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Upcoming Meeting

When: Thursday, October 4th at 11:55a.m.

Where: [Centre Club](#)

123 S. Westshore Blvd, 8th floor

Speakers: Idelia Phillips, President, and Jean Yglesias, VP of the League Women Voters of Hillsborough County

Program: Our speakers will explain the proposed Florida constitutional amendments and Hillsborough County tax referendums.

For more information and to download a PDF of the League information, visit the League's website: <https://www.lwvfl.org/amendments/>

Menu: Pan-Seared Red Grouper with Crawfish & Tomato Concasse

Vegetarian option available upon request when reserving.

Cost: \$32 for guests

RSVP: By September 30 - By email to administrator@athena-society.com or [Online](#)

OPEN MEETING – GUESTS WELCOME

President's Message

Our October 4th meeting will provide an opportunity to learn more about our crucial and crowded November 6th General Election ballot. You will not want to miss it!

Representatives of the Hillsborough County League of Women Voters graciously agreed to facilitate the part of the program which will address the wild ride of proposed changes to our state's constitution. These proposals address tax policy, voting rights, lobbying rules, offshore drilling, greyhound racing, gambling, and even vaping in public places. League reps will answer questions about those amendments and address our expressed concerns. They'll walk through the LWV recommendations and the rationale behind those positions, as well.

The proposed amendments are only part of the November elections story. The ballot will be long and challenging. Floridians will select from a wide array of candidates, choosing our Governor, U.S. Senator, congressional reps, members of our state legislature, county commissioners and our all-important school boards. This promises to be one of the most significant in recent memory.

Athena will continue our tradition of bringing substance to our discussions as our Community Action Committee Chair, Kem Toole, explains how her team collated our *Athena Position Statements* with the committee's candidate polling. This offers members another tool (or Toole?) as we evaluate reasons for voting for a candidate. Or not.

This meeting plans to be a blockbuster. But it is up to you. Individual input is more than welcome because Athena sisters depend on our trusted colleagues to speak up, enriching the conversation with each unique and valued perspective.

Finally, while your Board and I are grateful for the generous contributions to our philanthropy fund, our Young Women of Promise and Career Assistance Grants recipients appreciate you far more than one can imagine. The current list of contributors is impressive. We are sure that, as in past years, others will pitch in. Generosity has been and surely will continue to be the Athena Way.

Thank you.



Thank you from

Your Board and Philanthropy Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank the members (listed below) who have generously contributed to Athena's philanthropic programs for 2018-19. To date \$7,110 has been collected in support of Dr. Sylvia Richardson Young Women of Promise and the Phyllis Marshall Career Assistant Grant. Thank you for your contributions! If you have not yet donated but still wish to do so, please send a check payable to the Athena Society, PO Box 10813, Tampa, FL 33679.

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Upcoming Events

On Wednesday, *October 10th*, join us at 5:30 p.m. at Cheese Please in South Tampa for a feisty roundtable with **Erin Aebel**, one of our newest members, partner at Shumaker, and co-founder of the now international Surly Feminists for the Revolution. Hear how her life changed in 2016, why she chose to be not only a feminist but an activist, and her dreams for her daughter given today's environment. All voices welcome at this interactive session to discuss what's mission critical. Limit: 30 people. We have booked the private room. Each person can order and cover her own wine and/or cheese. Keep an eye out for the email invite to follow soon!

November Bonus

Plan to be among the first in the area to see the highly acclaimed "The Revolutionists" as presented by Stageworks Theatre on *November 1*.

Join your sisters at an Athena Bonus for this preview performance about four very real women who lived boldly in France during the French Revolution's Reign of Terror (1793-94). It's a story of how important a woman's voice can be, even in the darkest of times.

Directed by **Kari Goetz**, it's a delightfully funny new work about feminism, legacy and standing up for one's beliefs.

If you'd like to start the evening with dinner at Cena Restaurant (next door to the theatre), please indicate when purchasing your ticket.

[Click here to sign up!](#)



Member News



On September 12, 2018 at a high school class birthday party near Buffalo, New York, **Moira Burke**, along with 7 other veterans was honored with a Quilt of Valor as a thank you from a grateful nation for their service.

Project Immersion

Project Immersion Officially Launched

Change always happens when women come together. That was exactly the case last week when our Athena Guides gathered for the Mentoring Committee's official launch of *Project Immersion*.

I am excited to share that we have had a very positive response to *Project Immersion*. Heartfelt thanks to **Gail Auerbach** for putting together the overview of this pilot project which is designed to help new members feel welcome and engaged. Our Co-chair **Natalie Thomas** has led the effort to reach out to new members and has had a great response, too. The Mentoring Committee has quickly expanded from four to 11 members, all enthusiastic and eager to help.

Part of the evening was spent matching New Members with our experienced Guides. We are hoping that they will all sit together at the October 4th Athena Luncheon.

The most important change is that we decided to change the date of the cocktail party for Guides and New Members. The reason was simple. Our Guides did not want to miss it. So, save the date: It will be **Thursday, October 25th**, at the home of **Cynthia Zynober**. Watch for your invitation!

We all know what happens when women get in a room and discuss possibilities, the outcomes are so much larger than our individual ideas. I can't wait to see what happens next!

Cheers,
Ann W. Madsen, Chair, Athena Mentoring Committee



October Birthdays



Gail Auerbach
Barbara Bachman
Elizabeth Bernitt
Moira Burke
Diane Egner
Amy Fariior
Rena Frazier
Carolyn Kurtz

Lee Leavengood
Judith Lisi
Mary Scriven
Susan Stern
Lara Tibbals
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Louisa Van Eepoel

2018-2019 Calendar

October 4 - Luncheon
October 10 - October Bonus at Cheese Please
November 1 - Luncheon
November 1 - November Bonus at Stageworks Theatre
December 9 - Holiday Party
January 3 - Luncheon
February 7 - Luncheon
March 7 - Luncheon
April 4 - Luncheon (YWP)
May 2 - Luncheon (Career Asst Grants)
June 6 - Dinner (Annual Meeting)



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