.

Margaret "Peg" Ostrenko spent three years as a civilian contractor with the US Army in Iraq and the French army in Afghanistan. An expert in communication, Peg previously was employed by Bell South, the *Miami Herald*, and Tampa-area universities.



President's Message

When contemplating my message for this month, three influences captured my thinking: Athena member **Jessica Muroff's** presentation on the *Status of Girls* at our February membership luncheon, the fact that March is Women's History Month and the continuing headlines of the despicable abuse endured by so many young women in our society. As I listened to the data shared by Jessica, I was reminded that these were not just numbers or charts and graphs, but they were the faces and lives of real young women in our community, in our state, across this county and in our world today. Listening to her, it was apparent she knows her stuff and as the CEO of Girl Scouts of West Central Florida, she sees up close both the opportunities and the ever-growing challenges girls and young women face. Despite those challenges and the barriers, she expressed optimism about the journey ahead for the next generation of women who, like the women before them, will overcome, will find victory, will surely make history and without a doubt change the world.

Throughout the ages, women have persisted and left their mark and they will continue to do so and because of their achievements - we celebrate Women's History Month and we should celebrate it proudly! We should observe it with great enthusiasm and applaud it vigorously knowing what women have had to face and much too sadly, often still face. If Jessica's picture of the future is right and girls are given the support, offered the opportunities, have the experiences and are mentored by successful women - they can become confident women who will continue to excel, endure, overcome, win, achieve, set new records, reach incredible heights and cement their own places in history. Here's to their success!

As for those young women whose lives have been tainted by the unthinkable, I hope that somehow and somewhere, they will be inspired by the stories of perseverance and courage of strong women who faced similar circumstances. I hope the day will come when they will see themselves in both the ordinary achievements and in the incredible feats of women who decided - "I have the power to change my story."

My question: What can trail blazing, history making, high achieving, accomplished Athena women do to help change the lives of young women right here in our own back yards?

Sylvia Campbell to be Honored

Sylvia Campbell will be inducted into the prestigious Hillsborough County Women's Hall of Fame on March 22 at the Tampa Convention Center. The first female surgeon in the county, Sylvia is a graduate of the University of South Florida College of Medicine and has been practicing for 41 years. She's highly respected (and loved) for her annual humanitarian trips to Haiti where she performs surgeries for those who have lacked access to medical care. If you'd like to sit at an Athena table, please send your \$55 check (payable to Athena) to **Eleanor Hubbard** by March 16. An interesting bit of trivia: Since its inception in 2011, the Hall of Fame has inducted 26 women, 17 of whom have been Athena members!



#MeToo

Last minute reminder: The Tiger Bay's #MeToo luncheon is set for Wednesday, February 21, at the Doubletree, 4500 W. Cypress Street. Athena is a co-sponsor and will be well represented.....join us! If you haven't yet purchased your ticket (\$40), the good news is that walk-ins will be welcome.

Waves of Change

If you haven't yet reserved for the annual Waves of Change Women's Leadership Luncheon, do it now as it's going to be one of the major events of the month! Slated for Wednesday, March 21, at the dazzling new Armature Works (1910 No. Ola St.), tickets are available at thecentre.org or 251-8437 and they're going fast. The 2018 Women's Leadership Award will be presented to Joy Mangano, a self-made millionaire entrepreneur, inventor of the Miracle Mop and inspiration behind the acclaimed film "Joy." If you'd like to sit at an Athena table, contact **Eleanor Hubbard**.

Bonus: Picnic in the Park

It's a kid friendly Bonus! Join us at the Athena table and gathering area at Picnic in the Park on the beautiful grounds of the Henry Plant Museum. Roll back the clock a century for an old fashioned picnic on Sunday, March 4, starting at 10 a.m. in Plant Park. Bring your blanket, pack a picnic basket and invite family and friends to experience the pleasures of a simpler time. Relax in the shade, or test your Victorian sporting prowess with challenges of hoops & sticks, croquet, horseshoes, badminton and three-legged races. The museum will be offering a special \$1 admission from noon to 5 p.m. For additional details and registration, see our website or contact **Elaine Terenzi**.

News About Members

Members are cordially invited to attend the grand opening of the **Arthenia L. Joyner** University Area Community Library on Monday, March 26, at 10 a.m. Located at 13619 No. 22nd Street, it's an impressive and very welcome addition to the area. Join Arthenia to celebrate this honor!

Judy Lisi will be inducted into the Tampa Bay Business Hall of Fame at a dinner on April 19 at the Tampa Convention Center. Honorees in the Class of 2018 "have made contributions to free enterprise, have demonstrated business excellence and are inspiring leadership and social responsibility."





March Birthdays

Birthday wishes to the following members who celebrate in March:

Linda D'Aquila
Judy Dato
Fentrice Driskell
Sandy Frye
Amy Haile
Dianne Jacob
Marian McCulloch

Anne-Leigh Moe
Bonnie Saks
Susan Steen
Natalie Thomas
Marketa Wills
Gwynne Young



2017-18 Calendar

February 21 - #MeToo – Tampa Tiger Bay Club
March 4 – Bonus – Picnic in the Park
March 8 – Women of Distinction Luncheon
March 21 – Waves of Change Luncheon
March 22 – Women's Hall of Fame Luncheon
April 5 – Luncheon (YWP)
May 3 – Luncheon (Career Asst. Grants)
June 7 – Dinner (Annual Meeting)



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