

# Athena Society



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January, 2005

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## Upcoming Meeting

- WHEN:** Thursday, January 6  
11:55 a.m. - luncheon
- WHERE:** Centre Club  
Westshore at Kennedy
- PROGRAM:** "Election 2004 – Looking Back  
and Looking Ahead"
- SPEAKER:** Susan MacManus, Ph.D.  
Distinguished University Professor of  
Public Administration & Political Science  
University of South Florida
- COST:** Guests - \$20
- RSVP:** By January 3 – Call **Eleanor Hubbard**  
(251-9172) or email [ewhubbard@aol.com](mailto:ewhubbard@aol.com).

## OPEN MEETING – GUESTS WELCOME

Susan MacManus was seen almost daily on TV during the 2004 election as she was during the 2000 campaign. A well-known and respected political analyst, her interpretation of events is widely sought, not just from media locally but nationwide.

The role Florida has played in the last two elections has, no doubt, contributed to her popularity. (The St. Petersburg Times, which has quoted MacManus some 400 times, dubbed her the most quoted Floridian during the 2000 election.)

Though she doesn't have a crystal ball, she has a clear understanding of the political climate and what it likely will produce in the future. Join us for what surely will be a stimulating session.



## President's Message

Have any of you noticed that the months slip by faster every calendar year? I don't know if this is a phenomenon of aging or if it is something about all of this technology we have come to depend on. The gadgets are supposed to save us time, but I think we just do twice as much in the same amount of time. I find myself trying to hurry the fax machine, waiting impatiently for the beep so that I can leave a message and drafting e-mails while I listen to my voice mails. Well, I resolve to slow down in 2005 (and lose 5 pounds, write thank you notes promptly, be nice to the dog and the other usual resolutions). I hope you will join me in the slowing down resolve.

Many of you know that my daughter is heading for college this fall and while I am excited for her, I want to drag out this last semester as long as I can. Eighteen years ago I couldn't wait for her to be born, then I couldn't wait for her to walk and talk. I was even excited when she started school. But now I want her to slow down. I need these next eight months to prepare to let her go. I doubt if I'll manage to slow down much and I know I won't really be able to let her go, but if I try to slow down and smell the roses along the way, at least I might be able to claim I was there for her senior year and not that it passed in a blur. All of us have special people we should slow down for – and maybe teach them about smelling the roses along the way.

Huge thank you's to **Cynthia Gandee** and **Holly Tomlin** for our December stroll at the Henry B. Plant Museum. It was festive and fun and just the right way to start off the holiday season. Also thank you to **Melinda Chavez** for opening her lovely home for our cocktail buffet and to **Susan Grady, Maria Howey** and all the great Athena cooks for the wonderful food.

See you all on January 6 to hear Dr. Susan MacManus' thoughts on politics and elections.

Margaret

# Happy New Year!

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## Athena Housekeeping

"The Book" (REAL WOMEN of Tampa and Hillsborough County) has arrived and it's fabulous! It is a thoroughly professional piece, one you'll be proud to be associated with. You'll read about and see photos of everyone from the area's earliest settlers to (possibly) your retreat roommate from last year! If you didn't pre-order, not to worry.....books will be available at the January luncheon for \$21.35. Checks should be made payable to Athena. A book-signing event with Doris Weatherford is being planned for late January.

Just six more weeks to think about sponsoring a new member as the deadline for submission of nomination forms is February 14. Packets will be available at the January luncheon or can be mailed upon request.

Our holiday focus this year was on the Community Foundation Athena Education Fund and the Ophelia Project. If you didn't have an opportunity to write a check and would like to, we'd still welcome it. Please send to the P.O. box or bring it to the January luncheon.

We've repeatedly said the deadline for ordering Athena jewelry was December 2 but it isn't/wasn't as we don't yet have enough for a full order. If you'd like a pin or a pendant, contact **Eleanor Hubbard** ASAP. What a great Valentine's Day gift to give yourself! Prices are:

14K yellow gold - \$96

Sterling silver - \$30

Vermeil (14K goldplate over sterling) - \$30

## News About Members

**Jan Platt** would like to thank the many Athena members who planned and participated in the roast/toast held for her earlier this month to commemorate her retirement from public office. She was touched by the support exhibited.

On December 9 Roberts Communications (**Deanne Roberts**) was named Tampa Bay Business Journal's "Business of the Year" and honored by 400 attendees at the Renaissance Hotel. The 25-year-old firm was lauded for "its intense effort to do pro bono and community-oriented work."

Representative **Arthenia Joyner** has been elected Policy Coordinator for the House Democratic Caucus. In this position she chairs the Caucus Policy Committee and acts as the liaison between the Democratic Leader and the Policy committee and subcommittees.

**Annette DeLisle** has been cited by Tampa City Council for her contributions to the growth of business and civic activities during her more than seven years as President/CEO of the Ybor City Chamber of Commerce.



## Members' Projects

**Lisa Robbins** recently was invited by the Chinese Geological Survey to speak at the International Symposium Coastal Geo-Environment and Urban Development held in Tianjin, China. She presented two talks on Challenges in Science and Organizational Structure to Facilitate Integrated Science. (Integrated science is the practice of bringing all scientific fields to design projects in an effort to provide more rigorous and robust science for stakeholders and decision-makers). Tianjin, with 10 million people (Tampa Bay area has 2 million), has all of the issues of a rapidly urbanizing city with air and water pollution, groundwater withdrawal that has caused major subsidence in parts of the city, siltation in the ports, overfishing and coastal erosion.

Lisa reports that the leaders and scientists at the China Geological Survey and other hosting scientific institutions were wonderfully receptive to new ideas and as a result of her visit, a delegation of Chinese scientists and managers will be visiting the USGS in this area in the spring! (An interesting sidenote: Lisa was one of two female scientists speaking at the Symposium and, as you might expect, the only blonde in the crowd).

Lisa visited Beijing first and found it, with its 11 million people, as modern as any big US city - with seriously bad air quality. On the positive side, the food, she observed, was fabulous (Peking Duck was particularly noteworthy) and she got pretty good with chopsticks! The bargains were great but the constant haggling over the price got tiring. Luckily she brought home a few excellent business cards that (hopefully!) will allow her to continue her bargaining from afar! She also got very comfortable being treated like royalty by her hosts and having police escorts as traffic control when she visited field sites. Car traffic, she noted, was BAD and there are jillions of people on foot and bicycle also swarming the roads, so having police escort was appreciated!

The Great Wall of China, one of the original super highways of commerce, was inspirational and the "hawkers" all over the wall reminded Lisa that commerce continues. The Forbidden City allowed Lisa to step back into a different time (not geologic time, this time!) and get a feel for the people and their customs. She quickly snapped out of it when she spotted a Starbucks "embedded" deep in the Forbidden City! Although longing for a decaf Mocha, Lisa protested this modern encroachment by not succumbing to this temptation. In all, the trip was a wonderful experience - despite the 18 hours air travel to get there!



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## Upcoming Meeting

- WHEN:** Thursday, February 3  
11:55 a.m. - luncheon
- WHERE:** Centre Club  
Westshore at Kennedy
- PROGRAM:** "A Global Gender Agenda"
- SPEAKER:** Nancy Natilson, Independent Consultant
- COST:** Guests - \$20
- RSVP:** By January 31 - Call **Eleanor Hubbard**  
(251-9172) or email [ewhubbard@aol.com](mailto:ewhubbard@aol.com).

## OPEN MEETING - GUESTS WELCOME

Nancy Natilson is an independent consultant to micro-finance institutions in the developing world. She works primarily in Central and South America though her assignments have taken her also to Sri Lanka, South Africa, Bosnia and Turkmenistan.

With ten years of commercial banking experience and several years as an adjunct professor at USF, Nancy brings expertise in financial management, strategic planning and training. She has a B.A. in Urban Studies from the University of Pennsylvania and an M.B.A. in International Finance from New York University.

The fast-changing global terrain is dictating new challenges and solutions for the women's rights agenda. Come prepared to hear Nancy's feminist perspective on these challenges.



## President's Message

*"The biggest mistake is believing there is one right way to listen, to talk, to have a conversation – or a relationship."*

Deborah Tannen

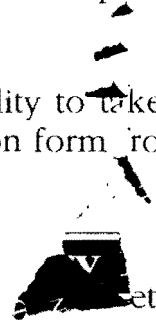
I understand that I missed another outstanding program in January. Thank you to Dr. Susan MacManus who shared her well informed insights with our group. Thank you to **Judge Crenshaw** and the rest of the gang who covered for me.

We continue to work with the Ophelia Project with regard to collaborating on a national speaker. At this time, we still don't have firm plans but I hope we will be in a position to make an announcement by this time next month.

Our February program is going to be very exciting for me personally. I've known Nancy Natilson for over ten years. We met when we joined the same book club. (I hasten to add that we started our book club before they became so trendy.) While I'm the only Athena member in our book club, it is a good example of how important it is for women to seek out and support other women. Our group has had marriages, divorces, new babies, graduations, wins and losses, and we have, like Athena, been there to support each other. Like Athena, our group doesn't always agree about books, issues, politics or dinner, for that matter. But, like Athena, we've found another level on which to listen, to talk, to have a relationship. That's why I quoted Deborah Tannen above. I know Nancy will inform us and expect she will challenge us to think about the world in a new way.

Just a reminder that with our bylaw change, we have the ability to take as many as ten new members this year. Please call Eleanor or pick up a nomination form from her at the meeting. Don't forget the deadline is February 14.

I look forward to seeing everyone on the 3rd.



## Directory Changes

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## Athena Bonus Plans Announced

Chairman **Moira Burke** has organized an exciting line-up appealing to a variety of interests.

Feb. 13 – Edith Roosevelt - Henry B. Plant Museum – 2 p.m.- Cost: \$5  
Edith, played by Nonie White, is visiting the hotel in 1898 while Teddy is off with the Rough Riders. The performance lasts approximately one hour, so we'll plan cocktails, coffee or some other gathering afterwards.

March 12 - "Beginning Digital Photography" - If you just got a digital camera for Christmas, this workshop is for you! Scheduled for 9 a.m. to noon at the Tampa Gallery of Photographic Arts in Old Hyde Park Village, the session will cost \$45 with a 10% discount for TGPA members. Reserve your spot with **Eleanor Hubbard** prior to March 5.

April 23 & 25 - Italian cooking lessons! These will be two sessions independent of each other open to eight people at each session at a cost of \$65 (wine extra). You'll prepare and eat three courses in the teacher's Ballast Point home. Saturday hours will be 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Monday session will run 4 to 9 p.m. Reserve your place in the kitchen by contacting **Eleanor Hubbard** prior to April 15.

What a great way to mix and mingle with your Athena sisters – especially if attending the monthly luncheons doesn't always work for you.



## Athena Housekeeping

Final reminder: Nomination forms for proposing new members must be submitted by February 14. Packets will be available at the February luncheon or can be mailed upon request. Up to ten candidates could be accepted for membership this year.

Make sure your new calendar is marked for July 15-17.....Athena Retreat at the Sarasota Ritz-Carlton. The committee, headed by **Barbara Reeves**, is investigating some spectacular activities available only in that area. You'll get the details as soon as they're confirmed.



## News About Members

We extend our sincere sympathy to the members who have recently lost loved ones: **Judie Taggart** (her husband); **Renu Khator** (her father); **Cecile and Katherine Essrig** (their brother-in-law and uncle).

**Candy Olson** is the current Chair of the Hillsborough County School Board. This is a one-year rotating term which she held previously about 5 years ago. The board's challenge this year is to find a replacement for the retiring superintendent.

**JoAnn Urofsky** has been named Vice Chairman of the NPR (National Public Radio) Board of Directors.

**Alex Sink** has joined the Board of Directors of Raymond James Financial Inc. She also will be a director of subsidiary Raymond James Bank.

**Laura Waller** has been elected President of the Renaissance Center for the Arts. She's also pleased to note that many of the watercolor paintings she did in Maine last Fall are currently on exhibit at Circles Restaurant (on Armenia) through June.




## Book-Signing Set for February 1

As previously announced, we've scheduled a book-signing reception with Doris Weatherford on Tuesday, February 1, 5:30 p.m. in the Grand Salon, Plant Hall, University of Tampa. We'll have light refreshments and an opportunity to visit with Doris and Friends of the UT Library who'll join us as well. You are encouraged to bring friends and business associates. While we don't need firm RSVP's, we do need an idea of attendance so even if your plans are tentative, please email **Eleanor Hubbard** ([ewhubbard@aol.com](mailto:ewhubbard@aol.com)) by January 27.

Those who have already purchased the book (REAL WOMEN of Tampa and Hillsborough County) give it rave reviews. Cost is \$21.35 and checks should be made payable to Athena. Books will be available at the February 3 luncheon if ordered in advance from Eleanor.



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**WHERE:** Centre Club  
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**PROGRAM:** "Women in Conservation"

**SPEAKER:** Tricia Martin, The Nature Conservancy  
Director - Lake Wales Ridge Program

**COST:** Guests - \$20

**RSVP:** By February 28 – Call **Eleanor Hubbard**  
(251-9172) or email [ewhubbard@aol.com](mailto:ewhubbard@aol.com).

## OPEN MEETING – GUESTS WELCOME

If you have even the slightest interest in our environment, you'll want to hear Tricia Martin; she has a wide and impressive background.

She holds a Master of Philosophy in history from Cambridge University (England) and a B.A. degree in political science from the University of Connecticut. Before joining the Conservancy, Tricia was the Curator of Education at Historic Bok Sanctuary.

Located in Polk and Highlands County, Lake Wales Ridge is nationally known and was designated by Congress as the first national wildlife refuge designed to protect rare plants. A Harvard University museum curator states that "Florida's Lake Wales scrubland are sacred landmarks, the equivalent of Independence Hall and Gettysburg of original America."

As is obvious, Tricia directs a project nationally known and hugely important.



## President's Message

Everybody mark your calendars for Thursday, October 27, 2005! On that evening, Athena will co-sponsor a block buster event with the Ophelia Project. Dr. Nancy Snyderman, author and national TV medical commentator, will speak at a gala dinner benefiting the Ophelia Project. Dr. Snyderman has written about raising girls to be strong women and women's health issues. She is bound to enlighten us all. More details to follow, but mark your calendars now and guard that date!

We were all saddened this month to lose our dear friend and mentor, **Phyllis Marshall**. Phyllis did so much for so many people, I won't even try to do her justice in this small space. Phyllis had a knack for encouraging everyone she met to reach higher, achieve more and be better. I can't remember a conversation with Phyllis where I didn't feel encouraged, nurtured, appreciated and smarter when she had finished working her magic on me. When we count our blessings, let's count Phyllis twice. The next time you have a chance to encourage a young person, take the time to do it in honor of Phyllis.

Stay tuned. There are more great programs on the way.

Margaret



## Athena Bonus – March/April

As previously announced, two exciting programs are in the offing:

March 12 - "Beginning Digital Photography" - If you're not familiar with all the features of your camera and need assistance on any level, this workshop is for you! Scheduled for 9 a.m. to noon at the Tampa Gallery of Photographic Arts in Old Hyde Park Village, the session will cost \$45 with a 10% discount for TGPA members. We'll plan lunch in the Village after the session. Reserve your spot with **Eleanor Hubbard** prior to March 5.

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## Athena Housekeeping

Three of the five finalists for 2005 Executive Woman of the Year are Athena members: **Aj Jemison**, **Alex Sink** and **Beth Waters**. The awards luncheon will be held at noon on Tuesday, March 8, at the Centre Club. Let's show our support by having an Athena table(s). Tickets are \$35; checks payable to NEW should be mailed to Eleanor Hubbard by February 28.

The July 15-17 retreat at the Sarasota Ritz-Carlton will be special! That's a promise so make sure you clear your calendar for those dates.

A number of members expressed interest in obtaining a copy of Nancy Natilson's talk given at the February meeting. If you'd like it emailed to you, contact Eleanor Hubbard.

If you see articles about Athena members in trade papers, professional journals, regional editions of the Tampa Tribune or St. Pete Times or anywhere else, please pass them on to Archives Chair **Elizabeth Walters**. We're striving to make the chronology of our year as complete as possible.

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## News About Members

**Nancy Cole** has announced she's directing "a wonderful play that's worthy of Athena's brainpower." *Copenhagen*, opening on February 24 at the Gorilla Theatre, is about the meeting of Niels Bohr, his wife Margrethe, and Werner Heisenberg on the eve of WW II in September, 1941. History remains cloudy about what was discussed, but it marked the end of their famous friendship. Did Heisenberg tell Bohr about the Nazi A bomb development? Did he warn Bohr about the Nazis? Did Bohr say what he knew? The show will run for three weekends; for ticket information and reservations, call 813/879-2914. Nancy and several others will be part of a talkback from the stage after the March 4 and 11 shows.

**Evelyne Walborsky** is currently in an assisted living facility in Massachusetts where she is receiving needed therapy for lung disease (COPD). She hopes to return to Tampa but, in the meantime, can be contacted at 59 Sweetwater Avenue, Bedford, MA 01730.

ADDY Awards are presented annually by the Tampa Bay Advertising Federation to recognize outstanding advertising in the area. Earlier this month Roberts Communications (**Deanne Roberts**) received the Pick of the Pros award for its campaign for Metropolitan Ministries. Best of Show award went to Peak Biety Advertising for its direct mail piece created for Tomlin Tested Staffing (**Holly Tomlin**).



## Experiencing Athena Sisterhood

*by Helen Gordon Davis*

Someone once said, "Inside every older lady is a younger lady.....wondering what in the hell happened?"

That line is appropriate to me after the last Athena meeting. Four of us – Judge **Susan Bucklew**, Judge **Elizabeth Jenkins** and Chief Probation Officer **Elaine Terenzi** and I – got off the elevator in the parking garage on the 7th floor. Unfortunately for all of us, it was the wrong one. As I raced back with my right arm waving madly to stop the elevator, I tripped on the ledge of the platform and fell on my face. Those three wonderful women rushed to assist me. In their beautiful suits, they sat down on that cold, bare concrete floor and ministered to my swelling wounds. They procured some ice for my face and when the plastic bag got too cold, Elaine removed her beautiful chiffon scarf and wrapped it around the ice. After a long time, they finally pulled me to my feet and walked me to my car. Irregardless of their waiting caseloads, these three gave me all the time and care I could ever need. (In the meantime, **Adrienne Garcia**, who was on the first elevator, came back on the other one and insisted on driving me home which, fortunately, was not necessary. ) I want to thank them publicly for their assistance and nurturance and say "Sisterhood is wonderful!"



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**WHEN:** Thursday, April 7  
11:55 a.m. - luncheon

**WHERE:** Centre Club  
Westshore at Kennedy

**PROGRAM:** "To Our Good Health!" AND  
Introduction of career grant recipients  
(See page 4)

**SPEAKERS:** Sue Schler, M.D.  
John Dormois, M.D.

**COST:** Guests - \$20

**RSVP:** By April 4 - Call Eleanor Hubbard  
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## OPEN MEETING - GUESTS WELCOME

Whether or not you believe the old saying that "You can't be too rich or too thin," who would argue that you can never be too healthy? This month our special focus is on health issues we cannot afford to ignore.

Athena's own Dr. **Sue Schler**, a graduate of the Brown University Program in Medicine, will disclose "Your Best Antidote to Aging." Sue received postgraduate training at the University of Rochester, was awarded a Master's degree in Public Health from USF College of Public Health, is Board certified in internal medicine and geriatric medicine and is a Fellow of the American College of Physicians.

Dr. John C. Dormois will address women's risk for heart disease in his talk, "Know Your Numbers." He received his M.D. from the University of Kansas and was a Fellow in both clinical pharmacology and cardiology at Vanderbilt University Hospital. Board certified in internal medicine and cardiovascular disease, he is the medical director of St. Joseph Women's Hospital "Women's Healthy Heart Initiative."

You owe it to yourself to hear this program and it would be a great one for a guest as well.



## President's Message

For those who missed the March lunch meeting, you missed an opportunity to hear an interesting and informative talk about environmentalism as a feminist cause. But what you really missed was an opportunity to observe a woman who is passionate about her work in preserving our environment. During the question and answer session, **Dena Leavengood** offered up a softball and asked our speaker from the Nature Conservancy to describe her work on the "ridge" in Polk County. We were all treated to a delightful spontaneous and inspiring description of the work that is being carried out by the Nature Conservancy. Thanks again to **Holly Tomlin's** committee and especially **Judi Breuggeman** for bringing us this enjoyable program.

April is going to be another busy month with an excellent program on women's health issues, the celebration of **Phyllis Marshall's** life and membership decisions. Mark your early evening calendars for May 5 when we see what amazing young women **Sylvia Richardson** and her committee will introduce to us at the Centre Club at 5:30 that day.

As we approach Spring in this wonderful place, let's all remember to appreciate how lucky we are.

Margaret



## Athena Honors Phyllis Marshall

by Judy Ryan, Community Foundation Chair

Each year the proceeds from our Community Foundation Athena Education Fund are used to provide assistance to two or three women who are striving, through education, to improve their career opportunities. This year - to honor the memory of **Phyllis Marshall** - the Board of Directors voted unanimously to formally rename the awards as the "Phyllis P. Marshall Career Assistance Grants". Phyllis was a mentor extraordinaire, passionately devoted to education and this will serve as a permanent reminder within Athena of her contributions.





## Athena Housekeeping

A memorial to celebrate the life of **Phyllis Marshall** is scheduled for Monday, April 18, 11 a.m. at the USF Special Events Building adjacent to the Phyllis P. Marshall Building. Athena has been offered a reserved section to assure seating for all who wish to attend. If you'd like to be a part of that group, please call **Eleanor Hubbard** by April 11. To reach the parking garage for the facility, enter from Fletcher Avenue; driving east from 30<sup>th</sup> Street, turn right at Fontana Hall and follow the signs.

Information on the July 15-17 retreat at the Sarasota Ritz-Carlton should be in the mail within the next ten days.

There's still time to schedule yourself for the April 23 Athena Bonus - Italian cooking lessons! For a fee of \$65 (wine extra), you'll prepare a mouth-watering three-course menu in your teacher's Ballast Point home. Hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Reserve your place in the kitchen by contacting **Eleanor Hubbard** prior to April 15.

## News About Members

Our sincere sympathy goes to **Elaine Terenzi** for the loss of her father and to **Kassie Grizzard** for the loss of her mother.

**Leslie Reicin Stein** was recently promoted to Senior Vice President and General Counsel for Special Data Processing Corporation in Clearwater. In addition to being the chief lawyer, her responsibilities now include the human resources and regulatory compliance departments. Her retirement career has become more than full time.

**Aj Jemison** was named 2005 Executive Woman of the Year by the Network of Executive Women at a luncheon earlier this month. She joins an elite group of Athena members who have been similarly honored over the past two decades.

**Lisa Robbins** has been nominated in the business category for the Women of Distinction Awards presented annually by the Women's Council of the St. Petersburg Chamber of Commerce.

On March 12 **Elaine Shimberg** was the recipient of the St. Joseph Hospital's "Outstanding Achievement Award." Elaine has been involved with the hospital since 1982, has served two years as the chairman of the Board of Trustees and is the incoming chairman of their Foundation next year.

**Kim DeBosier** was named 2004 Florida West Coast Engineer of the Year by a consortium of Tampa Bay Area engineering societies last month. The award is given annually for technical and professional accomplishments in addition to community involvement and service to the profession. Kim is the first woman to receive the award in its 40-year history.



## Meet the New Grant Recipients

The three women who are recipients of our newly named Phyllis P. Marshall Career Assistance Grants will be on hand to be introduced and to tell us a bit about their aspirations. Each of the three is a single mother who has returned to school to better her career opportunities. While different circumstances have brought them to their current schools, they all are highly motivated for success and wonderful role models for their children. You will be warmed by their stories and by Athena's opportunity to provide help to them.

## Real Women

If you'd like to purchase our book, "Real Women," at the April luncheon, please notify Eleanor Hubbard in advance. Cost to members is \$21.35.

The book, as you know, was dedicated to **Nancy Ford** who conceived the idea originally and worked tirelessly to make it a reality. We recently received this note from her family:

Nancy worked on this project until her illness prevented her from continuing. She would be very pleased that you completed "Real Women" and honored by the dedication.



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May, 2005

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## Upcoming Meeting

- WHEN:** Thursday, May 5  
5:30 p.m. – Light buffet supper
- WHERE:** Centre Club  
Westshore at Kennedy
- PROGRAM:** Young Women of Promise  
Class of 2005
- COST:** Guests - \$20
- RSVP:** By May 2 – Call Eleanor Hubbard  
(251-9172) or email [ewhubbard@aol.com](mailto:ewhubbard@aol.com).

### OPEN MEETING – GUESTS WELCOME

A longtime favorite of Athena members, this program will certainly reassure that today's youth has abundant promise!

Eleven very special young women – selected from a field of 33 – will be presented, each outstanding in her own unique way. See page 3 for a list of those to be recognized.

Each honoree will have 3-5 minutes to describe which of her accomplishments has given her the greatest satisfaction and why. You'll be amazed, inspired and impressed by their stories.

Please join us and bring friends who'll enjoy meeting some truly incredible teens.



## President's Message

Well, our April program was another stellar one. I'm sure everyone left with the resolve to exercise more and eat better. Thanks to **Sue Schler, Elaine Shimberg** and **Linda Goldstein**. Thanks also to **Judy Ryan** and her committee for presenting such worthy recipients of the Phyllis Marshall Career Assistance Grants.

Since we have just discussed health related topics, I have some information to share. Although I am sure our membership has diverse opinions about the Terri Schiavo case, I think we have all learned the value of making your wishes regarding end of life decisions VERY clear. Toward that goal, I urge you all to talk to your families about your wishes and theirs and do it now. Terri Schiavo was a young women when the events that led to her condition took place.

If you want to prepare a Living Will, there is a form created by the Florida Bar and the Florida Medical Association which can be found and printed at [www.flabar.org](http://www.flabar.org). While you are there, I urge you also to print the Designation of Health Care Surrogate form which allows you to decide who will make medical decisions for you if you are incapacitated. None of us like to think about these things, but do your families a favor and take care of this for them now.

I know that **Sylvia Richardson** and her committee will have a great group of young women for us to meet at the announcement of the Young Women of Promise on May 5. I hope to see a big crowd.

Have a great May!

Margaret



## June Dates of Note

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|---------|--|
| June 2  | 5:30 p.m. - Annual Meeting, Centre Club  |
| June 12 | 5 to 7 p.m. - Party honoring new members to be held at the home of Tom and <b>Pam Wolf</b> |
| June 13 | Deadline for reserving for Sarasota retreat  |



## 2005 Young Women of Promise

<b>Brittany Fisher</b>	Academy of the Holy Names
<b>Leslie Blain Kelly</b>	H.B. Plant High School
<b>Rohini Komarla</b>	King High School
<b>Jessica Nicole Lacy</b>	Berkeley Preparatory School
<b>Crystal Danielle Page</b>	Riverview High School
<b>Mashay Reynolds</b>	East Bay High School
<b>Ashley Rogers</b>	Tampa Bay Technical High School
<b>Fina Thaimi</b>	Hillsborough High School
<b>Caitlin Wilson</b>	Gaither High School
<b>Jean Grace Wilson-Stayton</b>	Brandon High School
<b>Anna R. Wood</b>	Tampa Preparatory School



## Real Women

Our book, "Real Women," has been so successful that we're going into a second printing! If you notice anything that needs changing in the upcoming edition (a typo, a fact, etc.), please submit it to **Sandy Frye** or **Eleanor Hubbard** for consideration by the editing committee. Books will be available to members at the May dinner for \$22.

## News About Members

**Jan Platt** is out of office but not out of the spotlight; she continues to receive awards. On May 10 the Tampa Educational Cable Consortium will honor her as the 2005 Community Communicator of the Year at a luncheon in the University of Tampa's Grand Salon. This annual award is bestowed on those who have demonstrated dedication to preserving educational opportunities through the use of telecommunications technology. If you'd like to be part of an Athena table in support of Jan, please contact **Eleanor Hubbard** prior to May 3; tickets are \$28.



## Members' Projects

Heart disease is commonly believed to be a "man's problem" but the latest statistics tell another story: Coronary heart disease is the no. 1 killer of females in America today. The American Heart Association's Go Red for Women Luncheon brings attention to the threat of heart disease and creates a call to action for all women to commit to living a heart-healthy lifestyle. The luncheon will be held on May 10 at Raymond James Stadium from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. During the reception, guests can participate in health screenings, healthy cooking demonstrations and educational workshops. Tickets are \$100 and proceeds will benefit the American Heart Association's women-specific cardiovascular research and education programs. If you like to sit at the Athena table or need more information, please contact **Kassie Grizzard** at 245-8102.

The Antiques Roadshow is coming to the Tampa Convention Center, Saturday, June 25 and WEDU has been asked to provide 100 volunteers for the event. If you're interested, contact **Eleanor Hubbard** for additional information.

**Juel Smith** invites Athena members to save the date of May 26 for a luncheon at the Hyatt Regency to launch the USF Women in Leadership & Philanthropy Program; a personal invitation will follow. The program - established to educate, train and empower women to be effective community leaders and philanthropists - will offer educational, networking and mentorship opportunities on issues that include women and the arts; finance; business/technology; health; and sports. Current members include **Judy Genshaft, Elaine Fantle Shimberg, Deanne Roberts, Ann Ross, Renu Khator, Dore Beach, Dottie Berger MacKinnon, Paula Knaus, Kathy Betancourt and Aj Jemison**. For more information, contact **Juel Smith** at 974-6916 or [drsmith@admin.usf.edu](mailto:drsmith@admin.usf.edu).

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5:30 p.m. – cash bar  
6:15 p.m. – dinner
- WHERE:** Centre Club  
Westshore at Kennedy
- PROGRAM:** Business Meeting – Agenda to include:  
Election of Nominating Committee  
Approval of 2005-06 budget  
Introduction of new members  
Election of officers/directors  
Passing of the gavel  
Installation
- MENU:** Sliced New York Sirloin w/carmelized onions  
(If you prefer a veggie plate or chicken  
breast w/wild mushrooms, please indicate.)
- RSVP:** By May 30 – Call Eleanor Hubbard  
(251-9172) or email [ewhubbard@aol.com](mailto:ewhubbard@aol.com).

## CLOSED MEETING – MEMBERS ONLY

Please join us to show your support for those who have led this year and those who will lead during the next 12 months.

## Sunday, June 12 – Party Time!

Our annual party to honor new members is scheduled for Sunday, June 12, 5 to 7 p.m. at the home of Tom and **Pam Wolf**. The Hospitality Committee – chaired by **Susan Grady** – will present its usual wonderful spread....to be enjoyed in their lovely outdoor area or in air-conditioned comfort. There's no charge for members and one guest; additional guests are \$20. Reservations may be made by emailing or phoning **Eleanor Hubbard** prior to June 7. Please list guest names; see page 2 for driving directions. (Reservations are a "must" as names will be submitted at the guard gate for clearance to enter.)



## President's Message

I can't believe I am writing my last President's letter. What a year it has been! After a great retreat, we've had interesting programs, lovely parties and we've been introduced to some outstanding Young Women of Promise. We've embarked on the path to a dinner with a national speaker and a more wide ranging relationship with the Ophelia Project. We've added wonderful new members and our endowment has grown. What more could a president ask for? I won't dare to start naming all of the people I should thank because I would inevitably leave someone out and I don't need anything else to feel guilty about.

Having said that, I do want to thank **Eleanor Hubbard** publicly, loudly, profusely and, no doubt, inadequately for all she has done for me and for Athena this year. Running this show is a lot more complicated than it looks, but because of Eleanor's organizational skills, innovation, energy, tact and diplomacy, it all gets done.

I'm very careful passing on things I get from the internet, but I really liked the thoughts expressed in this "Wish" that follows. On Sunday at the Plant Baccalaureate, our pastor expressed a similar wish as a prayer for our graduating seniors.

The story behind the internet version is someone overhearing a family saying goodbye at an airport. They wished each other "enough." The curious onlooker asked what they meant. The father explained it was their family's shorthand way of reminding each other that they wanted each other to have enough good things to sustain them. It goes like this:

- I wish you enough sun to keep your attitude bright.
- I wish you enough rain to appreciate the sun more.
- I wish you enough happiness to keep your spirit alive.
- I wish you enough pain so the smallest joys in life appear much bigger.
- I wish you enough gain to satisfy your wanting.
- I wish you enough loss to appreciate all that you possess.
- I wish you enough "hellos" to get you through rough "goodbyes."

So, as we end this wonderful year, I thank all of you for the privilege of having served as your president and I wish you all enough.

Margaret

## Directions to June 12 Party

From South Tampa, take 275 north to Bearss Ave. exit. Go left (west) on Bearss under 275 and to the traffic light at Florida Ave. (also Hwy 41). Go right (north) on Florida for several miles. Look for a Publix on the right and a Century 21 Realty on the left. Turn left into the drive just south of the Century 21 building. The gate to Avila is just past that building. The guards will direct you from there to 709 Guisando de Avila.



## New Members to be Introduced

We're pleased to announce the following women have accepted Athena's invitation to membership and will be formally introduced at the June 2 annual meeting:

- Patricia Bean**, Hillsborough County Administrator
- Cathleen Clayton**, Owner – Clayton Galleries
- Doretha Edgecomb**, School Board Member
- Robin DeLaVergne**, VP Membership/Marketing, Tampa Chamber

**WELCOME! WELCOME!**

## Nominating Committee Election

At the April meeting, members were asked to vote for 12 individuals eligible to serve on the 2005-06 Nominating Committee. The following are being presented as the result of this preliminary ballot. (Due to a tie, there are 13.)

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|--------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Patti Breckenridge | Molly Crews     | Judy Munson   |
| Susan Bucklew      | Susan Freeman   | Judy Ryan     |
| Amelia Campbell    | Linda Goldstein | Mary Scriven  |
| Marva Crenshaw     | Dena Leavengood | Holly Tomlin  |
|                    |                 | JoAnn Urofsky |

The final election will take place at the June meeting at which time six members will be selected – five to serve as regular members and one to serve as an alternate until the annual meeting in 2006. If you do not plan to attend the June meeting, you may wish to implement Article V, Section 10 of the bylaws: Proxies.

## 2005-06 Slate

The following slate has been proposed by the Nominating Committee:

- President.....Linda Devine
- President-Elect.....Susan Leisner
- VP/Membership .....Sarah Jordan-Holmes
- VP/Programs .....Maria Howey
- Secretary .....Cynthia Gandee
- Treasurer.....Pamela Wolf
- Imm. Past President.....Margaret Mathews

### BOARD MEMBERS

- |                                |                   |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| Second year of<br>2-year term: | Two-year term:    |
| Melinda Chavez                 | Sylvia Richardson |
| Susan Freeman                  | Mary Scriven      |
| JoAnn Urofsky                  | Holly Tomlin      |

### MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

- |                                |                    |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| Second year of<br>2-year term: | Two-year term:     |
| Simone Gans Barefield          | Patti Breckenridge |
| Elizabeth Jenkins              | Lagretta Lenker    |
| Lisa Robbins                   | Wilma Smith        |
| (one year term)                |                    |
| Alternate: Kim DeBosier        |                    |



## News About Members

You may wish to keep in your thoughts and prayers a number of members who are experiencing health difficulties at this time including **Emmy Acton, Adelaide Few, Sarah Jordan-Holmes** and **Beth Waters**. These ladies are in various stages of medical distress but all need your support. Visits are not encouraged but all would no doubt appreciate cards and notes. Adelaide is working from home and is available by phone and Sarah actually is doing so well that she's back at work on a 60% schedule. We send loving and positive thoughts to them all.

Congratulations to Michael and **Rachelle DesVaux Bedke** on the birth of their second son on April 9. Bryce DesVaux Bedke weighed in at 5 lbs. 9 oz. and measured 18 and 1/2 inches. Though he arrived a month early, Rachelle reported, "he's doing wonderfully well and we couldn't be happier!" She'll be on maternity leave through the end of August and can be reached until then at [rachellebedke@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:rachellebedke@tampabay.rr.com).

**Joan Zinober** has good news and bad news: The good is the birth of grandbaby #5 - Peter Walter Zinober, born to Brett and Maria de Fatima Zinober on April 20. He weighed 8 lbs. 3 oz. and was 20 inches long. The bad news is that Joan broke her leg in two places and though she's having a fair amount of difficulty getting around these days, she's in good spirits.

A very special honor was bestowed on **RoseAnne Bowers** on May 13: dedication of the Bowers/Whitley Career Center at 13609 No. 22nd Street. The \$11 million center which opened in August offers vocational education for 386 students in grades 10-12. The center is part of a redevelopment program that includes facilities for social services, health and recreation in the blighted area west of USF.

**Juel Smith** has a new home and can now be reached at 15910 Dawson Ridge Drive, Tampa 33647. Phone: 971-7548.

**Carolyn Reed** and husband Larry Samaha have left for Russia to bring home their newly adopted son, Anatoly. Ten-year-old Anatoly is not a complete stranger to the area as he spent several weeks here last summer. The family will return on June 3. To see photos, go to [do creed.blogspot.com](http://do creed.blogspot.com).

## Athena "Housekeeping"

As usual, there will be no Athena meetings in July and August; luncheons will resume in September. Barring extraordinary circumstances in the coming year, we'll continue to adhere to our first Thursday of the month schedule with dinners in December, May and June. (October will be an exception - details later.)

Reservations for retreat have been coming in at a steady rate but the deadline is fast approaching: June 13. (Date for release of room block.) Please mail your form with check and credit card information ASAP; we have a wonderful weekend planned. Specifics again: July 15-17 at the Sarasota Ritz-Carlton. Need a roommate? No problem.....Eleanor will match you up.



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## Upcoming Meeting

**WHEN:** Thursday, September 1  
11:55 a.m.

**WHERE:** Centre Club  
Westshore at Kennedy

**PROGRAM:** Celebrating *Real Women*

**COST:** Guests - \$20

**RSVP:** By August 29 – Call **Eleanor Hubbard**  
(251-9172) or email [ewhubbard@aol.com](mailto:ewhubbard@aol.com).

## OPEN MEETING – GUESTS WELCOME

Be a part of this special program to celebrate Athena's very own *Real Women of Tampa and Hillsborough County from Prehistory to the Millennium*. Author Doris Weatherford, publisher Richard Mathews of the University of Tampa Press and our Athena leader in this venture, **Sandy Frye**, will reflect on the book's development and its unique place in area history.

*Real Women* represents a major and multi-year project for Athena, and we will enjoy remembering and celebrating the journey to its completion – and what it means for generations of women to come. Books will be available for purchase at \$22.





## President's Message

September has always been the "beginning" of my year – as a student, parent and educator. It is the season of first starts and clean slates. For me it's reminiscent of getting that new box of crayons, cracking open the shrink wrap on the semester's books, and looking forward to crispy evenings (well, maybe not in Florida...J). There's something new in the air, a hopefulness and a promise of good things to come.

And this year has started off in earnest!

**Barbara Reeves'** Retreat Committee (**Susan Dellinger**, **Dena Leavengood**, **Kassie Grizzard**, **Suzy McClain**, and **Betty Tribble**, so ably supported by **Eleanor Hubbard**) created a wonderful experience at the Sarasota Ritz Carlton. **Dr. Dellinger**, in her inimical fashion, presided over the program - a reflection of arts, culture, community and self - and we welcomed speaker Patricia Caswell, Executive Director of the Sarasota Arts Council (thank you to **Vickie Vega** for making this connection). We then learned from four gifted and talented Athenians: **Margie Miller**, **Melinda Chavez**, **Bonnie Saks**, and **Ruth Kinsolving**. Each brought us a unique and informed perspective, creating great conversational exchanges. Special kudos to **Elaine Terenzi** who took our pictures and compiled our sentiments for friends **Emmy Acton**, **Beth Waters**, and **Adelaide Few**. And our hats were off to **Margaret Mathews**, who was honored by **Judy Ryan** on our behalf for her tireless, upbeat, and thoughtful work as President.

We finished Retreat at the Field Club, a charming and most unusual oasis, by hearing from Dr. Norrine Russell, Executive Director of the Ophelia Project Tampa Bay. I trust that you have had an opportunity to read the letter sent to you about Athena's partnership with Ophelia. This relationship has developed quite naturally, as the aims of Athena and Ophelia are aligned in many ways. **Please mark your calendars for October 27!** Athena is hosting and sponsoring the dinner featuring keynote speaker Dr. Nancy Snyderman. The dinner is part of Ophelia's national conference called *Girls 2005! Changing the Culture for Girls* being held October 27-28 at the Grand Hyatt/Tampa. **Molly Crews**, our Conference Program chair, **Mary Estes**, and **Margaret Mathews** briefed the Retreat participants on our partnership and the ways in which Athena can support this endeavor. Our Retreat discussion was charged with excitement and possibilities, and **Molly, Mary, Margaret** and other committee members will be talking with you soon about options for involvement. Since this event is being held in lieu of our regular November meeting, \$25 will be credited toward your \$75 dinner ticket or conference registration. If you'd like to read more about the Ophelia Project, I encourage you to visit [www.opheliaproject.org](http://www.opheliaproject.org).

I look forward to welcoming the new season with you on September 1. What better way to begin than by celebrating *Real Women?* We are!

Linda



## Athena "Housekeeping"

What are your thoughts on staging our annual retreat in a foreign locale? As we enter our 30th year, the idea has been proposed and will be seriously considered if enough members express interest. Europe, Mexico, Canada...all have been suggested. If the thought is appealing, let us hear from you within the next few weeks; we'll update you on the response.

For the convenience of members who "calendar" for the full year ahead, please note our meeting dates: October 6, October 27 (Ophelia dinner), December 1 (dinner), January 5, February 2, March 2, April 6, May 4 and June 1 (dinner).

August 25 is the last day for changes or new photos in the directory.

## Update From Beth and Emmy

"First of all, thanks so much for the DVD from the retreat. I loved the pictures and the letters; it was a real morale booster. I am doing fine, not working much but trying to stay on top of the e-mails and such. I have had so much help for which I am eternally grateful. The results from all my tests have been very good thus far and I am hoping to be finished with chemotherapy by early November. My biggest complaint is exhaustion from the weekly treatments but this will pass and I look forward to resuming a more active life soon." **Beth Waters**

"I am finally feeling relatively normal again. I have had four surgeries related to a failed pancreas transplant. I have been attached to a machine w/a six-foot catheter in my wound to help it heal for 10 weeks now. A nurse comes every other day to change the tubing and dressing. I am hoping that I can detach from it soon! Thanks to all of my "Pancreas Pals" in Athena. Many things in life may change but girlfriends are forever!" **Emmy Acton**





## News About Members

Our deepest sympathy goes to **Cecile Essrig** and **Katherine Essrig** for the recent loss of their husband and father, Marvin E. Essrig.

Our thoughts and prayers also are with **Vicki Vega** whose mother passed away during the summer.

**Jan Platt** has been selected to receive this year's Tampa Bay Ethics Award for "exemplifying and supporting the highest ethical standards in the Tampa Bay community." The award was created in 1994 by the Center for Ethics at the University of Tampa "to recognize role models in the community whose lives demonstrate the positive character qualities we would like to emulate." The award will be presented at 7:30 a.m. on September 23 in the Vaughn Center at UT. Tickets are \$20.

**Adrienne Garcia** has been selected 2005 Hispanic Woman of the Year and will be honored at the Tampa Hispanic Heritage Gala to be held on September 24 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. The award is bestowed on those who "have excelled in their endeavors to advance, promote, maintain and enhance our Hispanic heritage." Tickets for the Gala are \$65.

(If you'd like to make up an Athena table at either of these events, please contact **Eleanor Hubbard** prior to September 9.)

Congratulations to **Amelia Campbell** and husband Bill Sharon, the proud parents of Tyler William Sharon born on June 15. Though relishing her role as fulltime mom, Amelia will be returning to Fowler White in mid-September.

USF residents in the Department of Ophthalmology have selected **Moira Burke** for the surgical teaching award for the third time in four years!

Three members are finalists for the Tampa Bay Business Journal's Business Woman of the Year: **Kathy Castor** (government); **Louise Thompson** (media) and **Holly Tomlin** (business services). The winners in each category will be announced at a gala event on August 19 at the Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay.

## Members' Projects

**Elaine Shimberg** is co-chairing the "Brides Around the World Showcase," a family event to benefit St. Joseph's Women's Hospital, on Sunday, August 28, at the downtown Hyatt. High tea will be served at 2 p.m., followed by a unique bridal showcase featuring gowns from Viet Nam, West Africa, India, Spain, Greece, Bavaria, Lebanon, etc. You won't want to miss a special appearance by **Judy Lisi!** In addition to an International Bazaar, you'll see a special display of the bridal gowns of such women leaders as **Judy Genshaft**, **Pam Iorio**, WFLA-TV's Irene Maher, Celia Ferman and the late Adele Gonzmart. Individual tickets are \$35; for reservations and patron/sponsor seating, call 872-0979.

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## OPEN MEETING – GUESTS WELCOME

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. With the recent media disclosure of the Peter Jennings' death, the announcement of Dana Reeves lung cancer diagnosis and cancers among our own membership, friends and families, we become more aware that cancer is an equal opportunity offender.

Dr. Kepes directs the Center for Radiation Oncology, which she opened in 1993, and serves as a physician as well as chief operating officer. The center provides total cancer care, focused on you, your family and individual treatment needs.

Dr. Kepes has been described by a colleague as funny, kind, tender and tough. Join us for what will be an informative and stimulating meeting.



## President's Message

**"Authenticity"** is a concept that I think about every now and then – and it was solidly on my mind at our September meeting when we feted not only *Real Women*, but **Sandy Frye** and all the women who persevered to make this unique history a reality. I knew that this concept was worth further reflection when **Rhoda Franklin** and I engaged in a spontaneous discussion about what a marvelously authentic group Athena is – and we used the word "authentic" nearly simultaneously.

Living authentically in this oft-times not-so-authentic world, where the artificial can easily blur the real, requires steadfastness to purpose, genuineness in spirit and demonstration of real support in good times and bad. Beginning with our founders – **Nancy Ford, Suzy McLain, Susan Leisner** and **Irene Bodeman** - Athena is replete with such women and that is one of several reasons I value my Athena connection - so many real, authentic women who have clear and genuine purposes and the perseverance to reach them.

Many of you were part of the *Real Women* process and I wish to acknowledge Presidents **Judy Munson, Molly Crews, Marva Crenshaw, Judy Ryan** and **Margaret Mathews** for keeping the project's pilot light glowing for so many years and **Carol Dyches** who worked closely with Sandy throughout this time. We have collaboratively created a very special, tangible gift for future generations of girls and women in Tampa and Hillsborough County – a collection of historically significant texts that will inform those who will succeed us in promoting equality and opportunity for women.

**October features programs** on both ends of the month so please mark **October 6** (regular October meeting) and **October 27** (in place of the November meeting). **Maria Howey**, Vice President/Programs, is focusing us on women's health issues at the former, and we are hosting and sponsoring the Ophelia Project Conference dinner featuring keynote speaker Dr. Nancy Snyderman on October 27. As you know, the dinner is part of Ophelia's national conference called *Girls 2005! Changing the Culture for Girls* being held October 27-28 at the Grand Hyatt/Tampa. **Molly Crews**, our Conference Program chair and her committee will be talking with you individually about the ways in which Athena can support this endeavor.

**One more thought** – it is not too early to think about Athena membership – February (and the membership nomination deadline it brings) will be here before we know it. Be thinking about the "real women" you know who may make wonderful candidates for Athena membership and invite them to an upcoming open meeting (October 6, January 5, and February 2). **Sarah Jordan-Holmes**, Vice President/Membership, will be leading this year's membership process and specific details will be forthcoming later in the year.

May your October be fulfilling and authentic in every way –

Linda



## News About Members

Congratulations to **Jeanne Tate**, P.A. for being named 2005 Small Business of the Year in the category for 5-20 employees. Her law firm specializes in adoptions. Congratulations also to **Kim DeBosier**, president of Bayside Engineering, a semi-finalist in the category for 21-50 employees.

**Helen Gordon Davis** recently had knee replacement surgery, is doing well and is recuperating at Canterbury Tower. Call her on her cell: 690-3531...she'd love to hear from you. And a bit of not-so-current news about Helen: She was presented the prestigious Liberty Bell Award by the Hillsborough County Bar Association at their Law Day Luncheon in May. The award is presented annually to an individual for community service which strengthens the effectiveness of the American system of freedom under law. The award recognizes, in part, outstanding service activities which promote a better understanding of our form of government.

**Moira Burke** applauds the spirit of volunteerism exhibited by her daughter-in-law, colorectal surgeon Margarita Murphy who has traveled to assist in the Katrina Rescue area from her home in Royal Oaks, Michigan.

## Update From Adelaide Few

I am so grateful for the continuing support of my Athena sisters during my "adventure in cancer treatment." This update is to assure you that I am doing well and am anticipating a re-evaluation of my condition later in September and a progress report from my medical team in early October. I am still working as much as possible, partly from home and partly from my office when I feel like that is necessary, so don't hesitate to call me either place...I really love hearing from you and the encouragement it gives me to remember that there is life beyond this interruption. It is impossible to quantify the value of your support and your prayers. I can only thank you.

## Farewell from Judy Munson

With many happy Tampa memories and friendships, Jim and I have purchased a condo in Asheville, NC and plan to enjoy guests from Tampa, the mountains and four seasons. We are very familiar with Asheville because my parents lived there for 10 years and we visited often. Our decision to move was made in early June when we both had the "exploring gene." We are blessed with good health and energy.

Without a doubt, my association with Athena is the best thing that has ever happen to me - except Jim. My Athena sisters are the best! Your friendship and support have been wonderful. I will stay in touch and will be returning to Tampa frequently. Cheers!

Judy



## Members' Projects

**Jean Amuso** invites all women golfers to participate in the Annual Jennifer Currie Women's Golf Classic, the proceeds of which will benefit the USF Women's Golf Team. This first-class event on October 10 includes food, beverages, door prizes and a 2005 Ford Mustang for a Hole in One. Contact Susan Holt at USF (632-6893) or Idania Martin (357-6708) to register. Shotgun Start at 1 p.m. with dinner and awards at 5:30 p.m.

Athena members are invited to hear Colonel Margaret Woodward speak at 9 a.m. on Monday, October 17, at the USF Alumni Center (Tradition Hall). Under the auspices of the Women in Leadership & Philanthropy, headed by **Juel Smith**, she will be sharing the experiences which have led to her current position: Commander of the Sixth Air Mobility Wing & Installation Commander at MacDill Air Force Base. For reservations, call 974-9646.

## Athena Supports Ophelia

by Molly Crews

We continue to remind you of the Ophelia Project Conference: Girls 2005! Changing the Culture for Girls being held at the Grand Hyatt (Causeway) on Oct 27-28 because we want to show Athena Support of this event!

Ophelia's mission is to work toward an emotionally, physically and socially safe culture for all girls by developing and networking community resources, volunteers and programs. Athena's sponsorship of the Thursday night dinner featuring Nancy Snyderman, author of *Girl in the Mirror: Mothers and Daughters in the Years of Adolescence*, fits perfectly with our own long-term plan of bringing a national speaker to the area to address issues concerning women. We need you to:

1. Come to the Thursday night dinner. (\$50 for Athena members) Send checks to **Eleanor Hubbard** by 10/6.
2. Pass information on the workshops to organizations or parents that could benefit. Continuing Education Units might be available.
3. Have your organization or business buy a table for Thursday's dinner. Only \$750 to send 10 people.

For more information on other nationally known speakers at conference, special parent workshops, etc. log on to [www.opheliatampa.org](http://www.opheliatampa.org) or contact Norrine Russell, Executive Director at 813/224-9622.

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## Upcoming Meeting

- WHEN:** Thursday, December 1  
Cocktail buffet  
5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
- WHERE:** Graphicstudio  
USF – 3702 Spectrum Blvd., Suite 100
- PROGRAM:** Tour studios/printing demonstration  
Holiday music by the USF  
Chamber Singers  
Gift Opportunity (see page 3)
- RSVP:** By November 28 – Call **Eleanor Hubbard** (251-9172) or email [ewhubbard@aol.com](mailto:ewhubbard@aol.com).

## CLOSED MEETING – MEMBERS ONLY

What a fabulous way to launch the holiday season...at USF's renown Graphicstudio, a university based workshop dedicated to research and experimentation to produce limited edition prints and sculpture multiples. Graphicstudio and the Contemporary Art Museum form the Institute for Research in Art - directed by Professor **Margaret Miller**.

Since 1968 Graphicstudio has produced new work with over 100 internationally significant artists including Robert Rauschenberg, William Wegman, James Rosenquist, Chuck Close, Ed Ruscha and most recently Vik Muniz and Los Carpinteros. Join us for a very special evening. See page 4 for driving directions.



## President's Message

This time of year inspires reflection and thankfulness, and I am thankful for you on several levels.

- *I am grateful for your stories.* As we were leaving the Athena/Ophelia Project dinner last month, I couldn't help but think about storytelling. One of our members (who asked to be left **unnamed** – you know who you are!) and I talked about how important it is for women to exchange information – and we typically do it in the form storytelling. Indeed, Dr. Nancy Snyderman's speech (using no notes, many of us noted J ) was chiefly in the form of storytelling. We glean from each others' stories the common strands that are applicable to our own situations, as diverse as they may be, and, in return, offer support and respite.
- *I am grateful for your spirit of volunteerism and sharing.* In a few short months, **Barbara Reeves** led us on a delightful retreat experience (complete with Athenians sharing expertise); we celebrated our efforts in birthing a book under **Sandy Frye's** leadership; we supported a national speaker program through **Molly Crews'** committee; and we have been kept informed by **Dena Leavengood's** committee about crucial public issues. This month brings an artful and educational evening at USF's Graphicstudio (December 1), and we thank **Margaret Miller** for not only providing a stimulating venue but planning an educational component as well. **Susan Leisner** will open her home to us (December 11) for our annual holiday buffet, working in concert with **Elizabeth Walters** and the Hospitality Committee.
- *I am grateful for the talents I see at work for Athena – some seen and some unseen.* I marvel at what strength is among us. I am particularly grateful for a feisty and informed **Board**, a **Past Presidents' Council** that is filled with wisdom and care and an administrator in **Eleanor Hubbard** who guides us with corporate history and gentle prodding.
- *I am grateful for our connectedness.* I talked with two members this week with whom I had not had lengthy conversation previously – and it was not Athena business that we discussed but other matters of concern. The conversations yielded new understanding and connectedness – thanks to our Athena ties. I have heard this theme repeated often in this organization – the ability to call upon others and be received.

I know that Athena represents different things to all of us – and perhaps different things depending on the period of our lives. In this contemplative season, Athena is my *park bench*. Yes, my bench! Athena is a *place* for me - a place where I can sit, think, enjoy a conversation with you, hear your story, dream of the possibilities for this organization and plan for the New Year. Park benches connote quiet, nature, relaxation – elements that are sometimes in short supply in my life. I hope that you have many benches in this very busy life – and that you count Athena among them. Thank you!

Linda



## Holiday Buffet - December 11

Annual highlight of the season is Athena's Holiday Buffet to be held at the home of Richard and **Susan Leisner**, 10125 White Trout Lane (Carrollwood) from 5 to 7 p.m. on Sunday, December 11. The Hospitality Committee – chaired by **Elizabeth Walters** – will present its usual wonderful spread.....to be enjoyed in indoor comfort or the Leisners lovely outdoor area. There's no charge for members and one guest; additional guests are \$20. Reservations may be made by emailing or phoning **Eleanor Hubbard** prior to December 6. (Due to lack of space here, driving directions will be emailed next week.)

## Gift Opportunity - Athena Society Education Fund

As the year closes, please consider making a contribution to the Athena Society's Women's Education Fund administered through the Community Foundation of Tampa Bay. At the end of September, the value of the Fund was \$44,015.88. A donation to the Fund can be made in honor of someone special to you and is the perfect birthday or holiday present.

Our dollars do make a difference – each spring we award scholarships (career assistance grants) to women who need a helping hand to reach their educational goals. Our scholarships support tuition, books, transportation, childcare and other educational costs. For those of you who have attended the April meetings at which the scholarships are typically presented, you know how much these scholarships mean to the recipients.

We'll have a basket available for donations at the December 1 meeting and will send a reminder via snail mail. We know that Athena members are involved in many charitable efforts, and we hope that you remember the Fund in your philanthropic choices.

Linda Devine

 *Happy Thanksgiving!* 



## News About Members

On October 29<sup>th</sup> FSU's College of Social Sciences honored **Jan Platt** as its 2005 Distinguished Alumnus in recognition of "her integrity and commitment to good government."

Congratulations to **Maria Howey** on the birth of her new grandson "Charlie" Bardin, baby brother of Natalie. Born on November 8, Charlie weighed in at 8 lbs. 4 oz.

Our sincere sympathy goes to **Leslie Stein** who recently lost her father.

Longtime members who may have missed the Tribune notice will be sad to learn that former member **Sue McCord** passed away on October 13.

## Driving Directions for Dec. 1 Meeting

From I-275 take the Fowler Ave. exit - turn EAST onto Fowler for about 3 miles, past the mall and through Bruce B. Downs intersection. Look for the Embassy Suites on your left - turn LEFT onto Spectrum Blvd. There are some new multi-story buildings on the right - Graphicstudio is in the first one-story building on your right - third driveway - clearly marked 3702. Come straight into the parking lot - Parking after 5:30 is unrestricted. Address is 3702 Spectrum Blvd. Suite 100, 974-3503.

## Members' Projects

The Planned Parenthood of Southwest and Central Florida annual luncheon commemorating the anniversary of Roe v. Wade will be held on November 30 at noon at the Hyatt Regency Downtown. Guest speaker is Barbara Ehrenreich, journalist and author of Bait and Switch and Nickel and Dimed (explorations of the ever-increasing white-collar unemployed and minimum-wage workers, respectively); and Charles Mahan, MD, former Dean of the USF College of Public Health and Director of the State Health Department, will be honored for his contributions to women's health. Luncheon committee members include **Helen Gordon Davis, Sandy Freedman, Pat Frank** and **Adrienne Garcia**. For tickets (\$50) call 941/365-3913x115.

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## Upcoming Meeting

**WHEN:** Thursday, January 5  
11:55 a.m.

**WHERE:** Centre Club  
Westshore at Kennedy

**PROGRAM:** Hillsborough County Schools:  
Where We Are and Where We're Going

**SPEAKER:** MaryEllen Elia  
Superintendent of Schools

**COST:** Guests - \$20

**RSVP:** By January 3 – Call **Eleanor Hubbard**  
(251-9172) or email [ewhubbard@aol.com](mailto:ewhubbard@aol.com).

## OPEN MEETING – GUESTS WELCOME

The two greatest challenges facing the system are:

The need to increase achievement for every student though their needs and abilities vary widely and

Growth of the school district which currently serves 192,000 students in nearly 200 schools

You may be surprised to learn that Hillsborough County is now the ninth largest school district in the country and that in the last eight years it has opened 60 new schools, built additions on 119 and renovated 70 schools!

Ms. Elia will provide the details on how the county plans to continue meeting the challenge of 6700 additional students each year. She has indicated she'll welcome questions, so you might want to have some ready.



## President's Message

It is likely that this newsletter will find you closing the chapter of 2005 in your life and facing the prospect of 2006. The turn of a calendar year is one of those marker periods when I look forward to times to come. It might be a conference that I've been waiting for, a weekend away or other similar events. It may mean learning a new skill, tackling a challenge or anticipating something else out of the ordinary.

And that, my friends, is Athena - something out of the ordinary. And what makes you so? It is, from my perspective, your individual and collective abilities to make memories - a simple concept, somewhat abstract but incredibly powerful.

This past month there were several of you in the memory-making business. **Margy Miller** opened the doors of Graphicstudio for the December meeting in such a perfect way... heavenly music from USF choral students, great food, engaging art and interaction with those who make art as they created in our midst. **Susan Leisner** created memories, too, by sharing her lovely home at the Holiday Buffet, and **Elizabeth Walters** and **Eleanor Hubbard** coordinated behind the scenes to bring the details together for a festive evening, along with Hospitality Committee members **Holly Tomlin, Cynthia Gandee, Lagretta Lenker, Moira Burke, Dena Leavengood, Linda Fries, Rachelle Bedke, Sandy Frye, Susan Grady, Anne Kantor, Ruth Kinsolving, Adrienne Garcia, Deanne Roberts** and Vic Leavengood (salmon expert extraordinaire and our dear honorary member!).

You make memories daily in your professional and civic worlds. Your words and deeds lift others by coaching or guiding; encouraging someone in need; contributing to a cause; or providing professional expertise to create the best possible situation for a patron, customer or client. Long after the tangible things of our lives pass away, what you will leave in the hearts and minds of others are these memories - how you have made an impact in someone else's world.

Collectively we will make more memories in 2006. The recipients will be women whom we will assist through Community Foundation grants, girls we've yet to meet through the Young Women of Promise program and women we will re-connect with through Young Women of Achievement. We will provide a step up for each other, a leaning post for those who are weary, applause for the upward bound. And best of all, we will be memory makers - creators of possibilities, stretchers of imaginations.

I thank you for creating grand memories for me. Together let's make it an extraordinary year of memory making - for each other and those in our larger community.

Linda

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## Update – Comm. on Status of Women

by Susan Leisner, Chair

The Commission on the Status of Women was formed just over two years ago and consists of 13 women – seven appointed by the County Commission and five representing business and women's organizations in Hillsborough County, including the Chamber of Commerce, The Spring, Center for Women, League of Women Voters, Urban League and the Hispanic Professional Women's Association. Five Athena members (**Aj Jemison**, **Beth Ficquette**, **Margaret Mathews**, **Juel Smith** and **I**) have served or are currently serving on the Commission.

In our early meetings we decided to focus on four issues affecting women's ability to lead independent and productive lives while providing for their children's education and upbringing. Those areas were: housing, employment, health care and child care. We have now held workshops at various sites around the county on these topics and, in collaboration with different USF departments and professors, are creating comprehensive reports on each.

In all of these workshops we are finding what the United Nations has called the "feminization of poverty" which is defined as "an increasing female proportion of the population on low incomes or in poverty and a social process in which poverty among women becomes much higher than among men."

For example, in 2000 six percent of married couples with children lived in poverty compared to 33% of female heads of household with children. In Hillsborough County an astounding 43.5% of female headed households with children under five live in poverty. Being the primary caretaker of a family restricts women's participation in the labor market which invariably leads to inaccessibility to proper economic resources such as housing, child care and health care.

For more information on the Commission, its members and access to our reports, please visit our website at [hillsboroughcounty.org/statusofwomen](http://hillsboroughcounty.org/statusofwomen).

## Directory Changes

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<b>Mary Lou Harkness</b>	Home: 975-5658
<b>Maria Howey</b>	Home: 1507 Bay Villa Place, 33629
<b>Becky Steele</b>	Home: 286-0310



## Members' Projects

Please join me and other Athena members in celebrating **Sarah Jordan-Holmes'** successful battle against cancer. The diagnosis has been a challenging time. She is back at work doing what she does best, making friends and influencing people on behalf of Prevent Blindness Florida.

In celebration, the organization's Board of Governors is launching a "Count Your Blessings Endowment" in honor of Sarah to support vision services for children. The effort is one way to recognize her long-time advocacy for the prevention of blindness as well as the perseverance and grace with which she has met this immediate challenge in her life.

You'll receive an invitation in the mail, but I urge you to save the date: Jan. 24, at the Don Vicente Inn in Ybor City. The Inn's owner, Jack Shiver, is generously providing his lovely, restored hotel and the appetizers for this party. The board members of Prevent Blindness Florida are personally underwriting the other costs for the event. Still in the quiet phase, they have already raised over \$100,000 for the endowment including a match from the Community Foundation of Tampa Bay.

I hope that Sarah's Athena friends will attend this celebration event and honor her work through a donation to the endowment.

**Deanne Roberts**

## News About Members

**Sylvia Richardson's** article, "Pulling the Pieces Together – The Doctor Is In", was published in the October-December 2005 edition of *Topics Language Disorders*, a double blind peer-reviewed journal. Sylvia is past president of the American Speech-Language Hearing Association and the International Dyslexia Association and continues to travel extensively as an invited speaker.

❧ *Happy New Year!* ❧

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## Upcoming Meeting

- WHEN:** Thursday, February 2  
11:55 a.m.
- WHERE:** Centre Club  
Westshore at Kennedy
- PROGRAM:** Reframing Community Dialogue:  
If It's Broken, Let's Fix It!
- SPEAKER:** Joanne Olvera Lighter,  
Community Consultant
- COST:** Guests - \$20
- RSVP:** By January 30 – Call **Eleanor Hubbard**  
(251-9172) or email [ewhubbard@aol.com](mailto:ewhubbard@aol.com).

## OPEN MEETING – GUESTS WELCOME

Tired of “swimming upstream against a heavy current” when addressing important local, state and national issues? Interested in learning how to reframe the discussion to re-engage the public, stimulate action and affect positive change?

As former chair of the Florida Philanthropic Network and former CEO of Clearwater-based Allegany Franciscan Foundation, Joanne Lighter was instrumental in educating leaders, professionals and the general public about important community issues and effective advocacy.

Join Ms. Lighter and the Public Issues/Community Action Committee for an enlightening interactive program focusing on fixing broken dialogue strategies and community systems. Learn how to effectively communicate a message leading to action and change!



## President's Message

**February** – the shortest month but perhaps one of the busiest of the spring season. The Athena agenda is no exception. We are looking forward to the February Public Issues/Community Action Program to learn more about how to frame community discussion. Much appreciation goes to Chair **Dena Leavengood** and the many Athenians who have contributed to public issues/community action conversations this year:

**Nancy Cole**  
**Ann Ross**  
**Anne Kantor**

**Jean Amuso**  
**JoAnn Urofsky**  
**Judy Ryan**

**Mary Estes**  
**Mary Lou Harkness**  
**Melina Chavez**

**Susan Dellinger**  
**Susan Grady**

**Becky Steele**  
**Bonnie Saks**  
**Elaine Terenzi**

**Laura Waller**  
**Lagretta Lenker**  
**Leslie Stein**

**Pat Bean**  
**Paula Knaus**  
**Rachelle Bedke**

**Gwynne Young**  
**Helen Gordon Davis**  
**Holly Tomlin**

**Linda Saul Sena**  
**Louise Thompson**  
**Margie Miller**

**Ruth Kinsolving**  
**Sandy Frye**  
**Stephanie Ferrell**

This is also the month that we receive applications and endorsements for membership, and Vice President of Membership **Sarah Jordan-Holmes** and Membership Committee members **Simone Gans Barefield**, **Patti Breckenridge**, **Elizabeth Jenkins**, **Lagretta Lenker**, **Lisa Robbins**, **Wilma Smith** and **Kim DeBosier** will begin their review.

Mary Ellen Elia's remarks at the January meeting, coupled with my musings about the spring work of Athena, have led me to think about the notion of *generativity*. Psychologist Erik Erikson described this stage of development when one expresses a concern or cares for the next generation(s). Adult development author Dan McAdams reflected that generativity occurs when the focus shifts from "agency", or concern for self, to "communion", or service to the group. Athena, in my estimation, embodies those complementary concepts of service and concern for others. And it is during this very short month that the groundwork is laid for the spring agenda that simply oozes with generativity – selecting new members, scholarships to women with dreams, honors to young women of promise – among many other activities that renew and strengthen Athena for the next generations.

Here's to those who can look beyond the horizon and plan for the possibilities!

Linda



## Athena Housekeeping

Reminder: Membership nominations must be received at Athena's post office box OR post-marked by Tuesday, February 21. Membership VP **Sarah Jordan-Holmes** suggests you bring your candidate to the February 2nd meeting as this will be the last opportunity for introductions to the group. Questions regarding the process may be directed to Sarah (874-2020) or **Eleanor Hubbard** (251-9172).

If you see articles about Athena members in trade papers, professional journals, regional editions of the Tampa Tribune, St. Pete Times or anywhere else, please pass them on to Archives Chair **Renee Williams**. As always, we're striving to make the chronology of our year as complete as possible.

Though the Athena Society was not mentioned, there was a wonderful writeup about Doris Weatherford and *Real Women* in the (Sunday) January 15 issue of the Tampa Tribune. Think of the real women in your life who might enjoy a copy for Valentine's Day, birthday, Presidents' Day or whenever! We'll have books available at the February luncheon.....\$22 each.

It's not too early to start planning for those great summer weekend getaways, the best of which may be the annual retreat...set for July 14-16 at the Coconut Grove Ritz-Carlton! South Beach, of course, will be included in our exciting agenda. The fun will begin on our chartered bus, so plan to be part of it.

This is the year for reviewing bylaws; anyone having recommendations for change should contact **Linda Devine** by February 10.

## Helen Gordon Davis to be Honored

The League of Women Voters of Hillsborough County has selected **Helen Gordon Davis** as the first recipient of the League's Lifetime Achievement Award. The award is being presented as a tribute to Helen's lifetime contribution to the community – contributions well known to most of us and far too extensive to list here. The award ceremony is scheduled for Friday, February 17, 11:45 a.m. at the Centre Club; tickets are \$35 each. If you'd like to join HGD supporters at the Athena table, please reserve with **Eleanor Hubbard** prior to February 10. Checks – made payable to LWV – should be mailed to the Athena box (10813, 33679).



## Update - Public Issues/Community Action Comm.

by Dena Gross Leavengood, Chair

### **“STRATEGIC FRAME ANALYSIS” – Message Matters!**

The Athena Public Issues/Community Action Committee’s focus this year is on Athenians leading the “reframing” of dialogue about issues of importance to Athenians and our community. Of particular interest are issues for which Athena has position statements and, using FrameWorks Institute’s work as a resource, our goal is to advance positive community change via more effective messages and forms of communication delivery.

We encourage you to visit the FrameWorks Institute website, [www.frameworksinstitute.org](http://www.frameworksinstitute.org), that introduces the concept of “Strategic Frame Analysis”. In short, for the past five years, a rare collaboration between communications scholars and practitioners has begun to evolve a new approach to explaining social issues to the public. *Strategic frame analysis* is an approach to communications research and practice that pays attention to the public’s deeply held worldviews and widely held assumptions. This approach was developed at the FrameWorks Institute by a multi-disciplinary team of people capable of studying those assumptions and testing them to determine their impact on social policies.

Recognizing that there is more than one way to tell a story, strategic frame analysis taps into decades of research on how people think and communicate. The result is an empirically-driven communications process that makes academic research understandable, interesting and usable to help people solve social problems.

This interdisciplinary work is made possible by the fact that the concept of framing is found in the literatures of numerous academic disciplines across the social, behavioral and cognitive sciences. Put simply, framing refers to the construct of a communication — its language, visuals and messengers — and the way it signals to the listener or observer how to interpret and classify new information.

It is our committee’s hope that you will find this analysis helpful to your efforts in the community, and that you’ll join us in “reframing” the dialogue!

## Nominating Committee Results

At the June meeting members voted for six individuals to serve on the 2005-06 Nominating Committee. The following were elected:

<b>Patti Breckenridge</b>	<b>Dena Leavengood</b>
<b>Marva Crenshaw</b>	<b>Mary Scriven</b>
<b>Molly Crews</b>	<b>JoAnn Urofsky</b>

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## Upcoming Meeting

- WHEN:** Thursday, March 2  
11:55 a.m.
- WHERE:** Centre Club  
Westshore at Kennedy
- PROGRAM:** TBPAC - One of Tampa's Crown Jewels
- SPEAKER:** Judith Lisi, President  
Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center
- COST:** Guests - \$20
- RSVP:** By February 27 – Call **Eleanor Hubbard**  
(251-9172) or email [ewhubbard@aol.com](mailto:ewhubbard@aol.com).

## OPEN MEETING – GUESTS WELCOME

Judy Lisi will brief us on the history and share plans for the future of the Center as it approaches its 20th Anniversary Season. We'll learn the background of the emergence of the Performing Arts Center movement in the national cultural landscape, beginning with the Lincoln Center in the sixties. Judy will walk us through the development of the TBPAC and the Patel Conservatory within that framework and the exciting future of The Center's new strategic plan and mission.

An amazing statistic: Pollstar magazine ranked the Center's Carol Morsani Hall tenth highest worldwide in overall 2005 ticket sales for venues with 5,000 or fewer seats. The hall attracted more than 275,000 patrons from 01/01/05 through 12/15/05.



## President's Message

It has been a season of great feminist passages. The first was Coretta Scott King, who spoke for others "on behalf of racial and economic justice, women's and children's rights, gay and lesbian dignity, religious freedom, the needs of the poor and homeless, full employment, health care, educational opportunities, nuclear disarmament and ecological sanity" (from her biography). I love best how the Rev. Joseph Lowery, former president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, described her: "she wore her grief with dignity...she moved quietly but forcefully into the fray. She stood for peace in the midst of turmoil."

Later that week I heard a young network anchor woman announce that Betty Friedan had passed on. Her *Feminine Mystique* reframed the way women viewed their opportunities. I was stopped short, however, by the youthful anchor mispronouncing her name. No big deal, one might say, but it caught me off guard. As I processed my reaction, I concluded that it was the irony that was poignant. Young anchor gal would probably not have her seat without the torch bearer whose name she just mangled.

This slight irritation turned to pride as I thought about Coretta and Betty and millions of others who lobbied, marched, volunteered and otherwise contributed to the causes of justice and freedom – many in our own Athena. Maybe the mispronunciation means that Betty and Coretta have inspired so many others that their deeds are woven into societal fabric.

Athena keeps alive these ideals and connects those who want to promote equality and opportunity. Our organization was framed beautifully by February speaker Joanne Lighter as the "town square" where persons of many and varied backgrounds find centers for meaningful, substantive dialogue.

Here's to Coretta and Betty and all who keep the town squares alive with ideas and action!

Linda



*Retreat, July 14-16*  
*Coconut Grove Ritz-Carlton*  
*Details soon!*



## News About Members

**Dottie Berger MacKinnon** last month was named the Parke Wright III Award winner for her outstanding service and dedication to the Tampa Bay area. This prestigious award is presented annually to a member of Leadership Tampa Alumni who has demonstrated exceptional leadership while making a significant difference in the community. Dottie's service has been in many areas but she is best recognized as a founding member of Joshua House.

**Renee Williams** has been elected to the board of directors of Alpha House of Tampa.

**Kim DeBosier, Alex Sink** and **Louise Thompson** are among the Network of Executive Women's five finalists for 2006 Executive Woman of the Year. (The others are Chloe Coney and Cynthia Sinclair.) The award recipient will be selected by an independent panel of judges and announced at a luncheon on March 14 at the Centre Club. If you'd like to sit at an Athena table for the event, please reserve with **Eleanor Hubbard** and mail a \$35 check (payable to NEW) prior to March 6 to the Athena box (10813, Tampa 33679).

**Linda Devine** has been elected to the board of directors of Tampa Bay Workforce Alliance.

**Jan Roberts**, President of Earth Charter Communities USA, was invited over New Year's to Renaissance Weekend, a non-partisan retreat for innovative leaders from diverse fields. Former Presidents Bill Clinton and Gerry Ford co-chaired the invitational committee. Jan claims an "instant sense of inadequacy" when she saw the guest list. However, she reports being warmly welcomed, bumping into a blue-jeaned Bill Clinton and sharing panels and conversations with very interesting and engaging people including Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer and astronaut Jim Lovell who apologized that Tom Hanks who played him in "Apollo 13" was not available to fill in for him.

Our best wishes to **Jan Cornelius** who recently became engaged to Sim Dawson; they're planning a June wedding.

The law firm of **Jeanne Tate** has been selected to receive an award from the Hillsborough County Bar Association for exceptional pro bono service to the community and will be honored at a luncheon on March 16. The letter notifying Jeanne stated that "You are an inspiration to all attorneys and have made a significant contribution to our community."

We're sad to note the death of former Athena member **Beth Shields** on February 18 here in Tampa.



## Let's Fall in Love

By Melinda Chavez

"Arts and culture are what make a city fall in love with itself." It's a little late in the season to be talking about love, but this concept is apt when we talk about arts and community. Toronto's poet laureate, Giorgio di Cicco, authored the above quote. But what does it mean?

I believe that the arts are a means of talking about ourselves. In public art, in the art works that we see in museums, in the plays and musical performances we attend, we find meaning in ourselves and our life experiences. By struggling to comprehend and understand both the art and ourselves, we explore our world and experience inner growth.

But more than that, a city with beautiful works of art bears a grace and beauty that inspires us and makes us proud. We are happy to live surrounded by that beauty and proud to share it with others.

As Tampa matures, as we transform our downtown into a satisfying combination of places to live, work and play, all forms of cultural experiences will make our lives richer and more exciting. We already have a wonderful performing arts center and will have a new arts museum. We need to add places of smaller scale that offer different kinds of music, dance, dramatic productions and galleries with all sorts of visual works of art. We then will need coffee houses, funky little bars, flower shops and food stores.

These amenities make a city rich and inviting; they are places that people enjoy inhabiting. The arts that are an integral part of this experience are what inspire us and make us appreciate the place we live. They make us love our city. Thus they "make our city fall in love with itself." This is what I wish for the City of Tampa.

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## Upcoming Meeting

**WHEN:** Thursday, April 6  
11:55 a.m.

**WHERE:** Centre Club  
Westshore at Kennedy

**PROGRAM:** Presentation of Phyllis P. Marshall  
Career Assistance Grants  
Career Direction - Table discussion

**COST:** Guests - \$20

**RSVP:** By April 3 – Call **Eleanor Hubbard**  
(251-9172) or email [ewhubbard@aol.com](mailto:ewhubbard@aol.com).

## OPEN MEETING – GUESTS WELCOME

The two women who are recipients of our **Phyllis Marshall** Grants will be on hand to be introduced and to tell us a bit about their aspirations. While different circumstances have brought them to their current schools, both are highly motivated for success and wonderful role models for their families.

In keeping with the focus on education, members and guests will be given the choice of two table topics:

Upon finishing your formal education, did you follow the path you anticipated or did life take you where you didn't expect to be?

OR

When you look back, whom do you regard as your mentor(s) to pursue the path you took?

VP/Programs **Maria Howey** will launch the discussion by telling her story.



## President's Message

On occasion I can hear **Phyllis Marshall** in the back of my head – that inimical West Virginia accent...the way she said your name like it was an order (it was always LINDA! with an exclamation point). She has been on my mind lately, and what I liked best about Phyllis was the way she did great things by aggregating small good deeds. Yes, there were those times that she accomplished large, public goals, but most of the time she spent her efforts in supporting, preparing and otherwise shepherding those around her. It was the collection of those small, helpful actions that I will remember best because they touched closest to the heart.

I thought the very same thing at the March meeting when **Judy Lisi** spoke of her work at the Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center. As a public figure, Judy's successes are well chronicled, but as we listened to her story, it was evident that she, too, is the purveyor of many small good deeds that have compounded into something wonderfully large over time.

And that's what we are doing this month – many, many small good tasks that collectively underscore our values as members of Athena. On April 6, **Margaret Mathews** and Community Foundation Committee members will introduce us to women of distinction – the **Phyllis P. Marshall** Career Assistance Grant recipients; serving on this year's Committee are:

**Rachelle Bedke**  
**Amelia Campbell**  
**Marva Crenshaw**  
**Carol Dyches**  
**Susan Grady**

**Mary Lou Harkness**  
**Judy Ryan**  
**Casey Shear**  
**Juel Smith**  
**Gwynne Young**

We return again on **April 27** for a luncheon meeting to honor another group of women – our Young Women of Promise. Many thanks go to chair **Sylvia Richardson** and her committee:

**Doretha Edgecomb**  
**Beth Ficquette**  
**Maria Howey**  
**Lee Leavengood**

**Mary Scriven**  
**Rhonda Trainor**  
**Betty Tribble**

These events, as regular attendees know, are incredibly satisfying and uplifting because they are the products of many good works – and therefore close to our organization's heart.

Here's to a month filled with good deeds at every turn!

Linda





## Admission of Members – A Discussion

At the March 20 board meeting, there was substantive discussion about our membership caps, particularly Article III, Section I, that specifies that no more than ten members can be admitted in one year. While the rationale for such a cap was acknowledged as sound, some felt that it may be artificial when considering growth in the community, our desire for new, energetic members who represent diverse occupations, avocations and profiles. Therefore, the board passed a motion that asserts that if the Membership Committee deems it appropriate, that they have the opportunity to recommend to the full membership at the April 6 meeting that the cap be suspended for this year only, provided that Roberts Rules of Order are followed.

The board wants to insure that the full membership is aware of this discussion and has an opportunity to consider the matter if it becomes an item for the April 6 meeting.

## News About Members

On March 21 Athena suffered the loss of a treasured sister: **Carol Dyches**. One of the early members (1979), Carol contributed to the success of the Society in numerous ways, mostly recently playing a vital role in the creation of Athena's book, *Real Women*. She will be sorely missed.

**Judy Genshaft** is one of four women being honored at the Women of Distinction luncheon on April 4. Sponsored by Girl Scouts of the Suncoast Council, the event will be held at the A La Carte Pavilion.

Congratulations to **Marsha Lewis Brown** who has been named by *The Tampa Bay Business Journal* as the 2006 Minority Businessperson of the Year in the Nonprofit/Social Service category. A very comprehensive story about Marsha appeared in the *Journal's* special supplement following her selection in January.

Congratulations also to **Louise Thompson** who earlier this month was named 2006 Executive Woman of the Year by the Network of Executive Women. Louise follows a long line of Athena women who have been the recipients of this prestigious award including **Paddy Moses, Stella Thayer, Arthenia Joyner, Laura Waller, Mabel Bexley** and last year, **Aj Jemison**.

Our sincere sympathy goes to **Robin DeLaVergne** and her family for the recent loss of her son Daniel in an accident in North Carolina.

On March 4, during the Tampa Tribune Outdoors Expo and Boat Show, **Jan Platt** received the Don Hansen Award for her longtime, energetic support of the environment. Jan is the first female recipient of this award.

**Nancy Cole** made a joyous journey this past weekend to Austin, Texas for the wedding of her daughter Leslie to Jeff Dixon.

On April 5 the Tampa Bay Chapter of the Women Presidents' Organization will present **Pam Iorio** with its first annual Women Empowering Women Award. Pam is being recognized "for her key role in empowering and inspiring women of all ages."



## Athena Bonus

Jewelry lovers unite and join **Paddy Moses** when she hosts an Athena Bonus on April 20 – an opportunity to view or purchase the newest creations of **Anne Kantor** who cannot seem to retire! After closing the last *Boulevard* shop two years ago, Anne started a new business: designing and constructing floating 3-dimensional jewelry of pearls, crystals and semi-precious gemstones. “Anne originals” will be on display from 5 to 7 p.m. RSVP to **Eleanor Hubbard** ([ewhubbard@aol.com](mailto:ewhubbard@aol.com)) by April 14.

## Calendar

April 27 – luncheon - Young Women of Promise – You’ll get details in April newsletter #2 which will be distributed only electronically.

There will be NO MAY MEETING.

June 1 – Annual Meeting – Tampa Yacht & Country Club  
Installation of officers; introduction of new members

June 17 – Evening – Party at the home of **Bonnie Saks** to welcome new members

No meetings in July or August (except for retreat!)

## Athena Housekeeping

Let Athena provide the highlight of your summer: the retreat at Coconut Grove Ritz-Carlton! In the next two weeks you’ll get a packet with all the details but, in the meantime, know that we’ve chartered a bus so that traffic and high gas prices will be a non-issue. The party starts the moment you step into the bus....and so does the fun. Saturday’s program will center around art and architecture in Coral Gables, South Beach, etc. Dates are July 14-16.....mark your calendar.

The spiffy new version of the Athena brochure you received last week was the work of Roberts Communications & Marketing (**Deanne Roberts**). Except for modifying the color, we’d stuck with the same format for many years so it was time to give it a 21<sup>st</sup> century look. Our thanks to Deanne! For additional copies, contact **Eleanor Hubbard**.

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Class of 2006

**COST:** Guests - \$20

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## OPEN MEETING – GUESTS WELCOME

A longtime favorite of Athena members, this program will certainly reassure that today's youth has abundant promise!

Ten very special young women – selected from a field of 33 – will be presented, each outstanding in her own unique way. See page 2 for a list of those to be recognized.

Each honoree will have 3 minutes to describe which of her accomplishments has given her the greatest satisfaction and why. You'll be amazed, inspired and impressed by their stories.

Please join us and bring friends who'll enjoy meeting some truly incredible teens.



## 2006 Young Women of Promise

Sarah Brownlee  
Adrienne Harrow  
Chelsae Johansen  
Priya Modi  
Nevena Pehar  
Martha Penafiel  
Ariana Tuchman  
Brett Watkins  
Camille Jacobs  
Chelsea Nauta

H.B. Plant High School  
East Bay High School  
Bloomingdale High School  
King High School  
Robinson High School  
Tampa Bay Tech  
Berkeley Preparatory School  
Academy of the Holy Names  
Durant High School  
Tampa Preparatory School



## News About Members

At a luncheon on May 9 the Tampa Educational Cable Consortium will present its 2006 Community Communications Awards; **Deanne Roberts** will be named "Community Communicator of the Year."

Earlier this month **Renu Khator** returned to Purdue University to receive a very special honor: the College of Liberal Arts Distinguished Alumni Award. Renu earned both her Master's degree (political science) and her Ph.D. (political science/public administration) at Purdue.

## Athena Housekeeping

Because of the two April luncheons, there will be no May meeting. Installation of new officers and introduction of new members is slated for the evening of June 1 at Tampa Yacht & Country Club. Our party to welcome new members will be from 5-7 p.m. on June 17 at the home of **Bonnie Saks**. (Details next month.)

Retreat packets (July 14-16, Coconut Grove Ritz-Carlton) will be mailed this week. It's a weekend you won't want to miss!

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5:45 p.m. – cash bar  
6:30 p.m. – dinner

**WHERE:** Tampa Yacht & Country Club  
5320 Interbay Boulevard  
Complimentary valet parking available

**PROGRAM:** Business Meeting – Agenda to include:  
Election of Nominating Committee  
Approval of 2006-07 budget  
Introduction of new members  
Election of officers/directors  
Passing of the gavel  
Installation

**RSVP:** By May 29 – Call **Eleanor Hubbard**  
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## CLOSED MEETING – MEMBERS ONLY

Please join us to show your support for those who have led this year and those who will lead during the next 12 months.





## President's Message

**Paulette Gross** said to me recently "*Athena is a work in progress*". What a beautiful sentiment – and what vision **Suzy, Irene, Nancy,** and **Susan** had as they first molded this group that would be shaped and re-shaped with the passing of time.

It was this "*work in progress*" concept that was on my mind this week, as I sorted through the "stuff" of this year. On June 20, 2005, I met with the Athena Board for the first time as your president. It was a pretty funny scenario in retrospect, mostly because I couldn't talk in more than a hoarse whisper...and, well...you know how far that goes at a typical Athena meeting. J But the Board was kind and generous, as Athenians are, and they responded thoughtfully to this question: *What do you expect from this year? What is our work to be done?*

I want to share their answers publicly, because I have done so privately throughout this year. Here's what they said:

Help each other with tasks and duties.

Deliver good, quality programs.

Learn and share more about Athena and each other.

Emphasize the development of the Community Foundation funds.

Continue Young Women of Promise as a lunchtime event and work to strengthen attendance.

Host a successful Ophelia Project-Athena dinner.

Have fun!



I looked back to this list often this year. Here is a thumbnail sketch of some of our year together:

\*Successful **retreat**, arts-focused, with Athenians as presenters \* September program celebration of **Real Women** and a tribute to **Sandy Frye** \* Four wonderful **past Presidents meetings**, replete with substantive dialogue about Athena, past, present, and future \* Fabulous **Ophelia/Athena dinner**, with over 70 of us present \* **Health** program to remind us to take care of ourselves – **Education** program to remind us of the future – **Reframing** program to guide our community conversations \* Beautiful December gathering at USF **Graphicstudio** – good music/food/conversation \* **Public issues** information in newsletter \* Two Phyllis P. Marshall **Scholarship recipients** \* new Athena **brochure** \* 10 inspiring **Young Women of Promise** \* plans to routinize **Young Women of Achievement** activities \* 10 **new members** \* thoughtful discussion of **membership and Bylaws** \* Celebration of the life of **Carol Dyches** with a written tribute \* **Bonuses** with **Anne Kantor, Susan Dellinger**, and, yes: **Menopause J** \* Renee Williams' Athena **scrapbook** – a work of art \* **hospitality**, collegiality expressed in all ways – food, conversation, gatherings \* sharing of our stories, formally and informally \* networking, lifting each other, making connections.

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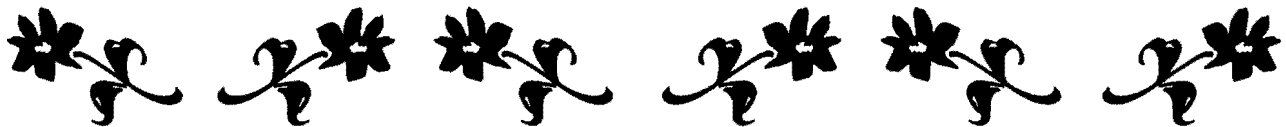


**New Members to be Introduced**

We're pleased to announce the following women have accepted Athena's invitation to membership and will be formally introduced at the June 1 annual meeting:

- Edna Broyles** – VP Investments, UBS Financial Services
- Shoshanah Conover** – Rabbi, Congregation Schaarai Zedek
- Diane Egner** – Content Director, WUSF Public Broadcasting
- Mary Key** – President, Mary Key & Associates
- Renee Lee** – Hillsborough County Attorney
- Winnie Marvel** – Owner/President, Alvin Magnon Jewelers
- Susan Steen** – MD, neurologist
- Anne Strozier** – Assoc. Prof., USF School of Social Work
- Sigrid Tidmore** – Executive Director, Patel Foundation
- Xiao Zhang** – MD/President, Tampa Bay Acupuncture Clinic

**WELCOME! WELCOME!**



**2006-07 Slate**

The following slate has been proposed by the Nominating Committee:

- President .....Susan Leisner
- President-Elect .....Katherine Essrig
- VP/Membership .....Lagretta Lenker
- VP/Programs .....JoAnn Urofsky
- Secretary .....Renee Williams
- Treasurer .....Pamela Wolf
- Imm. Past President .....Linda Devine

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Second year of 2-year term:

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- Mary Scriven
- Holly Tomlin

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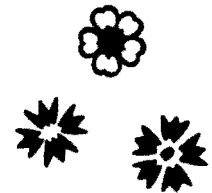
- Karen Arnold
- Adrienne Garcia
- Elaine Terenzi



## Nominating Committee Election

At the April meeting, members were asked to vote for 12 individuals eligible to serve on the 2006-07 Nominating Committee. The following are being presented as the result of this preliminary ballot. (Due to multiple ties, there are 16.)

Jean Amuso	Linda Goldstein
Moira Burke	Margaret Mathews
Amelia Campbell	Barbara Pennington
Marva Crenshaw	Bonnie Saks
Molly Crews	Mimi Stamps
Susan Dellinger	Louise Thompson
Sandy Freedman	Holly Tomlin
Linda Fries	JoAnn Urofsky



The final election will take place at the June meeting at which time six members will be selected – five to serve as regular members and one to serve as an alternate until the annual meeting in 2007. If you do not plan to attend the June meeting, you may wish to implement Article V, Section 10 of the bylaws: Proxies.



## News About Members

On May 5 **Margaret Miller** received a special honor from the University of South Florida College of Visual and Performing Arts: The Distinguished Alumni Award.

On May 13 **Mary Scriven** gave the commencement address and was awarded the prestigious LLD, Honorary Doctor of Laws, degree from the University of Stetson College of Law.

**Paula Knaus** is excited about her new position at USF: Associate Dean for Faculty and Staff Affairs in the College of Public Health. She can be reached at 974-4064; fax 974-6616.

## May 4 Special Meeting – A Recap



A special meeting was conducted on May 4 to consider a proposed bylaw amendment regarding the number of new members that can be received into membership in any one year. The proposed bylaw amendment did not pass, but thoughtful discussion surfaced several suggestions for membership process improvements and encouragement was provided for a comprehensive examination of the bylaws.



## President's Message *continued*

I am a planner and measurer by inclination and vocation, and I see an alignment with our seven expectations and the resulting outcomes. Our Board and Committee Chairs most ably guided the change from expectations to reality, and I want to express gratitude and admiration to them for their service, wisdom, and good humor:



**Susan Leisner**  
**Cynthia Gandee**  
**Susan Freeman**  
**Holly Tomlin**  
**Elizabeth Walters**  
**Paulette Gross**

**Sarah Jordan-Holmes**  
**Pam Wolf**  
**Sylvia Richardson**  
**JoAnn Urofsky**  
**Molly Crews**

**Maria Howey**  
**Margaret Mathews**  
**Mary Scriven**  
**Suzy McLain**  
**Sandy Frye**

I also am so appreciative of **Eleanor Hubbard** – the myth, the woman, the legend – who organized my Athena life and kept me from falling – thank you. You will never know how your kind ways made my load lighter.

It has been a *joy* (really!) and an *honor* to serve you this year. I told you in June 2005 that I was in *awe* of you – and with the birds eye perspective of this year, I must say that my awe has only increased. You are *remarkable* women, doing remarkable things, every day.

Linda



## Saturday, June 17 – Party Time!

Our annual party to honor new members is scheduled for Saturday, June 17, 5 to 7 p.m. at the home of **Bonnie Saks**, 5114 San Jose Street. (West of Westshore Boulevard) The Hospitality Committee – chaired by **Elizabeth Walters** – will present its usual wonderful spread....to be enjoyed in the lovely outdoor area or in air-conditioned comfort. There's no charge for members and one guest; additional guests are \$20. Reservations may be made by emailing or phoning **Eleanor Hubbard** prior to June 12. A parking caveat: Please observe and honor the "no parking" signs; Bonnie says cars are sometimes ticketed.



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## Strategic Frame Analysis – Message Matters!

By Dena Leavengood, Chair

The Athena Public Issues/Community Action Committee's focus this year was on leading the "reframing" of dialogue about issues of importance. Many thanks to fabulous committee members for their thoughtful insight and efforts in authoring newsletter columns, hosting our Athena luncheon featuring Joanne Lighter, and addressing issues of interest.

Our work, however, has just begun! Athena's position statements are more important than ever this election year, and the method of advancing positive community change via more effective messages and forms of communication delivery is critical ([www.frameworksinstitute.org](http://www.frameworksinstitute.org)).

We urge you to pay attention to people's deeply held worldviews and widely held assumptions, and to recognize that there is more than one way to tell a story. Let's encourage open, respectful dialogue and evoke a new, broader way of thinking – one that presents a greater range of policy choices and solutions - as we work together to help solve the social challenges of our community, state and nation. The message DOES matter!

### Athena Housekeeping



As usual, there will be no Athena meetings in July and August; luncheons will resume in September. Barring extraordinary circumstances in the coming year, we'll continue to adhere to our first Thursday of the month schedule with dinners in December and June.

Retreat reservations have been coming in at a steady rate but the deadline is fast approaching: June 12. (Date for release of room block.) Please mail your form with check and credit card information ASAP; we have a wonderful weekend planned. Specifics again: July 14-16 at the Coconut Grove Ritz-Carlton. We've chartered a bus so you'll have fun all the way to Miami AND won't have to contend with parking or traffic the entire weekend. Need a roommate? No problem.....Eleanor will match you up.

Athena Bonus Reminder: If you'd like to see "Menopause, The Musical" at the Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center on June 20, mail your \$34.50 check to **Renee Williams** by May 31. Seating is limited.



### Athena Jewelry

After a two-year hiatus, we are again offering Athena jewelry: pins or pendants. A local goldsmith creates the logo measuring 7/8" x 1.4" and pins ordered by June 15 will be delivered in August. Prices (including sales tax):

14K yellow gold	\$96
Sterling silver	\$30
Vermeil	\$30

Check made payable to Douglas Rubottom should be mailed to Eleanor Hubbard at Athena P.O. box.

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## Upcoming Meeting

**WHEN:** Thursday, September 7  
11:55 a.m.

**WHERE:** Centre Club  
Westshore at Kennedy

**PROGRAM:** To be determined

**COST:** Guests - \$20

**RSVP:** By September 4  
Call **Eleanor Hubbard**  
(251-9172) or email [ewhubbard@aol.com](mailto:ewhubbard@aol.com).

## OPEN MEETING – GUESTS WELCOME

The program committee, under the direction of VP **JoAnn Urofsky**, has met and is working to put together an outstanding schedule of speakers. It's difficult, however, to finalize plans during the summer so the committee finds itself in limbo with a number of confirmed speakers juggling their day timers.

If plans jell by the 7th, you'll hear a speaker who will "make you think." If not, you'll have an opportunity to spend the entire hour visiting with your Athena sisters - a treat under any circumstances! Join us.





## President's Message

The new Athena year has had a wonderful beginning! Our retreat was an unconditional success. Many kudos to **Molly Crews** and her committee! Also **Margaret Miller's** art tours were outstanding! It's difficult to find words to describe the weekend experience but fabulous, unforgettable and extraordinary will do for a start. Highlights included beautiful and thought-provoking art in unusual settings, a gourmet meal in a trendy South Beach venue and **Maruchi's** impromptu salsa lessons in the lobby bar. Next year's committee will have their work cut out for them but I'm sure our talented members will come up with another memorable winner.

The one sad note for the weekend, however, was the loss of Athena member **Sarah Jordan-Holmes**. Sarah did an outstanding job as membership chair last year and it is difficult to believe that such a vibrant, active and enthusiastic member has passed on. We toasted Sarah and her spirit at our Saturday night dinner and will pause to remember her at the September meeting.

Our new committee chairs are already gearing up for the coming year. Program Chair **JoAnn Urofsky** promises interesting and stimulating luncheon speakers in the coming months. The informal theme for the committee is "programs that make us think". We hope at least some of the programs will take you down a road you've never traveled or open a new window on your view of the world. We are seeking speakers who can both enlighten us and provoke new discussions and points of view. It is an ambitious goal but Athena members always seem to find a way to meet or exceed expectations.

The 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary committee headed by **Miriam Mason** and **Margaret Mathews** is well on its way to delivering a grand party for our celebration. Be sure to mark your calendars for January 5<sup>th</sup>. The gala will be held at the University of Tampa's Vaughn Center, thanks to the help of our retiring president **Linda Devine**. Updates on the affair will be steadily coming your way.

Susan





## Kudos for "Real Women"

This past spring, *Real Women of Tampa and Hillsborough County* was nominated for an award from the American Association for State and Local History (AASLH). Though not the winner, it was selected as a national finalist which was "...a testimony to the fine work of your nomination", according to the President of AASLH. Kudos to Athena on yet another accomplishment! (The book is still available to members at the discounted rate of \$22.)

## News About Members

Our deepest sympathy to **Karen Arnold** for the recent passing of her father.

**Jan Platt** was one of three recipients of the 2006 Distinguished Lifetime Membership Award given by Mortar Board, a national college senior honor society. The presentation was made at the organization's national conference last month in Columbus, Ohio.

**Linda Devine** has been elected to the board of directors of the Ophelia Project of Tampa Bay.

Our best wishes to **Jan Cornelius** and Sim Dawson who were married in Tampa on June 24.

**Susan Freeman** and her family took a trip to the southwest in June...Zion and Bryce National Parks in Utah, the Grand Canyon and Sedona, Arizona. "It was spectacular in beauty, she declared; I highly recommend these places and would be happy to speak to anyone who longs to see this part of the country."

**Susan Zimmer** has been selected by her peers to be included in the *Best Doctors in America 2005-06* database. An exhaustive peer-review survey by thousands of doctors determines those to be included. Because doctors cannot buy listings, inclusion in this database is a remarkable honor.





## Athena Bonus "Thank You's"

Note from outgoing Chair, Suzy **McLain**: I'd like everyone to know what a dynamic Bonus Committee I enjoyed last year...**Noni Brill, Susan Dellinger, Holly Tomlin** and **Renee Williams** assisted by **Paddy Moses** and **Eleanor Hubbard**. A greater collection of talented and energetic women would be hard to find. We had super member participation for each and every Bonus function: the dress-up tea (where we all wore hats), the book signing at Circles, the jewelry showing and attendance at "Menopause – the Musical." Being chair of the Bonus Committee was a bonus for me!!!

## Athena Bonus - Looking Ahead

By Paddy Moses, Chair

Our new year is underway and the Athena Bonus committee is gearing up. **Suzy McLain** and her group did such a fine job last year; we promise to keep the momentum going.

For starters we've planned a special private trunk show with Hidalgo Jewelry, compliments of one of our new members, **Winnie Marvel**, President and owner of Alvin Magnon Jewelers, 606 So. Dale Mabry. Winnie says it's a fun and attractive line of enamel and 18 karat gold rings that come in all patterns and colors you can stack or mix and match. What could be more fun than sharing the evening with each other, having the store to ourselves, wine, food and lots of jewelry to play with! Plan to join us on Wednesday, September 27, 6 to 8 p.m. To RSVP, call 769-7534 prior to September 23.

Other items that don't have a date yet are: Asolo Theatre. We haven't done this in a number of years and it was always so much fun to take a mini-bus down for the afternoon matinee, shop and have dinner afterwards along St. Armand's Circle. An evening art class is being considered as some of our members are very interested in checking that out, and a gallery tour in Pass-a-Grille, compliments of **Judy Dato**, will be announced in the near future. So stay tuned; more fun will be following.

## 2006 - 07 Calendar

For your convenience in planning, you may wish to record the dates of our monthly meetings, all lunches unless otherwise noted.

October 5	November 2	December 7 (dinner)
January 5 (dinner – 30 <sup>th</sup> anniversary party)		
February 1	March 1	April 5
May 3	June 7 (dinner)	





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## Upcoming Meeting

- WHEN:** Thursday, October 5  
11:55 a.m.
- WHERE:** Centre Club  
Westshore at Kennedy
- PROGRAM:** The Case Against Classical Music
- SPEAKER:** Susan Haig  
Associate Conductor, Florida Orchestra
- COST:** Guests - \$20
- RSVP:** By October 2 – Call **Eleanor Hubbard**  
(251-9172) or email [ewhubbard@aol.com](mailto:ewhubbard@aol.com).

## OPEN MEETING – GUESTS WELCOME

Whether described by fellow musicians, the media or concert-goers, Susan Haig draws a consensus that she's a wonderful communicator. Through a varied career that has encompassed pianist, music educator, opera coach and conductor of orchestral and opera repertoire, she often has been termed "gifted," "imaginative," "energetic" and "innovative," among other positives.

A graduate of Princeton University, Susan received her Master's and Doctoral degrees in piano and orchestral conducting from the State University of NY. She has guest conducted the Detroit, Pittsburgh, Minnesota, Vancouver and Toronto symphony orchestras. In addition to her position with the Florida Orchestra, she is Music Director of the South Dakota Symphony Orchestra.

Join us for her fascinating perspective on classical music, music education and her expectations for the Florida Orchestra.



## President's Message

Congratulations to all the Athena political winners – **Kathy Castor**, **Arthenia Joyner** and **Candy Olson**! Kathy handily won her primary and is on her way to being Athena's (and Tampa's) first U.S. Congresswoman. Arthenia trampled her one primary opponent, garnering nearly 80% of the vote. She faces no ballot opposition in the general election, ensuring that Athena will once again (after a long hiatus) have a member in the Florida Senate. And finally, Candy knocked off *all* her primary opponents and retains her seat on the Hillsborough County School Board.

Athena started the year with a wonderful opening program featuring Assistant Chief of Police Jane Castor. She gave an incredibly informative talk on Homeland Security and the ongoing threat of terrorist attacks. Apparently a little rational paranoia combined with a healthy dose of fear and suspicion is a necessary attribute for all Americans these days. She also gave a ringing endorsement of the patriot act (with which many may disagree) but she certainly gave us all something to think about, which is the goal of Athena's program committee this year.

And now for something completely different!—the October program presents music, music, music! Our speaker will be Susan Haig, Associate Conductor of the Florida Orchestra. Hopefully she will give us some insight into how she made it from the pit to the podium in a world dominated by men. twirling batons.

**Elizabeth Walters** has agreed to do double duty for Athena this year by chairing the Retreat Committee while also heading up the Hospitality Committee at least through the December Christmas party. **Katherine Essrig** and I will be looking for a hospitality volunteer to finish out the year and continue through the 2007-08 season.

And, one last reminder from the M&M's — (**Miriam Mason** and **Margaret Mathews**). The 30th anniversary celebration will be an outstanding event! So please mark your calendars, plan your outfits and make those manicure and pedicure appointments! The date is January 5th. The place is the Vaughn Center at the University of Tampa. You will be there!

Susan



## News About Members

Congratulations to **Holly Tomlin** for her recent selection as the *Tampa Bay Business Journal's* 2006 Business Woman of the Year!

Our sincere condolences to **Annette DeLisle** who lost her mother earlier this month.

**Jeanne Tate** has been selected an "Angel in Adoption" by the Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute. Nominated by Congressman Jim Davis, Jeanne's selection is indicative of her accomplishments in the adoption/foster care realm. She received her award at a ceremony in Washington, D.C. last week.

A warm welcome back to former member **Jeanie Hanna** (sister of past president **Linda Hanna**). Jeanie has a family law appellate practice with Ware Law Group, P.A.



## Athena "Housekeeping"

As you're filling in your holiday calendar, please note that our annual party is set for Saturday, December 16, 6 to 8 p.m. at the home of **Carolyn Reed**. Guests are welcome; details later.

The Bylaws Committee will meet next week. If you have questions or suggestions, contact Chair **Katherine Essrig**.





## Nominating Committee

At the June meeting members voted for six individuals to serve on the 2006-07 Nominating Committee. The following were elected:

**Jean Amuso**

**Molly Crews**

**Sandy Freedman**

**Linda Goldstein**

**Margaret Mathews**

**Bonnie Saks**



## Members' Projects

A message and an invitation from **Jan Roberts**: The Earth Charter opens with the words "We stand at a critical moment in Earth's history, a time when humanity must choose its future." An international declaration of interdependence, the Charter has 16 principles for human rights, economic justice, respect for nature and a culture of peace. A number of Athena members are working together to launch a national initiative for the Earth Charter on November 12. Please join us to make the principles a reality; contact me, **Bonnie Saks** or **Judy Ryan** for more information.

**Bonnie Saks** invites all Athena members to a party at her home to view **Anne Kantor's** new Fall/Holiday jewelry collection which is now represented in NY and seven stores across the country. Join in the martinis/hors d'oeuvres and viewing from 5 to 7 p.m. on October 20. RSVPs to [annekantor@aol.com](mailto:annekantor@aol.com) or [brs331@aol.com](mailto:brs331@aol.com).

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## Upcoming Meeting

**WHEN:** Thursday, November 2  
11:55 a.m.

**WHERE:** Centre Club  
Westshore at Kennedy

**PROGRAM:** Human Trafficking

**SPEAKER:** Luz Nagle, Professor of Law  
Stetson University College of Law

**COST:** Guests - \$20

**RSVP:** By October 30 – Call **Eleanor Hubbard**  
(251-9172) or email [ewhubbard@aol.com](mailto:ewhubbard@aol.com).

### OPEN MEETING – GUESTS WELCOME

In the mid-1980s, Professor Nagle served as a judge in Medellín, Colombia, until assassination attempts and continued death threats compelled her to relocate to the United States. Her presentation will focus on issues involving transnational crime and terrorism, judicial corruption and regional trade regimes . . . . and she obviously has first-hand knowledge.

Professor Nagle received her J.D. from the College of William & Mary, holds an M.A. in Latin American studies, an LL.M. in comparative law from UCLA and a Doctor of Laws degree from the Universidad in Columbia.

Human trafficking is one of the most pernicious and widespread international criminal enterprises in the world today. Two years ago the Tampa Bay area was named by the Bush administration as one of five major U.S. cities as sites for combating human trafficking.



## President's Message

What a wonderful program we had last month! Who knew Athena members could sing? All we needed was a great conductor. Many thanks to **JoAnn Urofsky** and her committee for arranging Susan Haig's appearance. (Please note, I was leading the chorus on the *left*.)

### **It's New Member Time Again!**

You will be receiving nomination forms for new members at the November meeting. Completed forms will be due February 14th. Before you start the nomination process, here are a few things you should be thinking about.

1) Please be sure your prospective member is well informed about Athena, its purpose and its mission. Remember, our founders believed strongly in the passage of the Equal Rights Amendment, which will be brought up in the Florida legislature again this year (lest some of your thought it was a dead issue). Please familiarize yourself and your nominee with Athena's position statements listed in our directory. While adherence to all these positions is not a requirement for membership, you should educate your nominee about Athena's support for important public policy changes.

2) Please be sure your prospective member has enough time and the interest to be an active participant in our organization. Remember, they will be inundated with events immediately upon their acceptance (orientation, June meeting, summer party, retreat, etc.). They should know that they are expected to attend at least most of these functions and be able to join at least one important committee.

3) Also inform your prospect about the significant financial requirement they will be facing upon acceptance, including initiation fees, retreat costs and annual dues.

4) And lastly, we are looking for a diversified group of really smart, incredibly talented, outrageously successful women who are highly regarded and admired in their profession.

### **Bylaws Change (UGH!)**

One of my favorite topics – Athena's bylaws – will be coming up for a vote at the November meeting. The Bylaws Committee has suggested a very simple change regarding the number of new members admitted each year. Simply put, if our active membership drops to less than 135, then the board may authorize the addition of 12 new members instead of the current maximum of ten. There will not be time for a heated, drawn out debate on this issue at the meeting, because we have an excellent speaker scheduled. So come prepared to listen to a brief presentation on the subject and then vote yea or nay on your ballot.

Susan





## Susan Leisner to be Honored

**Susan Leisner** has been selected Volunteer of the Year in Philanthropy by the Suncoast Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP). Susan was nominated by The Home Association where she serves as board president.

The presentation will be made on Wednesday noon, November 15, at Higgins Hall, 5225 No. Himes Avenue. We'll have an Athena table and welcome anyone who'd like to show their support for Susan. Tickets are \$50 each; checks should be made payable to NPD (National Philanthropy Day) and mailed to **Eleanor Hubbard** prior to November 2.



## Proposed Bylaw Change

Article III: Admission of Members Section 1. TIME OF ADMISSION (Current bylaw) No more than ten new members shall be admitted to the Society once a year, at a time to be determined by the Board of Directors.

Proposed change: Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the number of active members of the Society is under 135, then, at the discretion of the Board of Directors, up to twelve new members of the Society may be admitted in that year. In order to determine whether this exception may be utilized in any given year, the Board of Directors, no later than December 31st, shall make a determination of whether the active membership is under 135, and, if so, whether to implement the above exception. The Board of Directors shall then communicate the determination to the chair of the membership committee.

If you are unable to attend the meeting, you may vote by proxy as per Article V, Section 10.

## Athena Bonus

With the holidays approaching, the Bonus Committee has arranged for a session that promises to be entertaining and chock-full of creative ideas for festive holiday decorating. Who better to share "beauty tips for the home" than our own **Maruchi Azorin**, owner of Villa Rosa Distinctive Linens! The fun is scheduled for November 15, 5:30 to 8 p.m., at her shop, 3001 So. MacDill. Refreshments will be served. RSVP to Bonus Chair **Paddy Moses** by November 10.

Many thanks to **Winnie Marvel** for an elegant evening last month at Magnon Jewelers. Winnie provided gift bags and delicious nibbles and the ladies had a wonderful time trying on elegant jewelry.



## News About Members

**Laura Waller** is being recognized as quite an accomplished artist. Nuance Galleries, 804 So. Dale Mabry, now represents her art and is displaying her work in their gallery. They also plan to do a major show of her work in the spring. Last month the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, NY featured Laura's watercolor paintings in a one person exhibit at their annual Breast Cancer Conference. Some paintings were raffled to raise money for cancer research and some remain in their collection.

**Mary Key** has a new book on the market entitled "CEO Road Rules: Right Focus, Right People, Right Execution," a study of the significant habits of CEOs who appear to have fulfilling and balanced lives, moving beyond money, fame and power. (Davies-Black Publishing)

## Athena "Housekeeping"

In preparation for the 30th anniversary celebration, we're making an appeal for photos – especially from the early years – of Athena members at work or play. **Linda Goldstein** will create a continuous-roll video which is sure to be nostalgic and entertaining. Please mail to **Eleanor Hubbard** by November 15; all photos will be returned.

The following have recently resigned their membership: Judi Breuggeman, Lee Blanton Grizzard, Emily Kass and Karen Mincey.

## Members' Projects

**Cynthia Gandee** invites members and their friends to a special Holiday Shopping Day at the Henry B. Plant Museum Store on Monday, November 6, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. In addition to the opportunity for early shopping, you'll enjoy a 10% discount on all purchases. Cynthia notes that you're welcome any time but they pour the wine and bring out the hors d'oeuvres at 5 p.m.

**Jean Amuso** invites members to participate in the 8th Annual Jennifer Currie Women's Golf Classic to be held on November 9 with all proceeds to benefit the USF Women's Golf Team. This golf tournament is exclusively for women, a day of fun and competition with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. and a roster of impressive prizes. Registration is \$125 per person at Bay Palms South Course on MacDill Air Force Base. For additional information, call Idania Martin at 357-6708.

Former Young Woman of Promise Janet Echelman invites Athena members to the opening reception of her sculpture for 'Lights on Tampa' November 17, 6-8 p.m. at Curtis Hixon Park and Poe Parking Garage. Janet is the daughter of **Anne Kantor**.





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## Upcoming Meeting

**WHEN:** Thursday, December 7  
Cocktail buffet  
5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** Clayton Galleries  
4105 So. MacDill Avenue

**PROGRAM:** Tour galleries  
Enjoy camaraderie of your Athena sisters  
Gift Opportunity (see page 3)

**RSVP:** By December 4 – Call **Eleanor Hubbard**  
(251-9172) or email [ewhubbard@aol.com](mailto:ewhubbard@aol.com).

## CLOSED MEETING – MEMBERS ONLY

Clayton Galleries – what a delightful venue for a holiday gathering! Opened in 1987 by member Cathy Clayton, the gallery specializes in Florida and regional painters.

The show currently featured is of “small works under 24 inches” which includes paintings, ceramics, mobiles and carved wood pieces. Enjoy this lovely creative atmosphere and maybe even do some shopping.

**PARKING:** Plentiful parking is available in front of the gallery, on the side of the building or in the lot just north of it on the same side of the street.





## President's Message

What a wonderful political season for the Athena Society! We are celebrating two firsts — first member elected to Congress (**Kathy Castor**), and first member to become Chief Financial Officer of the state of Florida (**Alex Sink**). Congratulations to all our newly elected or re-elected public officials!

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Susan





## Gift Opportunity - Athena Society Education Fund

By Linda Devine

As the year closes, please consider making a contribution to the Athena Society's Women's Education Fund administered through the Community Foundation of Tampa Bay. At the end of September, the value of the Fund was \$48,487. A donation to the Fund can be made in honor of someone special to you and is the perfect birthday or holiday present.

Our dollars do make a difference – each spring we award scholarships (**Phyllis Marshall** career assistance grants) to women who need a helping hand to reach their educational goals. Our scholarships support tuition, books, transportation, childcare and other educational costs. Those of you who have attended the meetings at which the scholarships are presented know how meaningful these scholarships are. We'll have a basket available for your donations at the December meetings.

## Holiday Buffet - December 16

Annual highlight of the season is Athena's Holiday Buffet to be held at the home of **Carolyn Reed** and Larry Samaha, 5808 Gordon Avenue, from 6 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, December 16. The Hospitality Committee – chaired by **Elizabeth Walters** – will present its usual wonderful spread. There's no charge for members and one guest; additional guests are \$20. Reservations may be made by emailing or phoning **Eleanor Hubbard** prior to December 11. Due to lack of space here, driving directions will be emailed next week.

## Membership Admission Update

The proposed bylaw change voted on at the November meeting passed thereby allowing the board to authorize the addition of up to 12 new members instead of the current maximum of ten if active membership is under 135. At their meeting last week, the board officially authorized the change for the upcoming admission period.

## News About Members

Our deepest sympathy to **Rhonda Trainor** and **Dore Beach**, both of whom have recently lost their husbands and to **Judy Ryan** whose father passed away.

**Jeanne Tate** was recently named Outstanding Leader of the Year for 2006-2007 by the Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce at their annual Small Business of the Year awards ceremony! This is on top of the recognition she and her firm received last year by the Chamber for being named Small Business of the Year for 2005-2006.



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## Athena "Housekeeping"

Membership nomination packets will be available at the December meetings. If you'd like one mailed to you, contact **Eleanor Hubbard**.

Also available at both gatherings will be the beautiful silver jewelry boxes unveiled last month. Engraved with the Athena logo, they sell for \$20 each....a wonderful holiday gift from you to yourself!

Because of our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration on January 5, there will be no January luncheon. Next one is scheduled for February 1.

We're still accepting photos for the video to be shown at the 30<sup>th</sup>. If you have hard copies or an electronic version you'd like to share, please contact Eleanor Hubbard this week.

Interested in foreign travel with a group of your Athena sisters? The suggestion has been made by several members that we investigate the options for fun in far off lands (Europe, Asia, South America, etc.) for 10-15 ladies looking for congenial travelling companions. If the idea is appealing, please let Eleanor Hubbard know. If there's enough interest, we'll start the ball rolling!

## Directory Changes

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## Members' Projects

Planned Parenthood of Southwest and Central Florida will host the annual Choice Affair luncheon in Tampa featuring Sarah Weddington, the lawyer who argued and won the Roe v. Wade case before the US Supreme Court. Plan to attend on Wednesday noon, January 17, at the Marriott Waterside. Call 941/365-3941x101 for details and tickets (\$50) or order online at ppswcf.org. Please contact **Adrienne Garcia** at 251-2435 to join the Athena members table.



# Athena Society



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January, 2007

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## Upcoming Meeting

- WHEN:** Friday, January 5  
6:30 – cocktails  
7:30 p.m. – dinner & dancing
- WHERE:** The Vaughn Center – 9th floor  
The University of Tampa
- PROGRAM:** Athena's 30th Anniversary Celebration
- COST:** \$50 per person
- RSVP:** By December 27 – Call **Eleanor Hubbard**  
(251-9172) or email [ewhubbard@aol.com](mailto:ewhubbard@aol.com).

A gala evening that you won't want to miss, this very special event is the result of months of planning by Co-Chairs **Miriam Mason** and **Margaret Mathews** and their committee. It will be an evening of elegance, fun and nostalgia...an opportunity to acknowledge what Athena is, what it means to the community and to each of us as members.

In a brief program we'll recognize the founders (**Irene Hadley Bodeman**, the late **Nancy Ford**, **Susan Leisner** and **Suzu McLain**). We're hoping that in addition to the "regulars," we'll see some of the members whose schedules preclude monthly luncheons. We're 30....join us to celebrate!

Parking at UT: When driving east on Kennedy Boulevard, take the first UT entrance directly across from the Falk Theatre - Poe Parkway. (Do not go to the traffic light at Hyde Park Ave.) Ample parking will be available just steps away from the the Vaughn Center in the lot across the street.

Please note: There will be no January luncheon. Next one is scheduled for February 1; speaker will be Miriam Zimms discussing the creation of green communities.



## President's Message

May you all have a Merry Christmas, Happy Chanukah, Soulful Solstice and a blissful whatever. Just enjoy any other excuse you may contemplate for overindulging in food and drink, bankrupting your bank account and spending time with relatives that you would otherwise prefer not to see again until you reach the hereafter (if you believe in that concept).

I am happy to say that I have now reached the halfway point in my tenure as president of Athena without encountering a massive revolt on the part of our members and any visible scars on my fast deteriorating body. This makes me extremely happy, yet wary of holding on to my good luck for the next six months.

I think we've had an excellent and impressive roster of programs thus far and promise that our wonderful program committee, headed by **JoAnn Urofsky**, will continue to wow us with their choice of speakers. Next up, of course is our 30th anniversary bash which promises to be the best party Athena has ever thrown. So get your reservations in now!

Just when you think the election season is over, another one begins. Yes, the city election is fast approaching. Before you know it, those annoying signs and ads will be assaulting our senses once again. The good news is that our very own **Pam Iorio** will be running for re-election. Hopefully her opponents will be weak or non-existent and we can keep our recent trend of Athena election victories in tact. Please do whatever you can to help Mayor Pam stay in office! Supporting women running for office is one of the founding principles and purposes of Athena. So keep up the good work!

On a sadder note, this year has brought much sorrow and sadness to Athena through the loss of three wonderful Athena members, **Carol Dyches**, **Sarah Jordan-Holmes** and most recently **Beth Waters**. It seems that just yesterday they were a healthy and vibrant part of Athena. We will miss them terribly. Please keep them and their families in your thoughts and prayers this holiday season.

Susan





## News About Members

Our deepest sympathy to **Gayla Russell** who recently lost her brother.

Athena members figure very prominently in the operation of the Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce. Beginning three-year terms on the Board of Directors next week will be **Karen Arnold** and **Kim DeBosier**. Beginning a one-year term as Board Chair-Elect will be **Judy Genshaft** while **Simone Gans Barefield** will serve as Chair of the Community Development Committee. Also serving on the BOD (previously elected) are **Maruchi Azorin** and **Holly Tomlin**.

Effective January 1 **Betty Castor** will have a new position: Executive Director of the Kiran Patel Center for Global Solutions at USF. Her office number will be 974-1256.

After a long dry spell, this is the year of the Athena bride. **Jan Cornelius** was the first with her marriage to Sim Dawson in June. Last month **JoAnn Urofsky** married City Attorney David Smith. They took a short trip following the wedding but they're looking forward to the "real" honeymoon: China for 2½ weeks in June. On January 13 **Moira Burke** will marry Dr. Bernie Hochberg and change her residence to 3435 Bayshore Blvd. #1501, Tampa 33629, phone 831-1160. This "merger" will result in 6 sons, 6 daughters-in-law and 4½ grandchildren. In late February or early March **Linda Fries** will marry veterinarian Dr. Walter Woolf. As Linda notes, they've already had their honeymoon: 15 wonderful days in Russia earlier this fall. Best wishes to these lovely brides and congratulations to the lucky grooms!

**Noni Brill's** talented son Michael, a former tech executive, is now a little ole winemaker! Read his fascinating story in the December 11 issue of Fortune Magazine. This is a "must read" for wine lovers.

## Athena "Housekeeping"

Our thanks to **Carolyn Reed** and Larry Samaha for graciously hosting our holiday party and to Hospitality Chair **Elizabeth Walters** and committee for providing the delicious buffet. Those who lingered to the party's end had the pleasure of meeting Carolyn and Larry's delightful 11-year-old son, Anatoly.

Reminder: Deadline for submitting membership nomination forms is February 14. All members are eligible to participate in the process except those who joined Athena this year.

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## THE TIAW GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP FORUM

*by Katherine G. Essrig*

Last month, I represented Athena at The International Alliance of Women (TIAW) Global Partnership Forum in Atlanta. It was a wonderful opportunity to learn about some of TIAW's initiatives, as well as to hear from various world leaders in development of entrepreneurial training and corporate leadership for women including Haifa Al-Kaylani, the founder and chairwoman of the UK-based Arab International, whose mission is to provide a "world without borders," providing cross-cultural dialogue and focusing on commonalities rather than conflict among the Arab nations.

The speakers also included leaders on development of high self-esteem for girls and women; one such speaker, Kathy O'Brien, the marketing director for Dove Skin & Masterbrand, explained how Unilever came to develop the "Campaign for Real Beauty," and what steps Dove/Unilever have taken to ensure that girls – especially adolescent girls – and young women have positive self-images, especially with regard to their perceptions of their bodies and their appearance, in general.

One of the most hard-hitting and inspirational sessions was a round-table discussion on current efforts being undertaken by various individuals and organizations to eradicate world poverty. The panelists included Joseph Jarocci, from CARE; Bernie Collins of UPS Foundation; and Patricia Folery Hinnen of Capital Sisters International. All of those groups are doing some truly wonderful projects to eliminate poverty throughout the world, particularly with regard to women and children.

We also learned of TIAW's Microenterprise Development Program which was founded in 2000. This program supports the commercial development of the Microfinance Industry by providing business, financial and management assistance to microfinance organizations that want to become viable commercially. The goal is to enable women to create a more inclusive world economy whereby everyone has an opportunity to succeed. TIAW is helping the microfinance industry increase exponentially the capital available for loans and thus increase the number of women who have access to credit. Giving women access to these business loans helps to (1) increase women's income levels and thus control over their income, leading to economic independence, (2) enhance women's contributions to household income and participation in household decisions, (3) improve women's self-esteem in their households and communities, and (4) create pathways to networks and markets, providing access to information and possibilities for developing women's economic, social, and political goals. Overall, the goal of the program is to help alleviate poverty and to empower women through financial independence. The Athena Society and its members individually might want to consider, for example, the funding of a village bank, which costs \$5,000 and can provide necessary capital to women in underdeveloped areas to secure items necessary for them to run small businesses in order to support themselves and their families. I would be happy to speak with any Athena members about these initiatives and about how we, as an organization, can assist in these endeavors.

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## Upcoming Meeting

**WHEN:** Thursday, February 1  
11:55 a.m.

**WHERE:** Centre Club  
Westshore at Kennedy

**PROGRAM:** "Green" Communities

**SPEAKER:** Miriam Zimms, Senior Consultant  
Kessler Consulting Inc.

**COST:** Guests - \$20

**MENU:** Blackened chicken w/Mandarin Orange Sauce  
(*Veggie plate available on request when reserving*)

**RSVP:** By January 29 – Call **Eleanor Hubbard**  
(251-9172) or email [ewhubbard@aol.com](mailto:ewhubbard@aol.com).

## OPEN MEETING – GUESTS WELCOME

Ms. Zimms will discuss green communities and the local government standards that bring a community into compliance with the environmentally sound practices that designate a municipality as green. She has worked toward this goal in Tallahassee and in Sarasota.

A specialist in the design, management and integration of commercial recycling and waste reduction programs, she has developed a creative yet economic approach to applying marketing principles to these issues. She'll also talk about how we can easily implement green practices at home, making our houses more efficient and environmentally sensitive without a complete redesign.

Join us for an enlightening presentation from an "out-of-the-box" thinker on a topic of growing concern.



## President's Message

Okay, so we all know that Athena women are achievers, we break barriers, we are leaders, we are community and political activists, but who knew we could dance? Thanks to the great 30th anniversary event planned by **Miriam Mason**, **Margaret Mathews** and their committee, we finally realized that Athena members can really cut a rug! The only criticism that could be made about the great event would be that we needed a bigger dance floor! For those unfortunate few who couldn't attend, the evening boasted the biggest turnout ever for Athena. Almost 150 members, friends and spouses joined in the celebration. The highlights included a venue with the best view of Tampa in town, great food, and ingenious (and delicious) two tiered anniversary cakes as centerpieces. **Linda Goldstein's** wonderful video brought a few tears and a few laughs to top off the evening. Kudos to all who planned and participated in our historic 30th!

The great thing about Athena is that we never stop going forward. We continue to use our brains and talents to make life better for those around us. I just attended Planned Parenthood's "A Choice Affair" today where our own **Sandy Freedman** was honored. The night before I attended a Savita Society conference on women's health organized by new member **Sigrid Tidmore**. Our activism never ceases to amaze me. Let's hope that the next thirty years brings us more achievements and even bigger accomplishments for both our members and the women we support.

Speaking of support, let's not forget that a new election season is upon us and thus far we have members **Pam Iorio** and **Linda Saul-Sena** running for reelection and newcomer Denise Chavez, daughter of member **Helen Chavez** entering the race for city council. We ARE making Tampa, the state and now even the nation's capitol a better place. As the theme song for the Athena video so aptly put it, "we are strong, we are invincible, WE ARE ATHENA!"





## Athena Bonus

There's no better way to start the new year than learning how to take better care of yourself and "Focus on Females," a women's health care symposium, will help you do just that. Mark your calendar for this very special event to be held on Saturday, February 24, at Memorial Hospital on Swann Avenue, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Health screenings will be available as well as fitness classes in yoga, Pilates, kickboxing and tai chi. Seminar subjects will include osteoporosis, cancer, cardiac disease, nutrition, etc. Learn more about latest developments in the health care field for you, your family and friends.

There are four breakout sessions, so you can attend for the full day or just part of a day. Bonus Chair **Paddy Moses** suggests going on line to register. It's possible to register the day of the event but classes may be full. Athena members will be on hand to greet you and to help in the sessions. Mayor **Pam Iorio** will be one of the noon speakers. There will be food, drinks, chair massages, tee shirts and other take-away items and the day is free of charge.

To register go to [focusonfemales.com](http://focusonfemales.com) or call 813/514-4515. Your friends and colleagues are welcome to join you.



## News About Members

Our deepest sympathy to **Lisa Robbins** whose father recently passed away.

**Betty Castor** began a new position on January 1: Executive Director of the Kiran C. Patel Center for Global Solutions at USF. She can be reached at 974-1256.

WEDU's development team, headed by **Susan Grady**, has been recognized as the 2006 outstanding major gifts team in its national television market size and has received a certificate of merit for its achievement in its capital campaign.

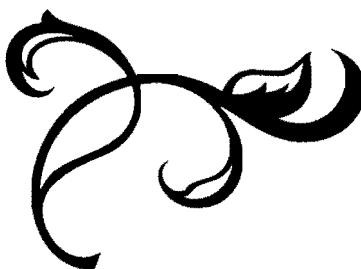


## Athena "Housekeeping"

A new procedure is being implemented for making announcements at our regular monthly luncheons. Members are requested to submit the information – in 50 words or less – to **Eleanor Hubbard** by noon Tuesday prior to the meeting. In an effort to streamline the agenda, **Susan Leisner** will make the announcements.

Save the date: July 20-22. That's the weekend for Retreat and we've reserved space at (where else?) the Ritz-Carlton in Naples on the beach. Again you can leave the driving to us; we're planning the same great bus experience we had last summer. Reservation packets will be mailed in mid-March.

Archives Chair **Renee Williams** is again creating the scrapbook that will document activities of our members during the year. If you see articles about members in trade papers, professional journals, regional editions of the *Tampa Tribune* or *St. Pete Times*, please pass them on to Renee.



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**PROGRAM:** Look Beyond the Cookies:  
Girl Scouts, the Premier Leadership  
Development Organization for Girls

**SPEAKER:** Denise Jordan, President  
Board of Directors  
Suncoast Girl Scout Council

**COST:** Guests - \$20

**MENU:** Chicken Francaise on spinach orzo  
(Veggie plate available on request  
when reserving)

**RSVP:** By February 26 – Call **Eleanor Hubbard**  
(251-9172) or email [ewhubbard@aol.com](mailto:ewhubbard@aol.com).

## OPEN MEETING – GUESTS WELCOME

Everyone knows about Girl Scout Cookies, but Girl Scouting is so much more. You may be surprised to hear how the movement is influencing the lives of girls today and you may be amazed by the places you'll find Girl Scouts.

Learn about our commitment to build girls of courage, confidence and character. Today's Girl Scouts are tomorrow's leaders.

Denise Jordan, a graduate of Georgia Tech, has a day job quite removed from scouting – Director of Rates and Planning for Tampa Electric Company.



## President's Message

I feel guilty about my grass. I am overcome with regret and remorse as I stare out at my lush lawn and flowering plants. Thanks to Athena I have just discovered that I am the enemy of the people. Al Gore will never be my best friend unless I change my wanton energy and water wasting ways. I really *want* to go green, but does that mean I have to turn my lawn into a barren brown band of scrub palms and sandspurs?

For those of you who missed last month's meeting, our speaker, Miriam Zimms, laid out the rules for "going green" in our community. Unfortunately I found myself severely undereducated on the latest trends and technology that will ultimately stretch out the remaining life of our planet. Much to my dismay, I don't have solar panels on my roof, an efficient water heater or a Prius in my garage. I felt like the scourge of the earth.

But luckily Ms. Zimms did have one suggestion that was within my area of expertise – changing light bulbs! I began timidly venturing out to Home Depot for compact fluorescent bulbs. I began with a four pack of hundred watters. I put them in a few lamps, their ugly concentric circles of glass hidden by lampshades. To my surprise they worked! I couldn't even see the difference between them and my old energy guzzling incandescents. Slowly I changed more bulbs. I'm now up to the high hat floods in my ceiling and working my way around to the outdoor lights as well. I'm feeling better. The fog of depression that enveloped me as I left the last Athena meeting is lifting.

I know, I know, I was the one who said Athena speakers should "make us think". But does an "out of the box" thinker have the right to destroy my sense of purpose and well being? How many feminists does it take to change a light bulb and save the planet? Apparently, just one.





## Lunches to Honor Athena Members

On March 3 **Jan Platt** will receive the 2006 Status of Women Award given annually by the Zonta Club of Tampa to a woman who has significantly helped raise the status of women. The presentation will be made at the Zontastic Luncheon at 11 a.m. at Embassy Suites, 555 No. Westshore Blvd. Tickets are \$25 and includes a fashion show and silent auction. If you'd like to sit at the Athena table, please mail your check (payable to Zonta) to Eleanor Hubbard prior to February 23.

We're also organizing an Athena table for the Executive Woman of the Year luncheon scheduled for March 13 at the Centre Club. Featured speaker will be **Mary Key** and two of the finalists for the award are **Edna Broyles** and **Pat Frank**. If you'd like to join the cheering section, send your \$35 check (payable to NEW) to Eleanor Hubbard by March 5.

A luncheon to honor **Beth Waters** will be held at the Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center on March 28. It will be a fundraiser to create scholarship funds and to establish benefits for domestic abuse victims. Athena will be participating in the effort so please mark your calendars. Details will be forthcoming.

## Athena Bonus

"Mix and Mingle" without the time constraints of luncheon meetings.....on March 28, in the Board Room at the Boys & Girls' Club, 1307 No. MacDill. Drop in anytime between 5:30 and 7:30 for wine, snacks and interaction with the brightest women in Tampa! Many who can't break away in the middle of the day will be joining us for this after-hours event.

## News About Members

Our deepest sympathy to **Pam Iori** whose father recently passed away.

On February 24 the Loebenberg Humanitarian Award was presented to **Judy Genshaft** by the Florida Holocaust Museum. The award honors individuals who, by their actions and dedication, recognize the inherent worth and dignity of human life.

**Jan Roberts**, President of Earth Charter US, has been asked to serve on the UN Commission on Sustainable Development's Education Caucus and the World Future Council's Organizing Committee for North America. The World Future Council, based in Germany, will serve as a "global moral compass" for international and national treaties and policies.





## Athena "Housekeeping"

The video produced by **Linda Goldstein** for our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration will be available to anyone who missed the event and would like to purchase it. (And those who saw it might like a copy as a keepsake.) The cost will be dependent on total number ordered: VHS – 1 to 9 copies - \$8 each (\$15)

10 to 24 copies - \$6 each (\$12)

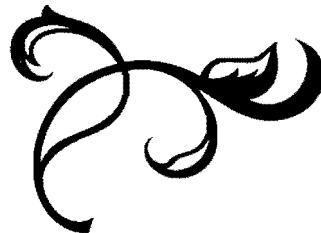
25 and over - \$3.50 each (\$9)

Numbers in ( ) are for DVD's. If you'd like to order, indicate which format and email **Eleanor Hubbard** prior to March 13, but don't send checks.

Reminder that a new procedure has been implemented for making announcements at our regular monthly luncheons. Members are requested to submit the information – in 50 words or less - to **Eleanor Hubbard** by noon Tuesday prior to the meeting. In an effort to streamline the agenda, **Susan Leisner** will make the announcements.

Is July 20-22 circled in red on your calendar? It should be because that's the weekend for the Retreat at the Naples (Beach) Ritz-Carlton. Details and reservation packets will be forthcoming next month.

Our thanks to **Deanne Roberts** (Roberts Communications Inc.) who again produced our updated promotional brochure which was distributed at the February luncheon. Call Eleanor Hubbard if you'd like a copy.



## Directory Changes

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# Athena Society



B R I E F I N G S

April, 2007

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## Upcoming Meeting

- WHEN:** Thursday, April 5  
11:55 a.m.
- WHERE:** Centre Club  
Westshore at Kennedy
- PROGRAM:** Young Women of Promise  
Class of 2007
- COST:** Guests - \$20
- MENU:** Chinese Chicken Salad  
(Veggie plate available on request  
when reserving)
- RSVP:** By April 2 – Call **Eleanor Hubbard**  
(251-9172) or email [ewhubbard@aol.com](mailto:ewhubbard@aol.com).

## OPEN MEETING – GUESTS WELCOME

A longtime favorite of Athena members, this program will certainly reassure that today's youth has great promise!

Ten very special young women – selected from a field of 26 – will be presented, each outstanding in her own unique way. See page 3 for a list of those to be recognized.

Each honoree will have three minutes to describe which of her accomplishments has given her the greatest satisfaction and why. You'll be amazed, inspired and impressed by their stories.

Please join us and bring friends who'll enjoy meeting some truly incredible teens.



## President's Message

Athena has more awards to celebrate this month. First, our very own **Jan Platt** was honored by the Zonta Club for her contributions to our community through her decades of public service. And just this past week **Pat Frank** was named by the Network of Executive Women as the recipient of its 2007 Executive Woman of the Year Award. Athena women just seem to keep piling up kudos upon kudos.

Speaking of **Pat Frank**, I was thrilled to receive a personal missive from her the very day she was honored. Indeed, her name and her title were nicely printed on the upper left hand corner of the envelope. Unfortunately, also printed on the envelope in large red letters were the dreaded words, "IMPORTANT JURY SUMMONS ENCLOSED"!!! Thank you so much Pat! The last time I accepted a similar invitation I spent a week of my life listening to expert witnesses describe the trauma of back and neck pain that was the supposed result of a minor fender bender. To add insult to injury (no pun intended), the trial was scheduled for the week before Christmas which made my last minute scramble for presents even more hectic than usual. But I am not complaining. I will once again do my duty as a citizen. Besides, the pay is so good, who could refuse? So don't try to contact me on April 11th, I'll be scrambling around downtown looking for those free parking spaces for jurors.

I hope everyone has received their invitation to the **Beth Waters** Friendship Fund Luncheon to be held on March 28th at Ferguson Hall at the Performing Arts Center. As you all know, the Athena Society Education Fund will be one of the three recipients of funds raised and invested at the Community Foundation. **Adrienne Garcia** will represent Athena on the program and Mayor **Pam Iorio** will be the keynote speaker. Hope to see you all there!





## 2007 Young Women of Promise

Sara Baade	Hillsborough High School
Camila De La Pena	Berkeley Preparatory School
Lauren Der	Plant City High School
Francesca Granell	Gaither High School
Rachel Jones	Armwood High School
Kayla Reigner	Riverview High School
Stephanie Socias	Academy of the Holy Names
Brittney Smith	Wharton High School
Cristina Stephens	Tampa Bay Tech High School
Jennifer Weihmuller	Chamberlain High School

## Athena Bonus

Reminder.....Plan to "Mix and Mingle" on Wednesday, March 28, in the Board Room at the Boys & Girls' Club, 1307 No. MacDill. Drop in anytime between 5:30 and 7:30 for wine, snacks and good conversation with the most accomplished women in Tampa!

## News About Members

Our sincere sympathy to several members who have suffered losses in the past few weeks: The fathers of both **Annette DeLisle** and **Barbara Pankau** passed away recently and **Dottie MacKinnon** lost her sister.

## Calendar

May 3 – Luncheon meeting – Presentation of **Phyllis Marshall** Career Assistant Grants

June 7 – Annual Meeting (Dinner) – Palma Ceia Golf & Country Club  
Installation of officers, introduction of new members

June 16 – Party honoring new members – home of Mary Scriven

July 20-22 – Annual retreat – Naples

NO JULY OR AUGUST LUNCHEONS.





## Athena "Housekeeping"

Last call for orders of the video shown at our 30th anniversary celebration. The cost is dependent on total number ordered:

VHS – 1 to 9 copies - \$8 each (\$15)

10 to 24 copies - \$6 each (\$12)

25 and over - \$3.50 each (\$9)

Numbers in ( ) are for DVD's. If you'd like to order, indicate which format and email **Eleanor Hubbard** prior to April 2 but don't send checks.

Plans are being finalized for our July 20-22 retreat and all activities point to FLR - fun, luxury and relaxation. Athena members and the Naples Beach Ritz-Carlton is the winning combination; look for your reservation packets the first week of April.

Directory Change: **Jan Platt** [jplatt36@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:jplatt36@tampabay.rr.com)

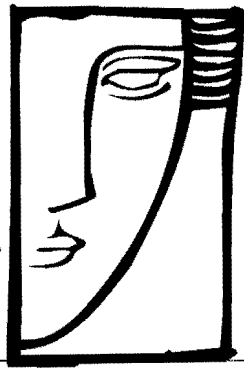


## Members' Projects

**Susan Steen, Renee Williams** and **Diane Egner**, board members at Alpha House of Tampa, invite sister Athena members to a wine tasting and tour of Alpha House's facilities on Wednesday, April 25, 5:30 - 7 p.m. Spend a little time catching up with each other while getting to know the ins and outs of one of Tampa's most successful non-profits in providing more than 25 years of service to pregnant and parenting women in crisis and their children within its facilities at 201 S. Tampania Ave. in South Tampa. Please RSVP by April 20 to Sara Mickelson: [smickelson@alphahouseoftampa.org](mailto:smickelson@alphahouseoftampa.org) or 875-2024.

Several members are involved in the "Child Abuse Awareness Luncheon" scheduled for Friday, April 13, at the Tampa Marriott Waterside. Featured speaker is former Miss America Marilyn VanDerbur who'll share her story of 13 years of sexual abuse followed by her inspiring recovery. Tickets are \$50 and can be secured by calling 813/263-3469. Proceeds benefit abused, abandoned and neglected children at Joshua House, the special project of **Dottie MacKinnon**.

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May 2007

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## Upcoming Meeting

**WHEN:** Thursday, May 3  
11:55 a.m.

**WHERE:** Centre Club  
Westshore at Kennedy

**PROGRAM:** Phyllis P. Marshall Career Assistance Grants  
AND "Battles Women are Winning"

**SPEAKER:** Barbara Zdravecky, President/CEO  
Planned Parenthood of SW and Central FL

**COST:** Guests - \$20

**MENU:** Beef Stir Fry w/Oriental Vegetables  
(Veggie plate available on request when reserving)

**RSVP:** By April 30 – Call **Eleanor Hubbard**  
(251-9172) or email [ewhubbard@aol.com](mailto:ewhubbard@aol.com).

## OPEN MEETING – GUESTS WELCOME

The recipients of Athena's annual Phyllis P. Marshall Career Assistance Grants will be introduced. Funds for these grants are generated by contributions to the Athena Education Fund managed by the Community Foundation.

Barbara Zdravecky's organization currently operates six non-profit women's health centers in 15 Florida counties. She is committed to improving access to affordable women's health services and is in the forefront advocating for these health issues on the local, state and national levels. A recognized leader in national Planned Parenthood, Barbara last year received the Ruth Green Award, the Outstanding PP CEO in the nation, as determined by her peers.

Join us to hear a report of the progress and obstacles to women's health care - the ups and downs – over the past few decades and her vision for the future.



## President's Message

Feeling a little glum about your uninspiring high school achievements? Beginning to think that being President of the National Honor Society and a member of a winning debate team were a mere trifle on your resume? And what about those hours wasted practicing clarinet so you could be first chair in the marching band? I bet you didn't even think about other possibilities. After all, you could have been out there lettering in three varsity sports. (Okay, so the fact that you didn't actually know how to play three different sports may have been a slight drawback.) Or you might have at least thought about building a school in Uganda. (Did you even know where Uganda was?) I bet you could've been the champion national speaker for the FFA (Future Farmer's of America) if you had simply embraced the concept of overalls as a fashion statement. Oh, the cruel agony of contemplating our misspent youth!

But don't despair! You are just suffering the symptoms which annually befall all Athena members after they have attended a Young Women of Promise Program. Once again **Sylvia Richardson** and her excellent committee brought us ten incredible young women to honor. More astoundingly, they're still only juniors in high school! What more are they going to achieve before they reach the doddering old age of Athena members? I can't even begin to imagine.

Making the day even more inspiring was a table full of last year's winners, college acceptances in hand. In spite of the sometimes ego deflating effect this program has on me, I think this it is one of Athena's most important accomplishments. For not only do we bring recognition to these amazing young women, their proud parents and inspiring guidance counselors, but we give ourselves hope for the future and a validation of our life's work in the vanguard of expanding opportunities for all women. I'm also pleased to report that this year we had a record number of Athena members attend this wonderful annual fete for outstanding girls in the community.

Next up in May we honor more outstanding young women when we award our career assistance grants. This part of the year should make us all proud to be in Athena. It's what we're here for.





## Athena Bonus

Our next fun outing is to *The Sisters Rosensweig* at the Shimberg Playhouse on Thursday evening, May 24. Nominated for five Tony Awards in 1993, the play was authored by Pulitzer Prize-winner Wendy Wasserstein and has garnered rave reviews wherever it has been performed. If you haven't reserved your ticket yet but would like to go, check with **Eleanor Hubbard** to determine if tickets are still available.



## News About Members

**Moira Burke** is a grandmother and couldn't be happier! Son Ryan and his wife Amy are the parents of Alden Patrick Murphy born April 7; they reside in Riverview.

It's #7 for grandma **Sandy Freedman**..... Samuel Joseph Woodward was born to daughter Lisa and her husband Edward on March 27 here in Tampa. He's the baby brother of four-year-old Anna.

We were deeply saddened last month by the sudden death of longtime member **Cindy Sontag**. The touching memorial service for Cindy was beautifully "emceed" by good friend **Kathy Betancourt**.

**Pat Frank**, recently named Executive Woman of the Year by the Network of Executive Women, will speak before that group on May 8. "Frank Talk" will be her topic at the noon meeting at the Centre Club. Tickets are \$25 and may be reserved by contacting Eleanor Hubbard.

News of former member **Mary Jane Saunders**: Effective March 19, 2007, Mary Jane was appointed Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs at Cleveland State University. Prior to joining the University in January 2003, she directed the Institute for Biomolecular Science at USF.





## Athena "Housekeeping"

Based on the number of DVD's ordered, we have determined the price of the video shown at our 30th anniversary celebration...\$12. It's a lovely keepsake, so if you haven't yet ordered but would like a copy, we'll gladly squeeze you in. Contact Eleanor Hubbard by May 5 and mail your check to her, payable to Tampa Digital Studios.

You should have received your retreat packet several weeks ago and, hopefully, will soon mail in your reservation form. The dates are July 20-22 and the place is the Naples Beach Ritz-Carlton. No driving hassle as we've engaged the same bus and the same driver as last year.

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## Calendar

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Installation of officers, introduction of new members

June 16 – Party honoring new members – home of **Mary Scriven**

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## Upcoming Meeting

**WHEN:** Thursday, June 7  
5:30 p.m. – cash bar  
6:15 p.m. – dinner

**WHERE:** Palma Ceia Golf & Country Club  
1601 So. MacDill Avenue

**PROGRAM:** Business Meeting – Agenda to include:  
Election of Nominating Committee  
Approval of 2007-08 budget  
Introduction of new members  
Election of officers/directors  
Passing of the gavel  
Installation

**RSVP:** By June 4 – Call **Eleanor Hubbard**  
(251-9172) or email [ewhubbard@aol.com](mailto:ewhubbard@aol.com).

## CLOSED MEETING – MEMBERS ONLY

Please join us to show your support for those who have led this year and those who will lead during the next 12 months.

## Saturday, June 16 – Party Time!

Our annual party to honor new members is scheduled for Saturday, June 16, 6 to 8 p.m. at the home of Lanse and **Mary Scriven**, 2107 Carroll Garden Lane. The Hospitality Committee – chaired by **Elizabeth Howarth** – will present its usual wonderful spread....to be enjoyed in the lush tree-shaded outdoor area or in air-conditioned comfort. There's no charge for members and one guest; additional guests are \$20. Reservations may be made by emailing or phoning **Eleanor Hubbard** prior to June 11. (You'll get driving directions via email.)



## President's Message

If you noticed that sly smile on my face recently, along with a new spring in my step, you know it's that time of year again. It's the season when outgoing presidents look forward to a long relaxing summer with no more responsibilities. I can now truly say that I've made it through. With the help of my great board and even greater committee chairs Athena has just completed another terrific year! Now, for my final (yippee!) letter I'd like to leave some thoughts to future presidents on how to avoid disaster and succeed in Athena without really trying.

First, do be extremely kind and solicitous to **Eleanor Hubbard**. She knows everything there is to know about Athena, its members, its inscrutable committee structure, its arcane policies and procedures plus innumerable minutiae about every event ever held by Athena. Without her help and many midnight email exchanges your presidency will be dead in the water.

Do not think that you have been elected to the presidency because of your leadership skills. This would be a grave mistake on your part and such fuzzy thinking could lead to untold calamities and disappointments. The membership of Athena consists of 165 leaders and zero followers. The only place you might successfully lead them is to an open bar – preferably in the lobby of a 5 star hotel.

Never ever have a closed meeting to discuss Athena business in a yacht club. This includes all yacht clubs in the state of Florida. There is something about these venues that cause the membership to be more acrimonious and recalcitrant than a cat visiting Westminster. After much thought, I believe I have nailed down the source of this problem. It's those ridiculous oil portraits of overstuffed, white male commodores (the mandatory decorating scheme of yacht clubs). Their very existence tends to make Athena members irritable and cranky which then causes them to lash out at the nearest authority figure which will be – you! Do be kind to Eleanor!

Never, ever attempt to read the bylaws. Doing so will result in nausea, vomiting and extreme nervous tremors. And it is totally unnecessary! If by some incredible fluke you actually violate one of the rules of the sacred text, any number of Athena members will kindly and gently tell you (using great tact) that you are a complete and utter imbecile.

I actually have several more handy tips that you can use but I note that I have run out of space and time. There are so many more touchy topics I could cover, but I would like to leave office with at least a few Athena friends left.

Oh, and did I mention staying on the good side of Eleanor?





## Nominating Committee Election

At the April meeting, members were asked to vote for 12 individuals eligible to serve on the 2007-08 Nominating Committee. The following are being presented as the result of this preliminary ballot. (Due to multiple ties, there are 14.)



Jean Amuso

Susan Bucklew

Amelia Campbell

Linda Fries

Linda Goldstein

Susan Grady

Dianne Jacob

Dena Leavengood

Miriam Mason

Margaret Mathews

Paddy Moses

Carolyn Reed

Juel Smith

JoAnn Urofsky

The final election will take place at the June meeting at which time six members will be selected – five to serve as regular members and one to serve as an alternate until the annual meeting in 2008. If you do not plan to attend the June meeting, you may wish to implement Article V, Section 10 of the bylaws: Proxies.

## Athena Housekeeping

Our PR/Archives Chair **Renee Williams** reports a huge gap in the 2006-7 scrapbook which is soon to go on display: no Miami retreat pictures! If you have any, please bring them to the June dinner or contact Renee.

The Board of Directors recently approved the following additions to the Policy and Procedure Guidelines (pages 18-32 in the current directory): Use of email to Athena addresses is restricted to Athena Society members. Email broadcast by the administrator shall be limited to messages pertaining to Athena business or activities. It may also be used to notify of an event such as illness or death within an Athena family.

Emerita members may seek active status pending board approval.

## Remember Phyllis with Your Dollars

The campaign to raise additional funds for the **Phyllis P. Marshall** Career Assistance Grants was kicked-off by Community Foundation Committee Chair **Adrienne Garcia** at the May meeting after Co-Chair **Linda Devine** introduced two of the three young women selected to receive scholarships to attend HCC. President **Susan Leisner** challenged the membership to make generous gifts to the Athena Education Fund at the Community Foundation in order to offer more grants to deserving students each year. Our thanks to those who responded immediately; the opportunity, however, still exists. You may mail your check (payable to the Community Foundation) to the Athena P.O. Box or bring it to the June dinner.

P.S. A contribution to the Fund is a great way to honor friends or family members on a special occasion – birthday, anniversary, etc.





**New Members to be Introduced**

We're pleased to announce the following women have accepted Athena's invitation to membership and will be formally introduced at the June 7 annual meeting:

- Lee Essrig** – Vice President, PBS&J
- Lorna Taylor Gregory** – CEO, Premier Eye Care
- Laura Kolkman** – President, Mosaica Partners
- Jean McNally** – Founder/President, EconOffice Products
- Luanne Panacek** – CEO, Children's Board of Hillsborough County
- Norrine Russell** - Exec. Director, Ophelia Project of Tampa Bay
- Charlotte Starfire** – Dir., Global Trade Solutions, SunTrust Bank
- Nancy Walker** – President/CEO, Walker Brand Communications
- Corinne Young** – Partner/Co-Founder, Global Issues Consulting
- Andrea Zelman** – Attorney/Shareholder, Fowler White

**WELCOME! WELCOME!**



**2007-08 Slate**

- The following slate has been proposed by the Nominating Committee:
- President . . . . .Katherine Essrig
  - President-Elect . . . . .Mary Scriven
  - VP/Membership . . . . .Cynthia Gandee
  - VP/Programs . . . . .Adrienne Garcia
  - Secretary . . . . .Mary Estes
  - Treasurer . . . . .Karen Arnold
  - Imm. Past President . . . . .Susan Leisner

**BOARD MEMBERS**

Two year term:

- Emmy Acton
- Doretha Edgecomb
- Lisa Robbins

One year term:

- Amelia Campbell
- Holly Tomlin
- Elaine Terenzi
- (second of two year term)

**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

Two year term:

- Marva Crenshaw
- Jane Peppard
- JoAnn Urofsky

Second year of Two-year term

- Molly Crews
- Cynthia Gandee
- Becky Steele

Alternate: Juell Smith



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September, 2007

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## Upcoming Meeting

- WHEN:** Thursday, September 6  
11:55 a.m.
- WHERE:** Centre Club  
Westshore at Kennedy
- PROGRAM:** Leadership and Faith –  
Here, There and Everywhere
- SPEAKER:** Jacqueline L. Landry, President/CEO  
Academy of the Holy Names
- COST:** Guests - \$25 (See Athena Housekeeping)
- MENU:** Pecan-crusted salmon w/apple slaw  
(Veggie plate available on request when reserving)
- RSVP:** By September 3 – Call **Eleanor Hubbard**  
(251-9172) or email [ewhubbard@aol.com](mailto:ewhubbard@aol.com).

## OPEN MEETING – GUESTS WELCOME

Ms. Landry has a passion for, and unique understanding of, women's leadership in religion and the role faith should/does play in leadership in our community, nation and world. Her life experiences encompass a myriad of realms from communes to the Ivy Leagues.

She has a Master of Divinity from Wesley Theological Seminary and has served as Catholic Chaplain to Harvard University, President of the Harvard United Ministry, a member of Harvard Women's Initiative and of Women Waging Peace at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard.

Join us for this interesting and thought-provoking discussion about faith and leadership in our lives.



## President's Message

I am writing this letter from afar as I am on vacation and away from the usual life stressors — work, running a household, shopping, cooking, cleaning, juggling meetings and professional obligations with family activities. As a result, I have a true luxury — time to ponder. I have been giving much thought to what is important to me. How do I find meaning and purpose in life? How do I give back to my community, spend time with loved ones and friends and devote the time and effort to work and professional/community activities and still have time left over for me? We all struggle with these issues on a daily basis, and we all must work hard in order to hold everything in the balance. Sometimes I can feel a little overwhelmed by all of it, but — like you — I make lists, prioritize and eventually get everything (or at least the most important things) done.

In thinking about how to maintain that balance that is sometimes so difficult to achieve, I have thought a lot about my Athena family. Athena has become a valuable part of my life in large part because my fellow Athenians, like me, are busy, active professionals who are struggling to find that equilibrium in their lives. You are all bright, accomplished women from whom I have learned a great deal and whose company I enjoy tremendously. At our retreat in July we had time to relax, talk about things both weighty and insignificant, and — most importantly — have fun and get to know each other better. Thank you again to **Elizabeth Walters** and her retreat committee for putting together such a marvelous weekend. As those who attended will no doubt confirm, landscape architect Joann Smallwood's guided tour of Naples was truly wonderful. She provided us with an inside look at some beautiful homes and yards in Naples, and she showed us a little of the gorgeous work she has done throughout Naples. We were also treated to a wonderful meeting with Myra Janco Daniels, founder, chairman and CEO of the Naples Philharmonic Center for the Arts. Ms. Daniels guided us through her beautiful jewel of a facility and charmed us with stories of her life. She is a delightful octogenarian, and we wished we could have spent more time with her.

I hope that many of you will be able to join us at the USF Women in Leadership and Philanthropy luncheon on October 1st at the downtown Hyatt Regency Hotel. Television correspondent Campbell Brown will be the keynote speaker. Tickets are \$150 and you may contact Eleanor Hubbard to purchase one and to sit at an Athena table. Athena is the sponsor of a pre-luncheon reception (which is free of charge), and a limited number of tickets are available for that event. Please let Eleanor know if you would like to attend the luncheon and/or the reception.

I am very much looking forward to my year as president of this group of outstanding women. I thank those of you who have volunteered to serve as members or chairs of committees, and I encourage those who have not yet gotten involved to do so, if you are able. I look forward to working with all of you and to getting to know you better in the upcoming months. If you have any questions or ideas that you would like to discuss, please feel free to call me at home (254-4420) or at work (272-5080), or to e-mail me at [kessrig@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:kessrig@tampabay.rr.com).





## Nominating Committee

At the June meeting members voted for six individuals to serve on the 2007-08 Nominating Committee. The following were elected:

**Susan Bucklew**

**Paddy Moses**

**Miriam Mason**

**Carolyn Reed**

**Margaret Mathews**

**Juel Smith**

## News About Members

Our sympathy to **Beth Ficquette** whose 91-year-old mother, Sara Kate Rhodes, recently passed away.

A unique honor was recently bestowed on **Moira Burke**: At the annual graduation of the ophthalmology residents of the USF School of Medicine, she received the award for the surgical teaching. In addition, in recognition of how many times she had won that award, the residents and faculty voted to henceforth name the award "The Moira J. Burke Surgical Teaching Award." What a legacy....congratulations!

It's a first for **Elaine Shimberg** - a children's book. After authoring 20 books on medical subjects, she said it was great fun to write HERMAN, THE HERMIT CRAB. It's for kids 3-8 and is available at Inkwood or Amazon.com.

Congratulations to two new grandmothers: **Nancy McDonald** – who welcomed Hewitt Jameson Bush in L.A. on May 29 – and **Louise Thompson** who welcomed Max Dallas Thompson in Arlington, VA on July 3.

**Jan Roberts**, President of Earth Charter U.S. attended Earth Charter International strategy sessions in Brazil prior to participating in two weeks of policy-making sessions at the United Nations in NYC as a delegate on the Educational Caucus for the U. N. Commission on Sustainable Development. She reports that the UN sessions on energy, climate change, air pollution and industrial development were intense and informative with women especially from the European Union and Canada negotiating strongly for agreement on renewable energies.







## Athena Housekeeping

Please note the new price for guests, our first increase since 2000.

If you've travelled over the summer and accumulated lots of hotel toiletries, please bring them to the September luncheon or any future one. This year we'll be delivering the items to a new venue: Fisher House at the James Haley V.A. Hospital, temporary home for families of wounded servicemen.

We've engaged a new jeweler to make our pins and pendants and are looking to place an order about the first of October. Sterling silver will be \$50; 14K yellow gold, \$150 and 14K white gold, \$165. **Eleanor Hubbard** will be happy to take your order.

## Members' Projects

**Holly Tomlin**, Chair of the Chamber's first annual Women of Influence Luncheon, invites everyone (including men!) to hear a great business story from Sara Blakeley, inventor/founder of Spanx. The luncheon on Wednesday, September 19, will be at Pepin Hospitality Center, 4121 No. 50th Street. Boutique vendors (like **Maruchi Azorin** and **Winnie Marvel**) will be available before and after the presentation. Contact Holly for ticket or sponsorship information.

**Jean Amuso**, President-Elect of the Child Abuse Council BOD, invites all Athena members to the Council's annual "Champions for Children" breakfast on Tuesday, September 25, Club Level at Raymond James Stadium. Featured speaker will be David Pelzer, well known child advocate and Pulitzer Prize nominee. There is no cost for the event and reservations should be made with Jean no later than September 10.

**Norrine Russell** asks that you save the date of November 2 for the Ophelia Project's 5th anniversary celebration luncheon featuring keynote speaker Molly Barker. Ms. Barker, a four-time Hawaii Ironman triathlete and a true visionary, is the founder of the internationally known program, Girls on the Run. Event sponsorships are available.

## Calendar

October 1 – Campbell Brown Athena-sponsored reception

October 4 – Luncheon – Centre Club


November 1 – Luncheon – Centre Club

December 6 – Dinner meeting - TBPAC (members only)

December 16 – Holiday buffet – (guests welcome)



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October, 2007

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## Upcoming Meeting

**WHEN:** Thursday, October 4  
11:55 a.m.

**WHERE:** Centre Club  
Westshore at Kennedy

**PROGRAM:** Contemporary Poetry and the Intersection  
of Poetry and Religion

**SPEAKER:** Martha Serpas, Poet

**COST:** Guests - \$25

**MENU:** Pork tenderloin w/Yukon roasted potatoes  
(Veggie plate available on request when reserving)

**RSVP:** By October 1 – Call **Eleanor Hubbard**  
(251-9172) or email [ewhubbard@aol.com](mailto:ewhubbard@aol.com).

## OPEN MEETING – GUESTS WELCOME

Martha Serpas has received degrees in literature and creative writing from Louisiana State University (B.A.), New York University (M.A.), and the University of Houston (Ph.D.) An interest in the intersection of poetry and belief led her to study at Yale Divinity School where she earned a Master of Divinity.

She has written two collections of poetry - *Côte Blanche* and *The Dirty Side of the Storm*. Her poems have appeared in *The New Yorker*, *the New York Times Book Review*, *The Nation*, *The Christian Century*, and *Southwest Review*. She has taught at Yale Divinity School, the University of Houston and the University of Tampa where she is currently an associate professor of English and poetry editor of *Tampa Review*. She'll read from her books and make them available following the meeting. Join us for an unusual and inspirational program.

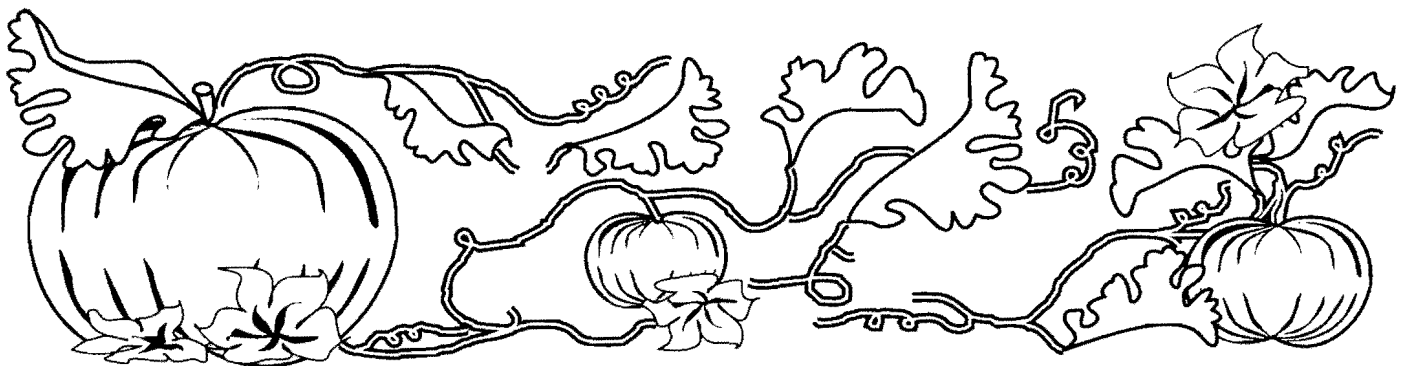


## President's Message

As we enter into fall, the Athena machinery — like a finely tuned Swiss watch — is working ever so well. Committee chairs have been calling upon their committee members and meeting to plan the upcoming year and we have much to which we can look forward.

The program committee has done a remarkable job of lining up some interesting and thought-provoking speakers. Jacqueline Landry, the president and CEO of Academy of the Holy Names, was a passionate, articulate and thought-provoking speaker at our September meeting, and our upcoming speakers should be just as interesting and challenging. Membership committee members are already gathering to discuss the membership process for the year and to tweak the membership nomination form; hospitality members will soon be organizing to plan the menu for our upcoming holiday party; and the Athena Bonus committee is organizing some exciting and fun events for members.

Thank you to all for your willingness to put in the time and effort to make this collaboration work; I am always in awe of how this group of busy women manages to organize and prioritize and get so much accomplished while enjoying ourselves so much in the process!





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## Athena Bonus Ahead

The Athena Bonus committee has selected its first event of the year: opening night at the Gorilla Theatre, 7 p.m., Thursday, October 25. **Nancy Cole** is directing the inspiring story of Jane Eyre, one of the great novels of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. It'll be a celebration complete with party, cake and champagne. Prices are \$20; \$15 for seniors. Join us for what promises to be an entertaining evening. Reserve with **Eleanor Hubbard** prior to October 10.

## News About Members

**Judy Genshaft** was named Business Woman of the Year by the Tampa Bay Business Journal at their recent black-tie gala. In addition to this top honor, she also won in the program's education category. The other winners included **Winnie Marvel** in the business services category and **Pat Bean** in the government services category. Finalists in the various categories were **Linda Devine**, **Mary Key** and **Nancy Walker** so Athena was well represented. Congratulations to all!

Our sympathy to **Sandy Frye** whose mother passed away last month in New Jersey.

**Becky Steele** has been named President-Elect of the Florida Association for Women Lawyers; she previously served as president of the Hillsborough Association for Women Lawyers.

**Jane Peppard** has been named Vice President for Corporate Communications at the St. Petersburg Times.



## Athena Housekeeping

Many responded to our call last month for hotel toiletries for families temporarily staying at Fisher House at the James Haley V.A. Hospital. Your contributions will gladly be accepted at any Athena function during the year.

Reminder: We've engaged a new jeweler to make our pins and pendants and are looking to place an order about the first of October. Sterling silver will be \$50; 14K yellow gold, \$150 and 14K white gold, \$165. Items will be ready by Christmas so think about giving yourself a gift! **Eleanor Hubbard** will be happy to take your order.



## Members' Projects

**Susan Steen** will be travelling to Cuba (October 23-31) and is in need of such items as antibiotics, blood pressure and heart meds, children's meds, dental drills/equipment and first aid supplies. If you can help, please contact her at [susanjsteen@aol.com](mailto:susanjsteen@aol.com).

**Jean Amuso** invites all golf enthusiasts to participate in the 9th Annual Women's Golf Classic on Tuesday, November 27, at Pebble Beach Golf Course. Registration will be at 10:30 a.m. with a shotgun start at noon. The registration fee of \$125 per person includes a gift pack, a 4:30 dinner and awards program, snacks/beverages throughout the day and there's a roster of impressive prizes. In addition, a golf clinic for beginners will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. for \$40.

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## Upcoming Meeting

- WHEN:** Thursday, November 1  
11:55 a.m.
- WHERE:** Centre Club  
Westshore at Kennedy
- PROGRAM:** HCC's Economic Impact on  
Hillsborough County
- SPEAKER:** Dr. Gwendolyn Stephenson, President  
Hillsborough Community College
- COST:** Guests - \$25
- MENU:** Chicken Francaise w/Ragout of vegetables  
(*Veggie plate available on request when reserving*)
- RSVP:** By October 29 – Call **Eleanor Hubbard**  
(251-9172) or email [ewhubbard@aol.com](mailto:ewhubbard@aol.com).

## OPEN MEETING – GUESTS WELCOME

Dr. Stephenson has served as President since August 1997. As the chief academic and executive officer, she oversees an institution with four campuses - Brandon, Dale Mabry, Plant City, Ybor City - serving more than 42,000 credit and non-credit students annually. A fifth campus in southern Hillsborough County is slated to open in early 2008. HCC employs more than 2,278 full and part-time employees and is supported by an annual budget ('06-'07) of \$182.3 million.

Prior to coming to HCC, Dr. Stephenson served in a similar role as the Chancellor of St. Louis Community College which served an enrollment of over 120,000 students.

Dr. Stephenson earned her Doctorate in Education with a minor in Research Methodology from St. Louis University where she also received her Masters Degree in Counselor Education. She earned her Bachelors Degree in Education from Harris Teachers' College and holds a Management Certificate from Harvard University.



## President's Message

The Athena year is going by quickly, and not a day goes by that I am not reminded of what a wonderful group of giving, hard-working, dedicated members we have in our organization. I get feedback from many of you on the issues confronting Athena; I get offers to help from a large number of you; and I receive many good wishes and thanks after all our various Athena events (though the credit is never due to me).

Thank you – to the board members, committee chairs, committee members and others – for your willingness to say “yes” when asked to undertake a project, for your willingness to follow through on things without being nagged or chided and for always giving your best effort to any and all undertakings. You have all made the job of president a much easier one than I ever imagined it would be.

Please continue to give me – and other Board members – your thoughts and comments on our various Athena endeavors, past and upcoming; we are all working hard to provide meaningful programs and events for you, and we appreciate hearing from you as to how we are doing in that regard and how we can improve in the future.

## Calendar

### *November 14*

Athena Bonus – For details, see below

### *December 6*

Dinner meeting - TBPAC (members only)

### *December 16*

Holiday buffet – (guests welcome) – 5 to 7 p.m.

### *January 10*

Luncheon – Centre Club – Speaker: Dr. Donna Peterson

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## Bonus in Ybor

**Margaret Miller** has arranged for a very different and exciting Athena Bonus on Wednesday, November 14, 6 p.m. at Alfonso Architects, 1705 North 16th Street in Ybor City. Architect Albert Alfonso will offer a tour of his studio and show models of major projects including his exciting new project - the largest residence in Tampa. (You'll guess the owners when you see it.) Margaret thinks it will be the most innovative example of contemporary architecture in the Tampa Bay area.

Alfonso Architects is an award-winning design firm providing service and design to clients for two generations. The firm is located in a renovated 1908 Ybor railway station. Albert Alfonso has been the lead designer for such major Tampa projects as the new airside terminal at Tampa International Airport that services Southwest Airlines, Stephen King's residence in Casey Key and several buildings on the USF Tampa campus including the new College of Nursing. The firm and its principles have won awards for design excellence from the American Institute of Architects and others.

Following the visit to Alfonso Architects, at 7:30 p.m. we'll walk across the street and dine at Bernini Restaurant. RSVP to Margaret at 974-5867 prior to November 7.

Directions: Turn off of 7th Avenue on to 17th Street and Park behind the building. Entrance is on 16th Street- parking passes will be available.

## News About Members

At a black-tie gala, **Adrienne Garcia** recently received Ybor City's most prestigious award, the *Cesar Gonzmart Award*. Presented by the Ybor City Chamber of Commerce, this annual award recognizes an individual, family or corporation who distinguishes themselves through unique achievements to promote the cultural preservation and commercial revitalization of the Ybor Community. Adrienne has been active in many areas of Ybor development and was named Tampa Hispanic Heritage Woman of the Year in 2005.





## Athena Housekeeping

Thank you to those who have heeded the call for hotel toiletries....some of which went to Alpha House as well as Fisher House at the James Haley V.A. Hospital. Your contributions will gladly be accepted at any Athena function during the year.

Reminder: A new jeweler has been engaged to make our pins and pendants. We had hoped to place an order this month but need a few more commitments to meet the minimum. If you're thinking of getting a pin this year, consider doing it now. Sterling silver will be \$50; 14K yellow gold, \$150 and 14K white gold, \$165. Not sure about the Christmas delivery but we can certainly request it. **Eleanor Hubbard** will be happy to take your order.



# Happy Halloween



## Members' Projects

**Adrienne Garcia** is attempting to identify Athena Society members who are HCC alumni. The newly established HCC Alumni Association will kick off the College's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration by honoring 40 outstanding alumni and Adrienne would like to nominate some Athena women. If you are an alum, please contact her at [agarcia@hccfl.edu](mailto:agarcia@hccfl.edu); deadline for nominations is Nov 1. For information on attending the December 5 luncheon, go to [www.hccfl.edu/dao/alumni](http://www.hccfl.edu/dao/alumni); tickets are \$40.

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## President's Message

This is the time of year when we stop to think about all the wonderful things that life has bestowed upon us and to express our thanks to those around us. Like most of you, I am blessed with the company of loved ones and friends; I have good health; I have a career in which I find satisfaction and fulfillment; and I truly want for nothing.

I realize how fortunate I am to have the support and encouragement of many people who help me in everything that I do, including my work in Athena. You are such positive, energetic and dynamic women, and whenever I ask any of you to do anything, you not only agree enthusiastically, but – of course – you completely take charge of the assignment and accomplish far more than you are asked to do. How can I possibly thank all of you for your guidance, for your willingness to serve and for your feedback on how things are going and how we can do better?

As busy as everyone is with work and family life, you still give of yourselves and make my job an easy one. I am thankful to each of you for enriching my life, for helping me along the way and for contributing to Athena's rich blend of strong and interesting personalities.

We have two upcoming Athena events to which we can look forward and which I hope everyone will try to attend. Our meeting at the Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center on December 6 will be a wonderful opportunity to get a "behind-the-scenes" look at our jewel of an arts center with our own member, Judy Lisi; our holiday party at Sandy and Bill Frye's house on December 16 will be a time for us to mingle with each other (and spouses and significant others) and to enjoy some wonderful food, drink and merriment. I look forward to seeing you at both gatherings, and I wish you much joy and happiness this holiday season.

## Calendar

### *December 16*

Holiday buffet – (guests welcome) – 5 to 7 p.m.

### *January 10*

Luncheon – Centre Club – Speaker: Dr. Donna Peterson

### *February 7*

Luncheon – Centre Club

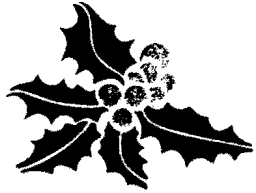
### *March 6*

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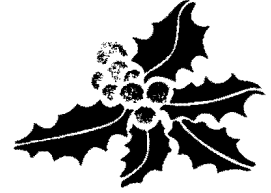




## Holiday Buffet – December 16



Annual highlight of the season is Athena's Holiday Buffet to be held at the home of Bill and **Sandy Frye**, 1608 Culbreath Isles Drive, from 5 to 7 p.m. on Sunday, December 16. The Hospitality Committee – chaired by **Elizabeth Howarth** – will present its usual wonderful



spread. There's no charge for members and one guest; additional guests are \$25. Reservations may be made by emailing or phoning **Eleanor Hubbard** prior to December 11.

Culbreath Isles Subdivision is on Westshore Blvd. approximately 3/4 mile south of Kennedy Blvd. There's a traffic light at the gate; make a right turn. As you pass through the gate, turn left immediately and proceed straight for two very short blocks after which the road bends right, putting you on Culbreath Isles Drive South. The Frye's Spanish styled home is on the left.



## News About Members

Our deepest sympathy to **Lorna Taylor Gregory** for the loss of her sister in California last month.

Before a crowd of 650 at Higgins Hall last week **Barbara Pennington** received the prestigious Lloyd Horton Lifetime Achievement Award from the Association of Fundraising Professionals. She was honored for the contributions made during her 35-year career, the last portion of which was at the University of Tampa. Also honored was **Dottie Berger MacKinnon** who received the Spirit of Philanthropy Award for her dedication and support of Joshua House.

There's a new **Shimberg** book on the market! **Elaine** and her son Michael have co-authored THE COMPLETE SINGLE FATHER which has just been published by Adams Media. Available on Amazon and most bookstores, it's a guide for sons, brothers, uncles or friends who are single dads...whether full time, joint custody or weekend. It covers "daughters are different," how to cook, discipline, working with the ex for the benefit of the kids, juggling work and child care, etc.



## Athena Housekeeping

Our thanks to **Margaret Miller** for arranging a fantastic Athena Bonus earlier this month. Twenty-five members and guests got a "backstage" look at the creative processes involved in award-winning design at the studio of Alfonso Architects in Ybor City.

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## Classified Ads

*Editor's note: With this issue we are reinstating a feature that years ago was quite helpful and popular; as the heading states, it's classified ads! For members only, the category will provide an opportunity to do business with and make announcements to fellow Athenians, space permitting. Deadline is the 15th of the month and should be no more than 50 words.*

Part time nanny available January 1, weekdays after 1:30 to care for children, grocery shop, run errands, assist with laundry and light dinners. Flexible evenings/weekends. Loves pets! 25 years of day care experience. South, west and northwest Tampa area. Contact **Karen Arnold** at [karnold@storr.com](mailto:karnold@storr.com), 813/254-2977 or 727/743-7057 for more info. You do not want to let her get away!