

Athena Society

BRIEFINGS

November 2018

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Upcoming Meeting

When: Thursday, November 1 at 11:55 a.m.

Where: [Centre Club](#)
123 S. Westshore Blvd, 8th floor

Moderator: Margaret Miller, Director of USF Institute for Research in Art, will introduce the program, define creative placemaking and look at two examples of successful creative placemaking projects:

- **Theaster Gates** in Chicago. Gates takes a creative approach to revitalizing Chicago's South Side and transforming it without displacing residents or changing its essential character.
- **The Highline** in New York City. By expanding the role of contemporary art in public spaces with commissioned projects that spark dialogue, this is a model of what Tampa's Riverwalk could be. Look to Friends of the Riverwalk as partners in creative placemaking.

Panelists: Gianna Gobioff of the Gobioff Foundation, Sarah Howard of USF CAM, and Robin Nigh of the City of Tampa will talk about local examples and opportunities for engagement and support by Athena members.

Menu: Chicken Française - Lightly Egg Battered Chicken, Topped with Sautéed Spinach & Roasted Cherry Tomatoes, Finished with Garlic & White Wine

Vegetarian option available upon request when reserving.

Cost: \$35 for guests

RSVP: By October 28 - By email to
administrator@athena-society.com or [Online](#)

OPEN MEETING – GUESTS WELCOME

President's Message

As I write this, we are only two weeks away from a dramatic election, one with tremendous consequences locally, as well as for our state and nation. Our Board of Directors has strongly endorsed two Hillsborough County ballot issues: one providing a much-needed half cent sales tax for education; the other, a one cent sales tax for transportation. Hopefully, these crucial measures will win the endorsement of the voting public.

This 2018 ballot is somewhat daunting, largely due to the presence of twelve (!) proposed constitutional amendments. Our Program Committee recognized the challenge early. Last month they joined with the League of Women Voters (LWV) in presenting a well-researched program. We were briefed on the substance of each initiative and its pros and cons. We learned who supports each item and who opposes it. Athena does not have a "position" on many of these complicated issues but, thanks to our excellent Program Committee, we will make better informed choices as we confront this lengthy ballot. The League's analysis is easy to find online, as are their recommendations.

When checking out candidates our *Athena Position Statements* can be helpful. It's good to know if candidates champion similar views. And of course, we have a long-standing commitment to increasing the number of women in public office – and ultimately the quality of our governing bodies.

Elections aren't the only things happening. Our committees remain hard at work. Our Program Committee, chaired by Diane Egner and Gail Auerbach, will have us shift gears with our next luncheon, with a program dedicated to the arts and their economic implications. Please join us. In addition, both the Mentoring Committee (**Ann Madsen** and **Natalie Thomas**) and the Bonus Committee (**Carolyn Reed** and **Mimi Stamps**) are focusing on our new members. Here are opportunities to become more involved and have fun, too!

Your Board dedicates time as well to overseeing our organization. We've planned the year ahead and look forward to our end of year holiday party. Put it on your calendar -- now. We'll be hosted by our very own Community Hero, Past President **Jeanne Tate**, recently honored by the Tampa Bay Lightning as "*someone who goes above and beyond to inspire others.*" Sounds like the quintessential Athena Sister. And Jeanne and the Hospitality Committee know how to throw a good party, too. Can't wait!



Member News

Congratulations to **Jeanne Tate!** Jeanne was honored by the Tampa Bay Lightning as the first Lightning Community Hero this season.



Kari Goetz started her new role as VP of External Relations at The Florida Aquarium on October 1. Congrats to Kari!

November Birthdays

Erin Aebel
Amelia Campbell
Jeanette Fenton
Pat Frank
Susan Freeman
Julia Gorzka Freeman
Kathleen Grizzard
Charlene Honeywell

Elizabeth Jenkins
Anne Kantor
Margaret Mathews
Luanne Panacek
Amanda Sansone
Caroline Sikorske
Renee Vaughn
Andrea Zelman



Is your contact info up to date?



2019 Directories are going to print soon!

Please take some time to review your profile on the website and update your information and photo (if you'd like).

Login to www.Athena-Society.com and click Update Profile in the top right. Update your details and click Save Changes at the bottom of the page.

If you need assistance, please reach out to Johanne at administrator@athena-society.com or 813-928-0795.

Athena 2019 Directories will be distributed at the Membership Meeting on January 10.

Member News

For **Nicole Fanarjian's** 50th birthday, she set a goal to be in the best shape of her life. This included running a half marathon in northern California (Avenue of the Giants) in May and completing a 3-day trail run in Golden, British Columbia. As this was her first such race, she entered the half distances of this ultra-marathon. On day 1 (Climb), she took a chair lift halfway up a ski slope and then ran 3km straight to the top. She started in the cold rain and was greeted at the top by beautiful snow. Day 2 (Conquer) was the longest day, consisting of 30km of trail running with significant elevation gain. The third day (Cruise) boasted the best weather (still misting, but not as cold and wet) and a much tighter and fun course. If you are interested in doing something like this, she would love to encourage (and possibly) join you. Feel free to contact her.



Do you have some news to share with your Athena Sisters?
Please send to Johanne at administrator@Athena-Society.com

Athena Immersion Project Update

We have had a great response to the Athena Immersion Initiative and have matched most new members with some wonderful guides. Athena Guides are already reaching out to connect with their new members. I am hearing from so many of you who have already connected. When you have a chance, please take a picture with your new member and share it! - Ann Madsen



2018-2019 Calendar

November 1 - Luncheon

November 1 - Bonus - The Revolutionist's at Stageworks Theatre

December 5 - Bonus - Dinner with New Member Kathleen Moore

December 9 - Holiday Party - Home of Jeanne Tate

January 10 - 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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thanksgiving




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