

# Athena Society

## BRIEFINGS

January 2019

### 2018 -2019

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### Upcoming Meeting

**When:** Thursday, January 10th at 11:55 a.m.

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

#### Program Details

CDC data recently announced that 2017 recorded the highest number of gun deaths in the United States in 38 years.

For our January 2019 luncheon program, **Jane Castor** (former Tampa Police Chief), Marcus Fernandez (Director of the Northern and Central Brady Campaign), and USF Psychology Professor Edelyn Verona (an active participant in Moms Demand Action to End Gun Violence) will share their perspectives on Preventing and Reducing Gun Violence.

**Menu:** Chicken Athena, stuffed with spinach, artichoke, feta cheese with lemon cream sauce topped with toasted almonds and feta cheese.

Vegetarian option available upon request when reserving.

**Cost:** \$35 for guests

**RSVP:** January 7th - By email to  
administrator@athena-society.com or [Online](#)

OPEN MEETING – GUESTS WELCOME

## President's Message

If you're like me, this is the time to search for normalcy! Holiday decorations are coming down. Gifts are put away (or returned) and we're all looking forward to the year ahead. Athena, too, is a cyclical organization. Thankfully, we're ready for the year ahead.

January 10th brings an opportunity to learn about a crucial topic. You won't want to miss this meeting and conversation because it has dominated the news in Florida and our country. What could be more important in our everyday lives than addressing gun violence? On this topic we have been led by young people who care about their futures. Should we follow their lead? Impacting lawmakers to confront this challenge is also imperative. **Kem Toole** and her committee are anxious to present, share and discuss this subject with all of us.

Please remember our January bonus at Tampa International Airport. My visits to TIA usually involve catching a plane or retrieving a passenger. Now we will look behind the scenes and explore the artwork. We will learn about the mechanics of how an outstanding airport works. Thanks to **Carolyn Reed, Mimi Stamps** and the Bonus Committee for making this possible.

Other committees are targeting our top springtime philanthropic subjects, Young Women of Promise and Career Assistance Grants. By the way, Athena's philanthropy was on full display in December when we delivered a fantastic array of children's books to Champions for Children and the Dr. Carter G. Woodson African American History Museum. Thanks to all who contributed.

Johanne Castagan continues to keep the wheels of Athena operating in an efficient manner. Watch for the new directories which will be distributed at the January Meeting. And our Program Committee has already organized the February meeting. It's another front burner issue – innovation and technology – led by women!

Our members have always achieved in so many ways, and we want to continue our momentum and impact. Our Membership Committee is looking for new individuals to enhance our diversity and outreach, and here's where you can really help. Bring a guest to our upcoming meetings. Introduce potential members who could provide even more talent and experience to our organization.

It's been a good year, but 2019 promises to be even better! Thanks to all for your guidance and commitment to Athena.

Betty



## Membership Committee

It's time again to nominate phenomenal women for Athena membership. The process is underway and the nomination form can be found [here](#), and will be emailed next week.

Please consider nominating women who would enrich and diversify our membership keeping in mind the following guidelines: To facilitate participation in Athena activities, nominees should be from the Tampa Bay area considered Hillsborough, Pasco and Pinellas counties. Nominees should be aware of and support Athena's [positions](#). Nominees who provide diversity to our membership are highly desirable. The "STEAM" professions (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math) are currently underrepresented in Athena membership.

Nominations are due by Friday, March 1.

**Keri Eisenbeis**, VP/Membership

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## January Bonus Event

Take off at TPA in 2019!

Join your sisters for a complimentary upgrade to a first class experience at Tampa International Airport!

When: January 16 at 5:30 p.m.

Where: The TPA boardroom located at the Main Terminal. Park in short term parking Blue Side. Take the Earhart or Armstrong elevators to level 3. As you exit the elevator go right towards the restrooms. The Board Room will be at the end of that corridor, past the restrooms.

Bring your parking ticket for validation.

What: There will be light refreshments and an update from TPA. Then we'll hear from the first woman to be appointed to The Hillsborough County Aviation Authority, **Adeline Few**.

Finally, **Margaret Miller** will take us to Airside F and the Rental Car Facility for a tour of all of the new art that has been installed as part of TPA's billion dollar expansion.

Final boarding call! You don't want to miss this flight!

RSVP by January 12th [online here](#) or email Johanne at [administrator@athena-society.com](mailto:administrator@athena-society.com)

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## Member News

Tampa Tiger Bay Club will honor Athena member **Pat Frank**, the Hillsborough County Clerk of the Court, former Florida Legislator and former Hillsborough County Commissioner, at its 2019 Lifetime Achievement Awards Dinner on January 29th. Sponsorship opportunities are available. If you are interested in organizing a table for Athena or have interest in becoming a sponsor, please reach out to Club President **Yvonne Fry** or Club VP **Diane Egnor**. Individual tickets may be purchased at: <https://www.tigerbayclub.com/>

## Member Survey

Our Communication and Membership committees put together the following survey to:

- 1) Get an idea of members who can (and would like to) speak to the media regarding certain topics/areas of expertise (as a member of Athena);
- 2) Determine the current demographic of our organization across skillset, education, diversity, etc. Athena wants to ensure a diverse group and this will allow us to know our current membership base, and areas of opportunity for recruitment.

If you have not already done so, please take a moment to complete the survey, available [here](#) or type the following URL into your web browser: <http://bit.ly/AthenaCM2018Survey>.

This survey will officially close on Monday, Dec. 31, 2018. Your feedback is appreciated!

## Happy Birthday!

Jean Amuso	Miriam Mason
RoseAnne Bowers	Jessica Muroff
Patti Breckenridge	Penny Parks
Noni Brill	Barbara Reeves
Susan Casper	Lisa Robbins
Cynthia Gandee-Zinober	Lesley Rudolph
Judy Genshaft	Michelle Schofner
Linda Gibbs	Debora Skryms
Laura Kolkman	Elizabeth Walters



## Holiday Party Recap

The holiday party held at Jeanne Tate's home was a wonderful affair. Party goers sipped on Athena's signature drink while enjoying some oysters and the gorgeous waterfront view.

We were asked by many to provide a list of the wonderful dishes served that evening. While we're not sure if they'll give away their secret recipes, here is a list of who brought what dish:

Beef tenderloin, sausage rounds and mini crab cakes - Denise Chavez  
Baked bologna - Molly Crews  
Meatballs - Susanna Fenhagen  
Salmon w/baguettes and aioli - Barbara Twine Thomas  
Artichoke dip and Chocolate Chip Cookies- Marian McCulloch  
Asparagus spears w/dip - Gwynne Young  
Baked brie and Pate - Linda Fries  
Brownie bites - Amanda Sansone  
Trifle - Gail Holtzman  
Pralines -Elizabeth Walters  
Ginger Snaps - Amy Farrior  
Deviled Eggs - The Wicked Chicken

## Athena Gives Back

Donation boxes were overflowing at the Holiday Party on December 9th. If you weren't able to make it on December 9th and still wish to donate books, please bring them to our January 10th meeting.

Thank you to my fellow Athenians for the generous support of children and families. These books allow us to promote strong attachment between children and their adult caregivers. These attachments protect children while building their brain architecture to prepare for early language and learning. These books are the building blocks of a successful future.

Thank you for these incredible gifts!  
**Amy Haile**, Champions for Children



Athena book delivery to the Dr. Carter G. Woodson African American History Museum supporting their annual toy and book drive.

The Woodson museum creates opportunities for area youth through book circles which enhance literacy, expand thoughts, ideas, creativity and knowledge. "Reading at the Woodson is FUNdamental!"

## 2018-2019 Calendar

- January 10 - Luncheon  
January 16 - Athena Bonus: Airport & Operations Tour  
February 7 - Luncheon  
February 13 - Athena Bonus: Get to know New Member Claire Lessinger  
March 7 - Luncheon  
March 27 - Athena Bonus: Get to know New Member Kathleen Moore  
April 4 - Luncheon (YWP)  
May 2 - Luncheon (Career Asst Grants)  
June 6 - Dinner (Annual Meeting)  
July 19 - 21 Athena Retreat



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Do you have some news to share with your Athena Sisters?  
Please send to Johanne at [administrator@Athena-Society.com](mailto:administrator@Athena-Society.com)