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Upcoming Meeting

- WHEN:** Thursday, January 12
11:55 a.m.
- WHERE:** Centre Club
Westshore at Kennedy
- PROGRAM:** Remarkable Women of Athena
Optional: Membership sponsor workshop
- SPEAKERS:** **Marsha Lewis Brown**, CEO
Northside Mental Health Center
Adelaide Few, Attorney/Legal Consultant
Lisa Robbins, Senior Scientist
U.S. Geological Survey
- MENU:** Salmon w/red wine butter sauce
(veg plate available on request when reserving)
- COST:** Guests - \$25
- RSVP:** By January 9 – Call **Eleanor Hubbard**
(251-9172) or email ewhubbard@aol.com

OPEN MEETING – GUESTS WELCOME

For the past several years we've made a tradition of having one luncheon devoted to learning more about the paths and unique experiences of fellow members. Despite having similar character traits, this year's focus falls on women who took widely differing career paths. One has been honored by Executive Services Corporation as the Executive Director of the Year; one founded the local chapter of the Phi Beta Kappa alumni association; one recently spent seven weeks in the Arctic Ocean. In addition to being very successful, there is at least one other common thread among these achievers: each has made her mark while juggling motherhood. (Each with three children). Come to hear about the lessons learned and the roads taken by these remarkable women.

If you are considering sponsoring a nominee for membership, plan on attending a brief workshop immediately following the luncheon. Members of the Membership Committee will be available to respond to questions regarding the nomination process.



President's Message

It's been a wonderful holiday season, highlighted by two special Athena Society events: our evening gathering at the Sono Café in the Tampa Museum of Art and our always fabulous holiday party. Special thanks go to **Margaret Miller** for opening her lovely home to us as well as to Hospitality Committee Chair **Elizabeth Howarth**, Vice-Chair **Jeanette LaRussa Fenton** and the many members who assisted with the organization, preparation, presentation and clean-up required to make our party happen. It was a terrific celebration and a great time to catch up with friends, both old and new!

As the holiday season draws to a close, I find myself looking forward to the new year and energized by the many opportunities that will be available within Athena. In the near term, the Long Range Planning Committee will be soliciting your input concerning our member nomination process. Please avail yourself of the chance to share your thoughts, concerns and especially your constructive suggestions about this process by responding to the survey. The Committee's work will continue for some time so changes, if any, to the process will be implemented after this year's member nomination process has concluded.

And speaking of the member nomination process, please view it a golden opportunity to enhance the diversity of our membership. Consider nominating an outstanding young woman in a profession under-represented in our ranks or from a cultural background more reflective of our community at large than our organization. New perspectives foster fresh ideas and renewed enthusiasm, and they are critical to Athena's ability to continue to thrive.

In connection with the unveiling of Athena's new website this spring, the Technology Committee will be conducting a series of workshops designed to help you feel comfortable with the site and confident about maximizing its potential for your own convenience and enjoyment. I encourage you to make time in your schedule to attend a workshop and reap the benefit of some quality time with our tech-savvy members.

Feed your soul by serving as a mentor – to another member, a Young Woman of Promise or a Career Assistance Grant recipient. Athena will be putting its new website to work by making your willingness to serve and your particular availability known and by facilitating matches with appropriate candidates.

Seize the chance to create an opportunity for another woman by making a contribution to the **Phyllis Marshall** Career Assistance Grants Program and/or the **Sylvia D. Richardson** Young Women of Promise Program.

Enjoy time and laughs with your Athena sisters! Happy New Year!





Nominate For Women's Hall Of Fame

Nomination forms are now available online for the 2012 Hillsborough County Women's Hall of Fame at www.hillsboroughcounty.org/statusofwomen, with submissions due on or before January 15. Up to three nominees will be selected, and the winners will be announced at a Hillsborough County Commission meeting in March 2012, followed by an induction at a formal ceremony in May. You may recall that the charter class of ten, inducted in May 2011, included six Athena members:

**Betty Castor, Helen Gordon Davis, Cecile Essrig,
Pat Frank, Sandy Freedman and Sylvia Kimbell.**



News About Members

Helen Gordon Davis celebrated her 85th birthday at the Waterside Marriott two days before her official Christmas birthday. The elaborate dinner dance was hosted by her three children and attended by 100+ friends. Speeches in Helen's honor were delivered by **Linda Goldstein** and **Arthenia Joyner**. An entertaining tribute was designed by **Susan Dellinger** and delivered by **Linda Fries, Paddy Moses, Kathy Betancourt, Betty Tribble, Ellen Kimmel, Anne Kantor** and **Judy Ryan**.

After serving as CEO of The Spring for four years, **Joanne Lighter** has announced her retirement effective when her replacement is selected. Her plans include the opportunity to spend more time with her husband and to do some consulting work in the nonprofit arena. "I'll continue," she stated, "to work on issues concerning violence against women as well as equity for women around the world."

Susan Freeman has announced the launch of her new website, www.stepupleader.com, as she readies for the release of her debut book, *Step Up Now: 21 Powerful Principles for People Who Influence Others*. The book provides the tools necessary for leaders to create their authentic pathway to influencing others and getting breakthrough results. Available later this month on Amazon.com, it was written to benefit a variety of people to whom others are looking for leadership – whether they work in a large corporation, in their own small business or in a non-profit organization.



Athena Housekeeping

The new website will have a major archives section including old newsletters, brochures, photos, etc. We're now making a request for the latter: good clear photos taken at retreats, Bonuses, committee meetings.....wherever Athena members gathered. Electronic shots are preferred though hard copies will also be appreciated and returned. If possible, please let us know what's coming and send to **Elaine Terenzi** or **Eleanor Hubbard**.



Members' Projects

Anne Kantor and **Linda Saul-Sena** are getting out their "blue suede shoes" in preparation for Stageworks' "Greased Lightning" 50's gala evening on January 14. They're hosting tables and looking for friends who want to "rock around the clock" together! Proceeds from the event will support the Stageworks' "Rainbow Tribe", an outreach program that uses theatre to help at-risk youth. Contact Anne or Linda if you believe that "rock and roll is here to stay!"



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11:55 a.m.
- WHERE:** Centre Club
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- PROGRAM:** Unveiling of Athena website!
- SPEAKERS:** **Julia Gorska Freeman**, Technology Chair
Carolyn Reed, Technology Vice-Chair
Elaine Terenzi, President-Elect
Andrew Lee and Brooke Webster
Roundhouse Creative Studios
- MENU:** Dijon and Herb Pork Loin
With roasted Red Bliss potatoes
(veg plate available on request when reserving)
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Wait ‘til you see the website created by Andrew Lee and Brooke Webster of Roundhouse Creative Studios...beautiful, functional and very user-friendly. The site provides a vehicle to reconnect us with our roots, a structure to support our professional network and a forum to strengthen our “sisterhood.”

You’ll be able to create your own profile page, access all current Athena news, browse through an extensive archive area (even back to the 70’s!), reserve for functions, make payments if needed, etc.

Thus is the dream site we’ve talked about for years. Join us for an overview of its development and the keys it has opened to our history.



President's Message

The Athena luncheons that feature personal presentations by our members are my favorites. I always learn so much more about the women who share their stories than I was able to glean from a review of their biographies or even multiple conversations at other Athena luncheons and events. Although each brief presentation affords a mere glimpse of the member, her background and upbringing, education, professional career, community and philanthropic endeavors, the richness of her life experience is always evident. And I leave the meeting feeling as though I'd just arrived, wondering where the time went and wishing there had been more.

Thank you to **Adelaide Few**, **Marsha Lewis Brown**, and **Lisa Robbins** for sharing your stories with us at the January luncheon. Your presentations were fascinating, funny, touching, and motivational. You illuminated some more challenging times for women, when options were fewer and discrimination more pervasive, especially for women of color. You inspired us with your triumphs. And you reminded us of the importance of making ourselves a priority, pursuing our passions and doing what makes us healthy and happy.

Equally compelling is the example set by beloved Athena member **Deanne Roberts**, not only in her incredibly full life, her professional accomplishments, her community service, her sense of purpose, her sense of humor, but also in her final days. I know I speak for all of us when I express my heartfelt gratitude to **Diane Egner** for her generous contribution to this newsletter, a fitting tribute to a remarkable woman and a dear friend to so many within our organization. Her account of Deanne's parting thoughts is a precious gift indeed.

In reflecting on these incredible women and their experiences, I find myself moved to refocus on my personal priorities, clear away the clutter and savor every day. You know, just as I do, that this focus should be a constant, but in the crazy, busy, upside-down business of daily life, it can begin to blur. It also occurs to me that I am not the least bit surprised it is Athena women who prompted me to sharpen my focus.

Happy Valentine's Day





The Legacy of Deanne Roberts

By Diane Egner

Deanne Roberts - mentor, friend, colleague, booster for so many in Athena and elsewhere, created and inspired her way through Tampa and throughout Florida. First as student and entrepreneur, later as business and community leader and finally as champion of best practices for addressing illness and finding peace in all that life has to offer, including death.

Looking back, as Deanne did in an interview with Geoff Simon for WEDU in 2010, she said, “Don’t spend time on anything anymore that’s not important. Time is so precious.” She talked then and near the end about the importance of mending relationships with family members and friends, of loving what you do and surrounding yourself with people who complement your strengths and skills. I repeat these thoughts here because I know in talking with Deanne in her last days that she wanted me - and would want you - to look internally and act externally while considering the gifts she valued most. Among her last words of wisdom to me that I’ll share with you as Athena sisters:

1. Prioritize (all things)
2. Plan (be prepared)
3. Love thyself (enlightened self interest)
4. Forgive (yourself as well as others)
5. Forget (move on)
6. Enjoy (have more fun!)

Even at death’s door, her thoughts remained strong about community and passionate about collaboration. If there is one thing that each of you can do to help carry out her legacy, it would be to help another woman achieve her dream. “Sisters,” she said her last night, “We’re like sisters in White Christmas.” Her voice weakened. “Listen to the words. ... Nothing can get between us.”



February Bonuses

February 1 – Join us for a lecture on Egyptian Erotica at the Museum of Fine Arts in St Pete. The fee of \$15 for museum members, \$25 for non-members includes access to all galleries on the first floor and a cash bar with light hors d’oeuvres at 5:30. The lecture begins at 7 p.m. and will be followed by a chocolate fountain and champagne afterward. No advance reservation is required. If you’re able to drive or wish to carpool, please contact **Moira Burke**.

February 12 – Learn how to make champagne cocktails from the master: **Bonnie Saks!** This sure-to-be-great-fun event will be held at her home (5114 San Jose St.) from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. A “bonus” to these festivities will be dancing lessons by **Maruchi Azorin** - the salsa and merengue. Limited to 20 members, the fee will be \$20 per person. Make your check payable to Athena and mail to the P.O. Box prior to February 8.



News About Members

We direct warm wishes to **Caroline Black** on her December 30 marriage to Jeff Sikorske. **Susan Bucklew** officiated at the wedding at the Tampa Yacht Club. It was very much a family affair with Caroline's two sons (ages 17 and 12), nieces, nephews in the wedding in addition to Jeff's nephews and sister. They'll honeymoon in Paris in the Spring and have already moved into their new home at 2924 W. Hawthorne Road, Tampa 33629.

Norrine Russell, president/CEO of Russell Coaching and Consulting, is pleased to announce the unveiling of a new website for her business and invites you to take a look - www.norrinerussell.com. Norrine offers coaching for adolescents and parents, parent education and professional services for non-profits.

The President's Garden at The Home Association, now on the Register of National Historic Places, has been named in honor of **Susan Leisner**. A home for the elderly, it has operated in its current location (on East 22nd Avenue) continuously since 1924 though its history of care dates back to 1899. Susan retired in 2010 after serving as president of The Home's board of managers for 10 years.

For the third time **Candy Olson** has been selected to chair the Hillsborough County School Board. Previous holder of the position was **Doretha Edgecomb**.

We extend our sympathy to the entire **Chavez** family for the passing last week of Tim, the husband of **Melinda**, the brother of **Denise** and the son of **Helen**.

Calendar

February 1 – Bonus – Museum of Fine Arts, St. Pete

February 10 – Membership nomination deadline

February 12 – Bonus – Champagne Cocktail Party

March 1 – Luncheon meeting

March 20 – Bonus – Florida Conversations Lecture Series

March 28 – Bonus – Museum of Photographic Arts

April 5 – Young Women of Promise Luncheon

May 3 - Luncheon meeting

June 7 – Installation dinner (members only)



Members' Projects

Judy Ryan invites Athena members and their friends to a \$5 Benefit for Earth Charter on Thursday, January 26, 6 to 8 p.m. at the Tampa Club. Earth Charter is a declaration of fundamental ethical principles for building a sustainable and peaceful global society in the 21st century. Event includes complimentary appetizers, great drink prices, networking and an opportunity to change our world.

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- WHEN:** Thursday, March 1
11:55 a.m.
- WHERE:** Centre Club
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- PROGRAM:** Leadership and Civility
- SPEAKERS:** **Anne Gormly**, Dean
College of Social Sciences, University of Tampa

Stephanie Russell Holtz
Dean of Students, University of Tampa
- MENU:** Honey Pecan Crusted Tilapia
(veg plate available on request when reserving)
- COST:** Guests - \$25
- RSVP:** By February 27 – Call **Eleanor Hubbard**
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Anne and Stephanie will share their experiences leading the Deans' Civility Initiative at UT.

Fostering a culture of civility in the workplace is becoming increasingly important as examples of incivility permeate the media, our email inboxes and daily interactions with colleagues and friends. As leaders it is important to understand the definition of civility, realize the significance civility plays in the workplace and consider how individual leadership can encourage a civility movement among our peers.

Join us as these leaders identify tools for promoting civility in the workplace and beyond.



President's Message

This is the “best thing” Athena has ever done! I’m inspired to “go buy an iPad!” “Applause” for a job well done! Such have been the kinds of comments and email messages coming from members since the unveiling of our new website on February I couldn’t agree more.

Thanks to the creative, insightful, tech savvy, and incredibly committed members of Athena’s Technology Committee – **Patti Breckenridge, Julia Gorska Freeman, Yvonne Fry** and especially **Carolyn Reed** and **Elaine Terenzi** – Athena has a website worthy of our membership and our mission. It is crisp and fresh and elegant in appearance. It is organized and easy to navigate. It provides the public with ready access to current coverage of Athena members in the news as well as to prior years’ coverage of our Dr. **Sylvia D. Richardson** Young Women of Promise Program. The “members only” side is particularly useful because it allows us to update our profiles, view Athena’s master calendar, register for luncheons, Bonuses and other events and even pay our dues online. We can see a current list of officers, directors, committees and their members, not to mention consult our bylaws, policies and procedures and long range plan with a mere click of a mouse or tap of a finger. We can also review our archived materials, including newsletters dating back nearly thirty years. What’s more, our website enables us to enjoy the treasure of Athena scrapbooks, news clippings and wonderful photographs heretofore largely relegated to our storage unit. In short, it’s terrific!

In typical Athena fashion, the Technology Committee was not content to just unveil our new gem. Instead, the committee organized a series of Bonus workshops to showcase the website’s capabilities, demonstrate its use and encourage us to embrace the changes that the new website will bring. As Carolyn Reed, who was so instrumental to this project’s success, reminded each of us earlier this month, “When you are through changing, you are through,” and “you must be the change you wish to see in the world.” From my vantage, it’s clear that our members have taken that message to heart as they’ve jumped into the new website and started surfing through the pages and enjoying the content. Thank you, Carolyn, for being such a positive agent for change. Kudos to the Bonus Committee for working to organize a photo shoot (on a date to be determined) for those of us who could use new photographs to accompany our bios. And a big “shout out” to those members who have embraced this change with such enthusiasm.

Undoubtedly, we’ll encounter some glitches in the process of learning to use our new website, but such is the case with any change of this magnitude. We are Athena; we will work through them in record time. So, dive in and have fun! If you see a mistake or hit a snag, or you have a constructive suggestion for improvement, please tell me, Carolyn or Elaine. If you have Athena photographs or clippings you’d like to share and/or a large flatbed scanner we can use, please let us know. With your input, our website will only continue to improve and enhance our participation in this fabulous organization. I’ve already decided we need to add a page for testimonials. What better place to feature all of the positive feedback on our new website!





News About Members

Charlotte Starfire has relocated with SunTrust to the corporate headquarters in Atlanta. “I sold my house in Tampa, bought one up here in a whirlwind and would welcome visitors.” Her new office phone is 404/588-7507; her email address remains the same. Best of luck to you, Charlotte.....we’ll miss you!

Jan Platt and **Doretha Edgecomb** were recently honored as Women of Distinction by the Sun City Center branch of the American Association of University Women.

Robin DeLaVergne is one of four being honored as 2012 Women of Distinction by Girl Scouts of West Central Florida. The recognition luncheon will be held on Tuesday, March 13, at the A La Carte Pavilion with Joan Lunden as the keynote speaker. Tickets are \$75 and may be purchased at www.gswcf.org/wod.

Jeanne Tate is a grandmother! Her first grandchild, 9 lb. 2 oz. Kevin Joseph Healey II, was born on February 12 at St. Joseph’s Women’s Hospital to Erica Tate Healey and husband Kevin. Congratulations to all!

Joanne Lighter has retired from her position as President & CEO of The Spring after four years of service during one of the most violent times that families have experienced. “In the future,” she stated, “I will do some consulting work with non-profit organizations and will always continue my interest in issues effecting women and families. See Directory Changes below for her new contact information.

Kim de la Parte’s Employee Benefits Consulting Firm is now part of USI Insurance Group, a Goldman Sachs Portfolio Company. According to Kim, “We now have the third largest employee benefits practice in the country. Clients are very excited about the additional resources available at a local and national level and I am thrilled with joining the USI family.” See Directory Changes below for her new contact information.

Athena Housekeeping

Note these dates: July 20-22, possibly the most important ones of your summer, Athena’s annual retreat. We’ll be at the Longboat Key Club & Resort in Sarasota, a return to the site of our 1991 retreat. The accommodations there were and are especially appealing for our group: two-bedroom fully furnished suites. (One BR and singles are also available.) Program details and registration information will be circulated in early April.

Athena recently received a \$1000 contribution from the Bank of Tampa’s “Women Connected” program. As a thank you to Advisory Board members of WC, the Bank makes charitable donations to an organization of the Board member’s choice. **Robin DeLaVergne** serves on the Advisory Board and requested the donation in support of Young Women of Promise. Our sincere thanks to Robin for this unexpected but very much appreciated gift.



March Bonuses

March 5 – Last Fall **Lisa Robbins** was involved in a project of epic proportions – a seven week scientific adventure in the Arctic. Studying primarily water samples, she was aboard the Coast Guard Cutter *Healy*, the world's largest non-nuclear icebreaker. You can hear her story of the excitement and see the beauty (many slides!) of that trip on March 5 at 5:30 p.m. at Horizon Bay, 800 W. Azeele Street. There is no charge for this event but we'll need RSVP's by March 1 as Horizon Bay is providing refreshments and arranging the seating.

March 20 – Join **Betty Castor** for a Florida Conversation on *Breaking Barriers: Female Public Servants Who Have Shaped the Tampa Bay Area*. Betty will moderate a panel consisting of **Doretha Edgecomb**, **Sandy Freedman**, **Doris Weatherford** and Faye Culp at the Tampa Bay History Center on Tuesday, March 20. Festivities start at 5 p.m. with a reception in the atrium with sangria and appetizers; a cash bar will be available as well. Our thanks to **Angela Crawford** who arranged our partnering with DLA Piper law firm to underwrite the cost of the reception. To reserve a seat, mail your \$4 check (payable to Athena) to **Eleanor Hubbard** by March 15 as space is limited. Parking is available adjacent to the Center for \$5.

March 28 – **Melinda Chavez** will be our host at the Museum of Photographic Arts for a wine and cheese reception followed by a guided tour of their impressive new facility at 400 No. Ashley Drive. Cube 200. (The Museum is now in the process of moving into the Cube at Rivergate Plaza, the building attached to the round “beer can” building. The official Grand Opening Gala is set for March 10.) Cost of \$10 per person will include admission and reception. Please mail your check (payable to Athena) to Eleanor Hubbard by March 21.



Calendar

- March 5 – Bonus – Lisa Robbins' Arctic Adventure
- March 20 – Bonus – Florida Conversations Lecture Series
- March 28 – Bonus – Museum of Photographic Arts
- April 5 – Young Women of Promise Luncheon
- May 3 - Luncheon meeting
- June 7 – Installation dinner (members only)
- June 16 – New member party (guests welcome)
- July 20 to 22 – Retreat, Sarasota



Directory Changes

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Members' Projects

International Women's Day is March 8 and to coincide with the celebration the Hillsborough Association for Women Lawyers is sponsoring "Lunch and Learn" from noon to 2 p.m. at the University Club. The program will feature a presentation on the history of women in the local legal community and a panel discussion including **Susan Bucklew** and **Gwynne Young**. The registration fee of \$12.50 includes lunch and RSVP's may be directed to OsterC@hillsboroughcounty.org.

A new portion of the Riverwalk will feature sculptures of five historically significant Tampa individuals. As the only woman on the selection committee, **Doris Weatherford** is very excited about the project and invites members to attend the press conference where the names will be revealed. It will be held at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, March 6, at the Tampa Bay History Center.





Community Action Committee

The Community Action Committee is pleased to add an inaugural “Action Corner” to the Athena newsletter this month. We encourage Athena members to learn about the issues that impact our community, and to access the resource links presented and posted on the Athena website for more information. With these resources in hand, we hope that you will be inspired to get involved, engaged and/or to take ACTION on issues that affect all of us. Please note, however, that the information presented is for your information only; and does NOT represent the view or position of the Athena Society, or the committee, unless expressly stated.

Today we find ourselves in the middle of the State of Florida’s Legislative Session. We thought that you might be interested in learning what bills may be out there that directly related to Athena’s positions on Affirmative Action, Choice, Day Care, Educational Funding, Equal Rights Amendment, Indigent Health Care, Non-Violence, Pay Equity, Tolerance and Women in Government. Naturally, we won’t be able to mention all of them here, as there are way too many! But, here are some links to a few of the organizations that are actively tracking these bills and legislation:

Florida CHAIN *Increasing Access to Affordable Quality Health Care*

<http://www.floridachain.org/>

Affordable Care Act, Medicaid, Children’s Health, Uninsured, Medicare, etc.

Florida Planned Parenthood

http://www.ppaction.org/site/PageServer?pagename=fl_fappa_website_Legislative

Women’s Health Services and Family Planning

And, the recent budget cuts to USF and schools continue to impact our communities. Please go online and read Pam Iorio’s blog re: leadership <http://www.tampabay.com/blogs/the-buzz-florida-politics/content/jd-alexander-called-textbook-lesson-bad-leadership> to learn more.

FYI, to track the session and bills, and to sign up to receive notices when particular bills are modified or addressed, go to <http://www.myfloridahouse.gov/> and <http://www.flsenate.gov/>. At these sites you also will find information about your elected officials, the committees in which they serve, their bills and interests and their contact information. Get involved and take action! All legislation affects our quality of life and some specifically targets women, children, families and our quality of life.

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OPEN MEETING – GUESTS WELCOME

Since 1981 Athena has been identifying young women of promise, and this year's program continues this fine tradition and is sure to provide an uplifting and hopeful window into the future. Selected from a field of 31, ten very special young women will be presented, each outstanding in her own way. See page 3 for a list of those to be recognized.

Each honoree will comment on one accomplishment that has given her the greatest satisfaction. You'll be inspired and impressed by their stories. Please join us and bring friends who'll enjoy meeting some truly incredible teens.



President's Message

As the Young Women of Promise luncheon draws near, I've found myself wondering about what Athena will look like in the future, what issues its members will confront, what actions or programs they will deem necessary or appropriate to respond to the demands of the day. Change is inevitable, so how will Athena adapt to the shifting landscape and remain relevant to the women and the greater community of years to come?

One of our core purposes (not to mention one of the things we do best) — networking — will help carry us forward so long as our relationship-building reaches beyond our contemporaries and friends. We must continue to reach out to women who are different from us because they are younger or their backgrounds or professions are under-represented in our ranks or their perspectives or methods challenge our assumptions. “New” or “different” does not always mean better but being open to the possibility and engaged in the conversation will enable Athena to boast currency and vitality.

Our other core purpose — promoting women through equality, acceptance, education and opportunity — also calls upon us to push beyond our comfort zones, consider new questions and conceive novel responses. At the risk of sounding cliché, our founders “pushed the envelope” and “broke glass ceilings” in the course of earning their credentials as true advocates for women. To remain relevant, Athena must be a thought leader and be prepared to be proactive when it comes to issues that confront women and their ability to achieve meaningful progress.

I firmly believe that our core purposes are still right on target. Further, our renewed focus on long range planning and the development of a first-rate website, among other other initiatives undertaken in recent years, has kept us on a path consistent with our organizational goals.

In light of these considerations, I've determined that I was contemplating the wrong question. Rather than what “will” Athena look like in the future, the better, more important question is what “should” Athena look like in the future. So long as that is the question we ask, Athena's future is sure to be bright.





News About Members

We extend our sincere sympathy to **Molly Crews** whose sister, Paula, passed away on March 1 following a heart attack.

Laura Waller's paintings are included in Maine Home and Design magazine's website (www.Artcollectormaine.com) where participation is by invitation only. Her painting "The Art Class—Owls Head" is also included in the current exhibit at River Arts Gallery in Damariscotta, Maine.

Congratulations to **Anne Gormly** on the birth of her third grandchild, Fionnuala Anne, on March 12 in Reston, Virginia. The 9 lb. 13 oz. baby sister of 2½ year old Liam, she is the daughter of Sarah and Kevin Donovan.

Kudos to **Laura Kolkman** and her husband Bob Brown. Their book, "The Health Information Exchange Formation Guide" has been named 2011 Book of the Year by the Health Information Management and Systems Society (HIMSS), the premier global health information management organization. The award honors a book that offers outstanding practical guidance and/or strategic insight for healthcare information and management systems professionals.

Lagretta Lenker will be retiring from USF on April 30 after 32 years. After that time, her contact information will be her personal email (l.lenker@verizon.net) and home phone (813/988-3422). She's looking forward to "more time for family, friends, writing, theatre, travel and being on time for Athena meetings." We wish her the best.

2012 YWP Winners

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| Meagan Gonzalez | Academy of the Holy Names |
| Emily Sasso | Berkeley Preparatory School |
| Ashlee Klap | Chamberlain High School |
| Yael Marks | Hillsborough High School |
| Ellen Taylor Adams | Plant City High School |
| Emma Goldberg | Steinbrenner High School |
| Shaneece Lane | T.R. Robinson High School |
| Jhulianna Vivar | Tampa Bay Technical High School |
| Kathryn Krueger | Tampa Preparatory School |
| Kelsey Gemmill | Walter L. Sickles High School |



Athena Housekeeping

The Long Range Planning Committee thanks the 73 members who responded to the recent Athena Member Nomination Process survey. The responses and excellent feedback were greatly appreciated. To review these initial responses, please visit our website at <http://www.athena-society.com/governance/committees/lrp-committee/>. If you didn't respond to the survey but have input that you'd like to share, please contact a member of the committee by April 6. Committee members include **Kim DeBosier, Kim de la Parte, Adrienne Garcia, Lorraine Lutton** and **Jeanne Tate**.

Did you know that the Affordable Care Act (ACA), also known as the new Health Care Reform Act (and sometimes as "Obamacare"), was passed two years ago? The Supreme Court will hear arguments about it March 26-28. To learn more, see our website with the full writeup from our Community Action Committee. (Click on Governance, then Committees.)

April Bonus

If you need an updated photo for the website or to comply with other requests, plan to attend the photo shoot scheduled for April 3 at the home of Renee Vaughn, 405 So. Manhattan. From 5 to 7:30 p.m. professional photographer Barbara Goldstein will take portraits and provide the group with a disk of the photos for easy computer upload. Those who wish to order prints may do so at an additional cost. You may reserve on the website and pay online or email **Eleanor Hubbard** and send your \$20 check (payable to Athena) to the P.O. Box. Limit that evening is 20 members.



Calendar

- March 28 – Bonus – Museum of Photographic Arts
- April 3 – Bonus - Photo Shoot, 5 to 7 p.m., Home of Renee Vaughn
- May 3 - Luncheon meeting (Speaker: Police Chief Jane Castor)
- June 7 – Installation dinner (members only)
- June 16 – New member party (guests welcome)
- July 20 to 22 – Retreat, Sarasota



Directory Changes

(in print copy)

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| Joanne Lighter | jolighter@aol.com |
| Jean McNally | CELL: 727/631-3790 |
| Barbara Romano | 19628 Gulf Blvd. Indian Shores 33785 |

Philanthropy Committee Report

As Athena Members, we are very proud of our mission and signature projects that promote and support women in our community. In order to expand and fund these programs, it is important that we provide members with opportunities to support these efforts through an annual or planned gift.

The Athena Philanthropy Committee will be establishing an annual campaign with distinct giving levels so that members may make a gift to the **Phyllis Marshall** Career Assistance Grants Program, etc (through our Community Foundation fund) to recognize a woman: mother, grandmother, sister, friend, daughter, colleague, etc. by giving a donation in her honor on the anniversary of the establishment of the Athena Society or at anytime throughout the year. This will provide a tangible, consistent and focused effort and allow members to recognize special women in their lives and honor the legacy of those who established our organization.

The goal of the Committee is to increase our endowment to \$100,000 by 2017 to support the Career Assistance Grants Fund which is kept at the Community Foundation. The current value of the fund is \$58,369. As always, members can choose to support the Dr. **Sylvia Richardson** Young Women of Promise program by sending a check directly to the Athena Society.

Members' Projects

Judy Lisi invites you to enjoy “grand opera at its grandest” April 20 and April 22 at the Straz Center for the Performing Arts. Experience the pageantry and passion of Verdi’s most spectacular opera – Aida! - sung in Italian with English translation above the stage. Tickets start at \$29.50; to order, call 813/229-STAR (7827). Athena members can save \$10 per ticket by using the promo code AIDA.

Athena Society



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Upcoming Meeting

- WHEN:** Thursday, May 3
11:55 a.m.
- WHERE:** Centre Club
Westshore at Kennedy
- PROGRAM:** The Big Balance:
Chief of Police, Family and the RNC
- SPEAKER:** Chief Jane Castor
Tampa Police Department
- COST:** Guests - \$25
- MENU:** **Blackened Salmon Salad**
(Veggie plate available on request when reserving)
- RSVP:** By April 30 – Call **Eleanor Hubbard**
(251-9172) or email ewhubbard@aol.com



OPEN MEETING – GUESTS WELCOME

Jane Castor will share her experience of “breaking through the glass ceiling” at TPD and preparing for the Republican Convention while maintaining a balance with family life.

Hers is not an easy task – on any level. Join us for what promises to be a fascinating look behind the scenes with the leader of “Tampa’s finest.”



President's Message

It is with excitement and enthusiasm that I look forward to the Athena Society's June 7 dinner and business meeting at the Palma Ceia Golf & Country Club. It will mark the close of an incredibly productive year and the beginning of what I'm certain will be an even better one to come. This year the committees have outdone themselves, organizing a fun-filled and relaxing retreat that would impress Athena herself, securing superb speakers for our monthly luncheons, developing educational and entertaining Bonus events, presenting a particularly inspiring Dr. **Sylvia Richardson** Young Women of Promise program¹ and keeping us apprized of current issues relevant to our members. At the same time the Board has worked diligently to implement Athena's long range plan and otherwise guide our organization through current challenges and into the future. I would like to highlight certain actions the Board is recommending for approval at the June meeting to insure Athena's continued health and sustainability, consistent with our long range plan.

Of greatest importance to Athena's financial health is the Board's recommendation that we discontinue the December dinner meeting, phase out printing hard copies of our membership directory and approve a modest dues increase. Notwithstanding our policies and procedures, which call for a "suggested increase of no less than five percent" in odd-numbered years, the Board has been able to extend the dues cycle and postpone a dues increase for an impressive four years. Unfortunately, but not surprising, the combined effect of a confluence of events precludes us from extending the dues cycle for a fifth year.

Due in large part to the economic downturn, the Board declined to increase dues as suggested in 2009 and 2011. During this same time frame, the Board approved requests to allow the Retreat, Bonus and YWP Committees to retain unused funds generated by or allocated to them in a given budget year and roll them over, thereby eliminating such unused funds as a source of money to cover cost overruns in other areas. Historically, such funds have been used to bridge the ever-increasing gap between the amounts budgeted for and the actual costs of our December and June dinner meetings and parties. The Board also established an "emerita" status, with a reduced dues rate, which a growing number of our members are entitled to and have claimed. What's more, once the economy began to show signs of improvement, the Centre Club raised its prices. The Board's recommendation is aimed at addressing the budget shortfall resulting from these events and securing Athena's financial status going forward.

The Board recommends that the December dinner be discontinued because December is a very busy time for our members, making attendance at both a dinner and a holiday party not only challenging but also unlikely for most. Further, attendance at the December dinner is typically low as compared with other like events. In addition, discontinuing the December dinner will help us to budget sufficient funds to actually pay for the June dinner and business meeting without having to cross our fingers and hold our collective breath that we can borrow from other line items to cover the costs of the June event. In sum, it makes more sense – financial and otherwise – to sponsor one event during the holiday season and to make that event our party.

The Board also recommends that we phase out printing hard copies of our membership directory because the printing costs are substantial, all of the data in the directory is now readily accessible on

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¹ I hope everyone saw Ernest Hooper's column in the *Tampa Bay Times* on the Sunday following the YWP luncheon. It was fabulous! If you missed it in the newspaper, check it out on Athena's website.



President's Message *continued*

our website and it is the “greener” way to proceed. In years past, we spent approximately \$3,500 each year for our directory, which included the bylaws, policies and procedures and other data. Last year we printed a mini version of the directory, which omitted the governance materials and saved approximately \$1,800. Next year we will print only a small insert to the mini directory with updates and changes at a cost of only a few hundred dollars. The website, which was funded entirely by non-restricted excess funds, did not impact our operating budget and thus had no impact on dues, will more than pay for itself within three years in the savings we will realize from being able to eliminate the directory. Moreover, the data on the website can and should be updated on a continuous basis, making it much more useful than a static hard-copy directory can ever be. In the event a member really wants a hard copy of the membership directory, we are working to make sure such data will be capable of easily being printed from the website.

In conjunction with these cost-saving measures, the Board recommends a modest dues increase of four percent (\$15) for regular members and nine percent (\$45) for emerita members. (Had dues been increased as suggested in both 2009 and 2011, the percentage increase would have reached a total of 15 percent with this budget.) The difference in the percentage increases responds to the significant and unsustainable (given the increasing number of emerita members) gap between the dues amounts currently paid by regular members as distinguished from emerita members, when the dues revenue is used to pay for meals, programs and administrative costs that benefit the entire membership. The proposed dues structure still confers an appropriate discount on emerita members who will pay \$325 rather than \$375 and will generate the operating funds needed to sustain our organization's operations.

As prescribed by our bylaws, the proposed budget will be circulated no later than April 30. I encourage you to review it and direct any questions or comments you may have to the Board through Treasurer **Kim DeBosier** or **Eleanor Hubbard**.

Athena Housekeeping

Excitement is mounting in anticipation of our retreat weekend (July 20-22) at the Longboat Key Club & Resort in Sarasota. To get a sneak peek of the luxury you'll be enjoying, check out the website: www.longboatkeyclub.com. Registration materials will be distributed tomorrow and if you pay your registration fee (\$230) by noon on May 3, you'll be eligible for the drawing of a \$100 LBKC gift card.

Members, this is a reminder that the newsletter is your bullhorn: If you have a function you wish to publicize (whether it's an internal or external event), you may submit the news by the 15th of the month for inclusion in the newsletter or by noon the day before our luncheon meetings for inclusion with the announcements. Following this procedure will eliminate the need for additional email alerts.

At the May meeting a ballot will be presented for the election of the 2012-13 Nominating Committee. This is a preliminary ballot for the selection of 12 members, six of whom will be selected at the June meeting. To be eligible for nomination, you must have been a member for a minimum of two years. No member of the committee is eligible for nomination to any position which the committee recommends for election or appointment. If you wish to be removed from this ballot, please contact **Eleanor Hubbard** prior to April 25.



Bonus On the “High Seas”

Calling all adventurous Athena members....If you enjoy being on the water and you're up for a very different experience, reserve June 1-3 for “Fisherman’s Paradise Luxury Barge”. Fishing is a big attraction on this anchored luxury hotel but you can also get massages, manicures, pedicures, facials, etc. or just kick back and enjoy the beautiful pool, sunsets and each other. Cost is \$425 for a double room (\$212 per person) for two nights including transport to the barge from Clearwater Marina; food and spa treatments not included. For more information or to reserve, contact **Paddy Moses** at pkmoses1@verizon.net.

News About Members

Sigrid Tidmore has been selected for a solo art show featuring 40 of her estuary paintings at the Rookery Bay Nature Preserve Gallery in Naples. The show will run May 7 to Sept. 7 with a grand opening June 6 at which Sigrid is the guest speaker. Among her other works will be her new series from the Galapagos. To view some of her “Images to Awaken the Mind,” see her website at www.sigridtidmore.com.

After more than 40 years in higher education, **Anne Gormly** is retiring. She leaves her post as Dean of the College of Social Sciences, Mathematics & Education at the University of Tampa on May 15. A reception honoring Anne will be held at UT’s Fletcher Hall on April 23 from 4 to 6 p.m.; Athena members are invited to attend. After serving as Academic Vice President for Georgia College & State University, Anne came to Tampa to be closer to her first grandchild. Now, with two more in Virginia, she’ll divide her time between grandchildren, service on a number of Tampa non-profit boards and spending time at her home in the Caribbean. She will probably have to fight to regain access to the kitchen from her husband John, but she may come to her senses and just enjoy retirement!

SiliconIndia.com - a news source for, by and about Indians from around the world - has named former Athena member **Renu Khator** one of the five most influential Indian women in the U.S. (Others include Pepsi’s CEO and South Carolina’s governor.) Renu left Tampa in 2007 to fill the dual position of University of Houston president and University of Houston System chancellor. She is also the first Indian-origin woman heading a prominent research university in U.S.

Calendar

- June 1-3: Bonus – On the High Seas
- June 7: Installation dinner/new member introductions
- June 16: New member party, 5-7 p.m.
- July 20-22: Retreat – Longboat Key Club, Sarasota

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Upcoming Meeting

- WHEN:** Thursday, June 7
5:30 p.m. – Cocktails (cash bar)
6:15 p.m. – Dinner
- WHERE:** Palma Ceia Golf & Country Club
1601 South MacDill Avenue
- MENU:** Fresh Grouper Topped with Sautéed Crabmeat
**(If you prefer Roasted Pork Tenderloin
or a veggie plate, please indicate.)**
- PROGRAM:** Business Meeting – Agenda to include:
Election of Nominating Committee
Approval of 2012-13 budget
Approval of bylaw changes
Introduction of new members
Election of officers/directors
Passing of the gavel; Installation
- RSVP:** By June 4 – Register online OR call
Eleanor Hubbard (251-9172) OR email
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.



President's Message

It's hard to believe that another year has nearly come to a conclusion. When I wrote my first column for this newsletter, implementation of our long range plan had just gotten underway. Nine months later, our website is up and running, a more structured and forward-looking plan for growing our fund at the Community Foundation is in place, and eight fabulous women have accepted invitations to join Athena as new members. By any measure, these achievements alone would warrant our saying we've experienced a positive and productive year.

And yet there is so much more we have accomplished. I have been particularly pleased with the results of our efforts to achieve greater transparency where it comes to Board operations and initiatives. Our success is attributable to your review of our proposals, your responses to our inquiries, your challenges to our assumptions. The most timely example, of course, involves the Board's proposed budget and dues increase. Many of you responded to our call for comments, and I thank you for so generously sharing the benefit of your experience. Based upon your input, the Board revised its dues proposal and now presents a budget based upon regular members paying \$400 in dues per year (an increase of \$40 or 11%) and emerita members paying \$325 (an increase of \$45 or 16%). This revised proposal effectively addresses the issues that dictate a dues increase, which I detailed in my last column but impacts our members in a much more equitable manner. Coupled with the two proposed changes to our bylaws, this budget is certain to insure Athena's financial health for the foreseeable future. In light of these facts, I trust that at the June dinner meeting our members will approve both the budget and the bylaws changes in record time.

Having dispatched with our business, we can devote our evening to making our new members feel truly welcome, celebrating our individual and collective successes and toasting what is certain to be another incredible year for Athena. I would say that President-Elect **Elaine Terenzi** is ready to hit the ground running, but that would give her far less credit than she deserves. Elaine has already devoted countless hours to planning this summer's retreat and laying the groundwork for the year to come. And because I know Elaine, I know we will be dazzled and delighted!

Jan Platt to be Honored

The Hillsborough County Commission on the Status of Women has announced the election of **Jan Platt** to the Women's Hall of Fame, Class of 2012. The induction ceremony and luncheon will be held at the Tampa Convention Center, June 13, 11:30 a.m. Tickets are \$50 each and may be purchased by mailing your check (payable to LWVHC) to LWVHC, P.O 1801, Tampa 33601. To purchase online, go to hclwv.org and click on COSW. If you'd like to sit at an Athena table, please notify **Eleanor Hubbard**.





Saturday, June 16 – Party Time!

Our annual party to honor new members is scheduled for Sunday, June 16, 5 to 7 p.m. at 3009 W. Villa Rosa Park, the home of **Lorna Taylor**. (Villa Rosa Park is just a few blocks north of Gandy between Bayshore and MacDill Avenue.) The Hospitality Committee, co-chaired by **Yvonne Fry** and **Jeanette Fenton**, will present its usual delectable spread.....to be enjoyed while browsing through Lorna's lovely art-filled home. Though valet parking will be available, space is limited, so please consider carpooling. There's no charge for members and one guest; additional guests are \$25. RSVP online or email **Eleanor Hubbard** prior to June 12. If you're bringing a guest, please leave a name.



Nominating Committee Election

At the May meeting, members were asked to vote for 12 individuals eligible to serve on the 2012-13 Nominating Committee. The following are being presented as the result of the preliminary ballot.

Patti Breckenridge
Marva Crenshaw
Susan Dellinger
Linda Devine
Katherine Essrig
Lee Essrig

Susan Leisner
Margaret Mathews
Carolyn Reed
Jeanne Tate
JoAnn Urofsky
Renee Vaughn

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 2013. 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

Reminder: June 18 is the deadline for retreat registration. Don't miss the wonderful weekend planned for July 20-22 at the Longboat Key Club in Sarasota. For information, forms, etc., contact co-chairs **Jean McNally/Linda Saul-Sena** or **Eleanor Hubbard**.

As usual, there will be no Athena meetings in July and August; luncheons will resume in September. We'll continue to adhere to our first Thursday of the month schedule including dinner in June.



News About Members

Our sincere condolences to **Winnie Marvel** for the recent loss of her father, Alvin Lee Magnon.

On May 31 incoming president **Elaine Terenzi** will retire as the Chief U.S. Probation Officer of the Middle District of Florida after 29 years of service. She was the first woman appointed to the chief's position 16 years ago when she relocated to Florida from New York. More than 200 people attended a luncheon on May 11th at the Rusty Pelican to celebrate her career and wish her well in the next chapter. Her contact information has been updated in the member section of the Athena website.

Earlier this month the Broadway League in NYC honored **Judy Lisi** by presenting her with the Distinguished Lifetime Service Award for her 20 years of outstanding leadership at the Straz Center. "The League recognizes contributions of those who have displayed exemplary service to the Broadway industry."

Members' Projects

Bonnie Saks cordially invites all Athena members to her home (5114 San Jose St.) on Saturday, June 2, 4-6 p.m. to learn about the programs that Earth Charter is developing for children in Tampa and throughout the U.S. RSVP: BRS331@gmail.com

Hospitality Chair Needs YOU!

Yvonne Fry and **Jeanette LaRussa Fenton** are working together to make the New Member Party on Saturday, June 16, a success! Long time Hospitality Chair **Elizabeth Howarth** has passed the torch to Yvonne and Jeanette. We ask for your help to bring it all together and make Elizabeth proud!

A favorite saying has always been..."Many hands make light work," and that's our mantra! We know there are many who always step up and bring long time favorites and we are counting on you to delight everyone with your traditional dishes. We also welcome anyone else who wants to try her hand at a culinary delight to step up as well. For those not wanting to cook but could easily pick up some things, we have some ideas for you as well...just let us know your willingness to help.

Please email Jeanette Fenton at Jeanette.Fenton@tampagov.net with your dish or intention to bring something. We'll track and be back in touch with a reminder before the event. Special thanks to **Lorna Taylor** for opening her beautiful home to us for this event. You will thoroughly enjoy her hospitality and incredible art collection. We appreciate your help and are looking forward to a delightful evening together celebrating our new Athena sisters.

Yvonne and Jeanette



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:

- Jane Castor** – Chief, Tampa Police Department
- Linda D'Aquila** – VP, Corporate Administration, LifeLink
- Keri Eisenbeis** – Dir. Gov. Relations, BayCare Health System
- Linda Gibbs** – Sr. Search Consultant, Resource Group 175
- Mindy McLaughlin** – Attorney, Beytin, McLaughlin et al
- Eldra Solomon** – Psychologist, Center for Mental Health
- Tina Tenret** – VP, ProVise Management Group
- Lara Tibbals** – Attorney, Hill Ward Henderson



WELCOME! WELCOME!

2012-13 Slate

The following slate has been proposed by the Nominating Committee:

- President **Elaine Terenzi**
- President-Elect **Amelia Campbell**
- VP/Membership **Ashley Moody**
- VP/Programs **Renee Vaughn**
- Secretary **Edna Broyles**
- Treasurer **Bonnie Carr**
- Imm. Past President **Rachelle DesVaux Bedke**

BOARD MEMBERS

Second year of

Two-year term:

- Beth Bernitt**
- Lorraine Lutton**
- Belinda Wilson**

Two-year term:

- Kim DeBosier**
- Cynthia Gandee**
- Jeanne Tate**

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Second year of

Two-year term:

- Barbara Bachman**
- Denise Jordan**
- Lorna Taylor**

Two-year term:

- Robin DeLaVergne**
- Michelle Schofner**
- Mimi Stamps**

Alternate: **Amanda Sansone**
(one year term)

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Upcoming Meeting

- WHEN:** Thursday, September 6
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- WHERE:** Centre Club
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- PROGRAM:** The Phyllis Marshall Career Assistance Grants
2013 Recipients
- MENU:** Blackened Salmon Salad
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OPEN MEETING – GUESTS WELCOME

Athena awards Phyllis Marshall Career Assistance Grants annually to a handful of very deserving women in our community. This luncheon will provide an opportunity for members to become better informed about this wonderful program and the impact it has both on the grant recipients and Athena members.

Following a brief history of the grants and of **Phyllis Marshall, JoAnn Urofsky** will introduce this year's five outstanding recipients, each of whom will have the opportunity to make brief remarks. The women to be honored are Afoudji Kossiwa (The Beth Waters Friendship Fund recipient), Lisa Schultz, Sycoya Swuger, Hilda Tanis and Tiffany White, each to receive \$1700 grants.

This is a great meeting for guests.....an opportunity to be inspired by hard-working, goal-oriented women.



President's Message

The Athena year started with a song – well, many songs. **Jean McNally** selected the perfect venue and arranged a fast-paced, music-filled, fun Retreat weekend. It started with an extravaganza. **Susan Dellinger** arranged, choreographed and directed the *Athena Playas* in a musical “throwndown” between the Extreme Supremes (**Jean McNally, Laura Kolkman, Anne Kantor, Adelaide Few, Maria Howey** and **Stephanie Ferrell**) and the GoGo Girls (**Emmy Acton, Jean Amuso, Annette DeLisle, Cynthia Gandee, Anne Gormly** and me). **Dena Leavengood** handled costuming and backstage organization. An eclectic compilation of musical talent produced a playful view of the role of women throughout the decades. If you missed it, the photos and video of the stage production (yes, there is a video thanks to producer **Louise Thompson**), can be found in the Historic Archive section on the member-only area of the Athena website under Historic Archive. The link is <http://www.athena-society.com/historic-archive/treasures-from-retreat/>. It will only activate if you are signed into the Athena website, so contact Eleanor if you need assistance. The music played throughout the retreat came from suggestions offered in advance by members and reflected a rich diversity of genre and era, with some surprises. The music sparked dinnertime conversations that often started with a song and ended with a story. On Saturday evening retreat goers received two CDs of the music sampling to keep us singing and dancing as we start this year.

My summer was filled with transitions, starting with retirement, and ending with a tour of colleges with my youngest son –his first real step to adulthood. It was only due to the luck of his birthday that I did not have to actually send him off to college at the same time that I said farewell to a wonderful career and colleagues that I loved. In both cases, I found myself assessing the contributions I had made and hoping they exceeded my shortcomings.

Sadly, also over the summer, we bid farewell to an Athena member who was an exemplary model of balance between career contributions and family. Many of us visited with the **Essrig** family during the evening hours set aside to express support and condolences for the loss of **Cecile**. There I met Cecile's sister, Regena Bragin and her husband Stephen. Stephen must have seen my expression as I scanned the faces of the Waterman-Essrig clan. With a smile in his voice, he said that looking down the table during holiday meals, he often thought, “Those are some strong genes!” Indeed! I could picture the table. These strong and striking women all at one table, and I had to smile. What a gift!

The local newspaper recounted many of the public contributions of Cecile, but I was moved by my personal recollections of **Katherine** and **Lee** with Cecile, and I could picture those family dinners. Cecile's community contributions highlighted the values she placed on education, listening and respect. One need only to look at her family, imagine that wonderful dining room table, to see these gifts reflected in her daughters.

As always, I am looking forward to a wonderful Athena year because there is no end to the creativity and positive energy of this group of remarkable women!





News About Members

Our sincere sympathy to **Belinda Wilson** whose father passed away on August 18 in New Orleans.

After 30 years at USF in many leadership roles, **Paula Knaus** retired on July 31. She was honored at the USF Health Rotunda by dozens of friends and colleagues, one of whom described her as “beautiful, smart, ethical, trustworthy and kind”.....a lovely send off!

Also retiring is **Betty Tribble** after 26 years of dedicated service to United Way Suncoast (formerly UW of Tampa Bay). She was lauded by a huge gathering of well-wishers on August 24 at Mainsail Suites Hotel. When asked about future plans, Betty’s response: “I hope my retirement is one of more – more bridge, more reading, more travel, more exercise, more cooking, more seeing friends!”

Congratulations to brand new parents **Laurel Moore Lee** and husband Tom. Faith Camille Lee (8 lbs. 11 oz.) was born in Brandon on August 15. Our best wishes to all.

On June 22 **Gwynne Young** was installed as President of The Florida Bar, an organization of 90,000+ members. To read a really fascinating article about Gwynne in The Florida Bar Journal, click on to this link: <http://www.floridabar.org/DIVCOM/JN/JNJournal01.nsf/8c9f13012b96736985256aa900624829/274e6a0a3ab2922d85257a2800638e29!OpenDocument>

One of her first acts as Bar President was to appoint **Susan Grady** and **Linda Goldstein** to three-year terms on The Florida Bar Citizens Forum. The mission of the Citizens Forum is to provide a vehicle for two-way communication between Florida’s major constituencies and The Florida Bar, to inform and educate the public about significant legal-justice issues and to gain public understanding and support. The Forum functions in an advisory capacity to the Bar’s Board of Governors, divisions, sections, committees and staff – offering recommendations, suggestions and opinions relating to existing or prospective Bar programs and activities.

Congratulations to **Doretha Edgecomb** who was just elected to her third term on the Hillsborough County School Board for District 5.

Former Young Woman of Promise Janet Echelman has been selected as one of Architectural Digest’s Innovators of 2012. Architectural Digest is the international authority on design and architecture and the September issue has an article and pictures of Janet and three of her works. **Anne Kantor** is the proud mom of this gifted artist who is most known for her permanent netted sculptures that billow in the wind and scale buildings.





September Birthdays

Birthday wishes to the following members who celebrate in September:

Karen Arnold
Maruchi Azorin
Dore Beach
Kathy Betancourt
Edna Broyles
Marva Crenshaw

Kim DeBosier
Mary Estes
Sandy Freedman
Yvonne Fry
Chantal Hevia
Alene Mahin

Paddy Moses
Candy Olson
Jan Platt
Sylvia Richardson
Becky Steele
Doris Weatherford



September Bonus

First Bonus of the year features (literally) the career and personal story of **Becca Tieder** and her colleague Kelly Addington. “You Are the One” is a powerful documentary to be shown on September 22 at the Reeves Theatre at The University of Tampa. The film explores sexual assault awareness and sexual empowerment on college campuses through the work of these two women and the strong connections they’ve made during their travels throughout the United States. While in college, they endured a personal experience with sexual assault that changed their lives and sent them on a journey to help build communities with zero tolerance for sexual violence. “You Are the One” is rich with honest emotion but it’s the warmth and humor of these two women that make this film so engaging. Pack your bags and join them on the journey to learn how you can be the one. For additional information go to youarethefilm.org.

The red carpet will open at 7:15; the film will begin at 8:00. Parking will be available at no charge in the lot that is directly in front of the building - Vaughn – where the reception will be on the 9th floor; screening is in the Reeves Theatre on the second floor. Athena will be acknowledged as a partner at the reception and the screening. There are three ticket options: General - \$10; VIP - \$25; VIP Plus - \$40. For reservations, email Eleanor Hubbard (ewhubbard@aol.com) and mail your check (payable to Athena) to the P.O. Box.

October Bonus

Members who didn’t get photographed by Barbara Goldstein last spring but have seen her work are clamoring for her return.....and she’s coming! On October 8 at 5:30 p.m. she’ll be at the home of **Margaret Mathews**, 2426 Sunset Drive to do portraits for the first 15 members who sign up; cost will be \$20. Barbara will provide the group with a disk of the photos for easy computer upload; those who wish to order prints may do so at an additional cost. If you need an updated photo for business or holiday giving, this is the perfect opportunity. You may reserve on the website and pay online or email **Eleanor Hubbard** and send your check (payable to Athena) to the P.O. Box.



Nominating Committee

At the June meeting members voted for six individuals to serve on the 2012-13 Nominating Committee. The following were elected:

Marva Crenshaw
Linda Devine
Katherine Essrig

Susan Leisner
Margaret Mathews
JoAnn Urofsky

Calendar

September 22 – Bonus – “You Are the One”
October 4 – Luncheon meeting
October 8 – Bonus – Photo Shoot
November 1 – Luncheon meeting
December 16 - Holiday party
January 3 – Luncheon meeting



Athena Housekeeping

Please note and honor this request: In the interest of time, all announcements at lunch will be made by the president. If you have information you'd like to share with the membership in 50 words or less, send it to **Eleanor Hubbard** by noon the day before.

Members' Projects

The 3rd annual Metropolitan Safari to celebrate and support the female Rwandan leaders and entrepreneurs of the Akilah Institute for Women will be held on September 28, 6:30 p.m. at the Tampa Yacht Club. Tickets are available for purchase at www.metropolitansafari.org. The Akilah Institute for Women (www.AkilahInstitute.org) is a college for young women in Kigali, Rwanda. Akilah transforms the lives of young women by empowering them with the skills, knowledge and confidence to find meaningful employment and launch their own ventures. Akilah will celebrate their first graduation this month with 100% employment and graduates increasing their income tenfold. Two of the graduates are travelling to the U.S. for an internship in Philadelphia and then on to Tampa. If you'd like to share the evening with other Athena members, contact **Susan Freeman**, **Susan Steen** or **Dena Leavengood** who are part of the host committee.

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Upcoming Meeting

- WHEN:** Thursday, October 4
11:55 a.m.
- WHERE:** Centre Club
Westshore at Kennedy
- PROGRAM:** Women on Corporate Boards
- SPEAKER:** Katherine S. Young
Managing Partner
Young Search Partners LLC
- MENU:** Sunburst Salad
(veg plate available on request when reserving)
- COST:** Guests - \$25
- RSVP:** By October 1 – Register online or
email ewhubbard@aol.com



OPEN MEETING – GUESTS WELCOME

Katherine will report on women's board participation at the national and state levels and strategies to increase diversity and female representation on corporate boards. She serves on the Board of Directors of Women's Executive Leadership (WEL) whose primary mission is to advocate, educate and connect accomplished women with the goal of increasing the number of women serving on Corporate Boards and in Executive Leadership.

Katherine brings more than 20 years of talent management consulting experience to the formation of her firm, having worked for the largest global firms in both the executive search and career management consulting industries. A native of Connecticut, she received her Bachelor degree in Psychology from Ohio Wesleyan University.



President's Message

The successful hosting of the Republican National Conference in Tampa last month ushered in the beginning of the political season with gusto. Turning on the television brings an endless parade of political advertisements and rhetoric that remind us we are worthy of lavish expenditures to woo our vote. (I wonder what television is like in Nebraska).

My youngest son will be eligible to vote this year for the first time. He devoured the League of Women Voters newsletters that **Lee Essrig** and **Dena Leavengood** provided at the last luncheon and is so enthusiastic about his newfound voice that he decided he wants to officially register to vote on his birthday (which is just outside the 29 day advanced requirement for the national election).

His enthusiasm has caused me to think about political voice especially now that retirement has given me an option to free mine. For the past 30 years I have spent every election season under the Hatch Act – a federal requirement often loosely read to encourage one to “keep your political opinions to yourself.” Many of our members fall under an umbrella that restrains some political discussion either through statute, as those covered under the Hatch Act, or by professional code, for example objective journalism. There is a freedom in the restriction that requires discussions to be about issues and solutions absent party positions and platforms. The voice isn't silent; it is just different.

Some of our members are running for election or re-election to public positions putting them squarely in the political arena. Their courage and determination is inspiring! And they are being cheered on and publicly supported by many of our members who have opened homes and wallets to help their voice to be heard.

Regardless of position or profession, each of our members is uniquely situated to exercise her voice for positive change, either directly by stepping into the arena or through influence and inspiration. Every contribution is significant.

One of the ways I will celebrate the freedom of the American voice this year is with a candle-topped cupcake and a voter registration application!





News About Members

Donna Petersen, Dean of the USF College of Public Health, was recently ranked #21 on the list of “100 Awesome Deans of Public Health” by MPHProgramsList.com. Criteria for the list is based on the reputation of the institution and the personal achievements of each dean.

Anne Strozier has been named the 2012 Social Work Educator of the Year for Tampa Bay and for the state of Florida by Florida’s National Association of Social Workers chapter. Nominations and recommendations for this honor come from colleagues, students and the community. When “60 Minutes” was seeking caregivers to interview for a story on kinship care, one of the show’s producers turned to Anne Strozier, co-founder and director of the USF’s Florida Kinship Center.

Candy Olson is celebrating the birth of her third grandson, 11 lb. 2 oz. Edward Ehlers Jaskowiak, born on August 26. His big brothers are 3 and 1/2 year old Charles and 2 year old Henry, the sons of Elizabeth and Derek Jaskowiak. The family lives in Everett, Washington (near Seattle) where Derek is stationed as a Navy officer.

Nuance Galleries, 804 So. Dale Mabry, is having a major exhibition of **Laura Waller’s** new oil paintings. Opening night is 6-9 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 27 and the exhibit will run for a month. Her paintings are part of a body of work she’s developing called ‘East Coast/West Coast’. Laura is the featured artist on ArtCollectorMaine.com this month and was part of the Open Studio Tour of artists in Rockland, Maine. Her painting ‘Home Port Camden’ was accepted into the juried exhibition ‘Maine Icons and Special Places’ at River Arts Gallery in Damariscotta, Maine.

Recently retired **Betty Tribble** has a new email address: btintampa@gmail.com.



October Birthdays

Birthday wishes to the following members who celebrate in October:

Barbara Bachman
Beth Bernitt
Moira Burke
Linda Devine
Diane Egner

Stacy Frank
Jeanie Hanna
Lee Leavengood
Judy Lisi
Jean McNally

Mary Scriven
Susan Stern
Sigrid Tidmore
Becca Tieder
Lara Tibbals



Bonus Activities

Join us for a lecture and behind the scenes tour of the Floridan Palace on Wednesday, October 17, 5:30-7 p.m. Built in 1926, the Floridan Palace has undergone extensive renovation to revitalize this beautiful historic landmark. Hear **Stephanie Ferrell** give a brief historical account of the building and listen to a representative of the hotel describe some of the stories behind the renovation. We'll meet at 5:30 in the Sapphire Room where light hors d'oeuvres will be served; a cash bar will be available. If you'd like to continue the experience past 7:00, feel free to make optional dinner reservations in the Crystal Dining Room by calling 225-1700. Cost of the Bonus is \$10 per person and guests are welcome. Please RSVP with payment to **Eleanor Hubbard** by October 11.

To get in the spirit of Halloween, **Linda Saul-Sena**, will guide us on a Ghost Walk of Ybor City on October 25. We'll meet at 5:50 p.m. at Centro Ybor on 7th Avenue in front of the statue of Don Vicente Ybor and guests are welcome. Parking is available at the garage across from Centro Ybor. The fee is \$10 which Linda has graciously offered to donate to the Athena education fund. If you'd like to stay for a "dutch treat" dinner afterwards at the Don Vicente, please indicate when mailing your "walk" check to Eleanor by October 19.

Save the date of December 5 for the Plant Museum Holiday Tour – details next month.

Community Action Update

Your Athena Community Action Committee has an exciting year planned! For starters, it's a presidential election year and voting is not a spectator sport! Are you and your family, friends, associates and employees registered and ready to vote? Did you know that there are eleven State-proposed Constitutional Amendments and two Hillsborough County Charter Amendments on the ballot? Have you done your homework so that you will be an informed voter?

If you have not yet received your new Voter Identification Card, you may not be able to vote in the November 6 general election. October 9 is the deadline to register or make corrections. To make sure all your information is current and that you are eligible to vote in Hillsborough County, go to the Supervisor of Elections website www.votehillsborough.org and click on the *Voter Information* link on the left side of the page. View a sample ballot, and learn about the many different ways to vote, early voting dates (Oct. 27 – Nov. 3) and voting locations, the forms of identification required to vote, the location of your precinct polling place and more. For information about the candidates and State Amendments, the League of Women Voters has published a 2012 Voters Guide available at local libraries or online at <http://thefloridavoter.org/files/download/453>.

We will be continuing our support of the Hillsborough County Commission on the Status of Women's annual project and the Women's Hall of Fame luncheon. This year their project and ours will include the issue of sex and human trafficking. What are the issues you most care about? We invite you to join us in discourse and to take action on these and other issues. Please send us your concerns and ideas and share your thoughts with us. We'll be meeting prior to our luncheon on October 4 at 10:30 a.m. and would welcome your participation.

Dena Leavengood, Chair



Calendar

- October 8 – Bonus – Photo Shoot
October 17 – Bonus – Floridan Palace tour
October 25 – Bonus - Ybor Ghost Walk
November 1 – Luncheon meeting
December 5 – Bonus – Plant Museum Holiday tour
December 16 - Holiday party
January 3 – Luncheon meeting



Philanthropy Recognition

As announced by the Philanthropy Committee last June, we're launching a campaign to publicly (within the organization) acknowledge the generous support of members for our two career development projects: the **Phyllis Marshall** Career Assistant Grants and the Dr. **Sylvia Richardson** Young Women of Promise program.

Doing this on a quarterly basis, recognition and thanks this month go to members who supported the **Phyllis Marshall** grants during July/August/September at various levels:

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| \$250-\$499 – Asteria – Goddess of the Stars | Amelia Campbell | Luanne Panacek |
| \$100-\$249 – Artemis – Goddess of Hunt | Adrienne Garcia Kathleen Heide | Margaret Mathews Juel Smith |

Those who supported the Dr. **Sylvia Richardson** Young Women of Promise Awards:

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| \$1000+ - Athena – Goddess of Wisdom | Sylvia Richardson | Robin DeLaVergne |
| \$250-\$499 – Asteria – Goddess of the Stars | Bonnie Saks | Renee Vaughn |
| \$100-\$249 – Artemis – Goddess of Hunt | Kathy Castor Annette DeLisle Susan Dellinger Kathleen Heide | Gail Holtzman Margaret Miller Ann Ross |
| \$50-\$99 – Aphrodite – Goddess of Love | Emmy Acton | Cynthia Gandee |

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Upcoming Meeting

- WHEN:** Thursday, November 1
11:55 a.m.
- WHERE:** Centre Club
Westshore at Kennedy
- PROGRAM:** Diabetes - Bringing Science Home
- SPEAKER:** Nicole Johnson, MPH, MA, PhD candidate
USF Health
- MENU:** Honey Pecan Crusted Tilapia
(veg plate available on request when reserving)
- COST:** Guests - \$25
- RSVP:** By October 29 – Register online or
email ewhubbard@aol.com.



OPEN MEETING – GUESTS WELCOME

Nicole Johnson is an award-winning television journalist and an avid writer. Her articles on living with diabetes and wellness have appeared in *Guideposts Magazine*, *Diabetes Forecast*, *Diabetes Health*, *USA Today* and on various websites related to diabetes. She has written seven books, including her autobiography, *Living with Diabetes*, and the recently complete *Pathway to Independence guide* for young adults with diabetes. Diabetes is reaching epidemic proportions and, sadly, many who have it don't know it. This is a topic we all need to learn more about; consider inviting a friend or family member who might benefit from Nicole's expertise.



President's Message

The Gift of Sponsorship

I first learned about the Athena Society when **Adelaide Few** invited me to a luncheon. It was the energy that first caught my attention: the buzz as the room filled quickly, greetings, introductions, focused conversations, and then – gone – back to work. Wow! You do this every month?

Caught up in the frenetic work, travel, parent, care-for, organize, find and fix days, Athena provided an oasis, a place where similarly over-scheduled women would come together – even if just an hour for lunch – to recharge and refocus. The programs provide concentrated information in the style of the coffee mug slogan, “be brief, be bright, be gone.” Perfect!

I still enjoy the energy that ushers in our monthly meetings with such purposeful companionship, but Athena has given me much more than a brief respite in an otherwise taxing month. Because of Athena, I have a much greater appreciation and investment in Tampa history, culture and politics. Great cities don't just happen, and Athena has given me the opportunity to meet many of the people responsible for the aspects of Tampa I most appreciate. I have a greater appreciation for the inequities that women still face in business and government and a forum through which to make a difference. Katherine Young underscored this point in her presentation on the status of women in corporate leadership. Her statistics regarding the profitability edge of diverse corporations are outcome measurements worth celebrating and repeating.

The friends who sponsored and supported my membership gave me a gift that has grown over time but they also made sure that I understood that joining Athena was a privilege *and* a responsibility. We are at the beginning of the member nomination season. What a wonderful opportunity to enhance our organization and share the gift of membership with someone else.





News About Members

We extend our deepest sympathy to **Moira Burke** for the recent loss of her husband, Dr. Bernie Hochberg, and to **Maria Howey** for the loss of her sister, Connie Speronis Cave.

Helen Gordon Davis continues to be recognized for her good works. At the Hillsborough Democrats' Kennedy-King Dinner earlier this month, she was taken completely by surprise (really!) when called before a capacity crowd at the Tampa Convention Center to be recognized as the "Champion of Equality." The honor was bestowed by the Pride Union of Florida State University for reasons they related: In 1982 a letter requesting support of gay rights was sent to 160 legislators; Helen was one of five who responded positively and is now the last one living; they wished to publicly express their appreciation.

Candy Olson is fully immersed in the business of education as is obvious from reviewing her activities. In addition to serving as Chair of the Council of Great City Schools (an organization of 60+ large city school districts providing research and advocacy to improve education for urban children), she has been named to the joint board of National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education and Teacher Education Accreditation Council. The two are merging into a single entity for accrediting schools of education - to be known as the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation.

Calendar

October 25 – Bonus - Ybor Ghost Walk

December 5 – Bonus – Plant Museum Holiday tour

December 16 - Holiday party

January 3 – Luncheon meeting

February 7 – Luncheon meeting

March 7 – Luncheon meeting



November Birthdays

Birthday wishes to the following members who celebrate in November:

Caroline Black
Amelia Campbell
Pat Frank
Jeanette Fenton
Julia Freeman

Susan Freeman
Adrienne Garcia
Kassie Grizzard
Libby Jenkins
Anne Kantor

Margaret Mathews
Luanne Panacek
Amanda Sansone
Renee Vaughn
Andrea Zelman



Athena Housekeeping

For your convenience in scheduling, please note the following luncheon program topics:

January – Mary Jane Saunders, President of Florida Atlantic University

February – **Betty Castor** and **Doretha Edgecomb** - How I Got Where I Am

March – Community Action Committee program

Under the direction of Chair **Amanda Sansone**, planning for Retreat 2013 is in full swing! Mark your calendars for July 26-28 at the fabulous Palm Beach Ritz-Carlton. It's a retreat you won't want to miss.

Though it hasn't been mentioned in quite awhile, we continue to welcome your leftover hotel toiletries for residents of Alpha House, The Spring and the Ronald McDonald House. Feel free to bring your donations to any luncheon meeting.



Bonus Activities

To get in the spirit of Halloween, **Linda Saul-Sena**, will guide us on a Ghost Walk of Ybor City on October 25. We'll meet at 5:50 p.m. at Centro Ybor on 7th Avenue in front of the statue of Don Vicente Ybor and guests are welcome. Parking is available at the garage across from Centro Ybor. The fee is \$10 which Linda has graciously offered to donate to the Athena education fund. If you'd like to stay for a "dutch treat" dinner afterwards at the Don Vicente, please indicate when RSVP'ing to **Eleanor Hubbard** by October 23.

Join Teddy Roosevelt and your Athena sisters for a charming Victorian Christmas Stroll on Wednesday, December 5, at the University of Tampa's Henry B. Plant Museum. Enjoy the social hour on the veranda from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. followed by a stroll through the beautifully decorated museum. Guests are welcome and the fee is \$17.00 per person. Register online or RSVP to Eleanor by November 30th.

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Upcoming Meeting...Party!



- WHEN:** Sunday, December 16
6 – 8 p.m.
- WHERE:** Home of Mark Sena and **Linda Saul-Sena**
157 Biscayne Avenue, Davis Island
Valet parking available
- COST:** Member and one guest – complimentary
Additional guests - \$25
- RSVP:** By December 12 – Register online or
email ewhubbard@aol.com.

Note from Hospitality Chair **Yvonne Fry**: Athena sisters – now is the time of year we come together to celebrate friends. We're preparing for our annual holiday party at the beautiful Davis Islands home of **Linda Saul-Sena** on Sunday, December 16, 6-8 p.m. Parking is limited so please plan to carpool if possible; valet parking will be available.

Many have already signed up to bring goodies, but we need more of your specialties. We'll send out the signup sheet and appreciate you taking the time to confirm what you're able to prepare or pick up. Many hands make light work and your contribution is truly appreciated! We need more meat, so let us know if you can prepare a tenderloin or other meat.



President's Message

Silver Linings

My mother-in-law has a way, at the most inopportune time, to ask us to identify the silver lining in the ill-fated situation *da jour*. The Pollyannaish cliché could really be annoying, particularly when one was caught up in the intensity of the moment. Nanny's prodding became a family exercise of sorts with each of us trying to best one another with humorous, often outlandish, silver linings. They would start with the bad, and be followed by an outrageous "at least" statement and end with a chipper, singsong "silver linings."

Though pedestrian, there is wisdom in this exercise. Several years ago, when my oldest son was in the ICU with myocarditis and I was consumed with stress and emotion, my youngest son quipped, "Well at least Mark can't be drafted now – silver lining." Caught off-guard, I had to laugh at his creativity and his obvious effort to console me.

Silver linings came to mind recently when I fell from the ladder in my misguided effort to paint the trim on the exterior of my house. The surgery to repair the damage I caused was done on November 1, the day of our last luncheon. There were a number of silver linings in this situation, the most obvious being that I didn't break my neck falling off the damn ladder! Another is that the painting got magically finished by a nice contractor my husband hired while I watched Lifetime movies. Still another was the great BIG get well card that showed up on my doorstep signed by my Athena sisters (**Lee Leavengood's** quip, "Sorry you are a fallen woman" was priceless). Thank you.

Related to one's ability to find silver linings is one's ability to be thankful and recognize blessings – like the wisdom of our electorate, who demonstrated great wisdom in their re-election of our own **Kathy Castor**. With the recent election, the new Congress will have an unprecedented 101 women serving, which is still a far cry from proportional representation. The more disturbing pattern, however, is the selection of all white males for the major House committees in the next Congress. Katherine Young provided persuasive data at our October luncheon demonstrating that diversity on corporate boards leads to better outcomes. Our current Congressional leadership should attend our luncheons!





Holiday Gift Opportunity

As the year closes, please consider making a contribution to one of our signature projects: the Athena Society Women's Education Fund administered through the Community Foundation or the **Sylvia Richardson** Young Women of Promise program.

A tax-deductible donation to the Education Fund can be made in honor of someone special to you and is the perfect holiday present. (The Community Foundation will notify all recipients of the gift.) 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 also invite you to consider making a gift to the **Sylvia Richardson** Young Women of Promise program. Athena takes pride each year in recognizing 10 accomplished young women in their junior year of high school. The monetary gift they receive goes toward their higher education goal, whatever it might be. We'll have a basket available for your donations at the December 16 party or you may mail your check to Athena, P.O. Box 10813, Tampa, 33679.

News About Members

Jan Platt was recently selected by the Tampa/Hillsborough County Human Rights Council to receive a 2012 Human Rights Award (Hall of Fame recognition) at their 39th Annual Awards Breakfast. It is scheduled at 7:30 a.m. at the Doubletree Hotel, 4500 W. Cypress on Friday, December 7. Tickets are \$30 each and may ordered online at www.THHC.org.

Doris Weatherford has been invited to join the board of Text and Academic Authors, a coalition of 22 organizations specializing in non-fiction; TTA aims to enforce international copyrights.

Mary Key has been selected to be part of the Society of International Business Fellows (SIBF), a world-wide organization of business leaders committed to educating and connecting leaders throughout the world to further their professional and personal success. She attended their world summit in Park City, Utah in early October where Colin Powell was one of the speakers.

Former Young Woman of Promise Janet Echelman keeps racking up the honors! She recently was the recipient of the 2012 Women in Design Award of Excellence given by the Boston Society of Architects. Janet, daughter of **Anne Kantor**, is a sculptor who transforms urban spaces worldwide with soaring, building-scale sculptures that fuse with forces of nature: wind, water and light.



Bonus Update

There's still time to RSVP for the Plant Museum's Victorian Christmas Stroll on Wednesday, December 5. It's a delightful way to launch the holiday season. Cost is \$17 per person; please reserve online.

The next Bonus is very special.....one you'll want to register for early as seats are limited: February 1 - Opening night for MOMologues 2 at the Stageworks Theatre. We'll enjoy wine and cheese at 7 p.m. in the lobby where we'll have an opportunity to meet the playwrights; curtain is at 8 p.m. Cost is \$35 per person and guests are welcome. For those with a season pass it's just \$10 for refreshments.

This riotous sequel to The MOMologues offers a frank and funny look at the elementary school years, from homework hell to multitasking mania. A sassy and irreverent look at the "toughest job you'll ever love," a tribute to women. Stageworks is holding 10 seats for Athena in their new intimate 99-seat theatre in the Channel District. They can accommodate more if we reserve early, so please register as soon as possible.



Athena Housekeeping

If you're planning to nominate someone for membership, you'll be pleased to note that the form this year has been condensed. Proposers should submit it with the candidate's resume while co-sponsors are asked to submit letters of support by separate email; all should be emailed to **Eleanor Hubbard** by February 11, 2013. The attached form is also available on our website; questions may be directed to Membership VP **Ashley Moody**.

For your convenience in scheduling, please note the following luncheon program topics:

January – Mary Jane Saunders, President of Florida Atlantic University

February – **Betty Castor** and **Doretha Edgecomb** - How I Got Where I Am

March – Community Action Committee program

Athena members are invited to attend the First Annual Monument Unveiling of the Historical Monument Trail on the Riverwalk. Two women are among the six 2012 honorees: African-American hospital founder Clara Frye and Eleanor Chamberlain who led the effort for the right to vote. Festivities begin at 5 p.m. on December 11 at The Tampa Bay History Center; Jack Harris will be emceeding.



December Birthdays


Birthday wishes to the following members who celebrate in December:

Jane Castor
Helen Gordon Davis
Susan Dellinger
Katherine Essrig
Elizabeth Howarth


Lorraine Lutton
Donna Petersen
Gayla Russell
Marsha Rydberg

Wilma Smith
Stella Thayer
Kem Toole
Pam Wolf

Calendar



December 16 - Holiday party
January 3 – Luncheon meeting
February 1 – Bonus - MOMologues
February 7 – Luncheon meeting
March 7 – Luncheon meeting
April 4 – Luncheon meeting
May 2 – Luncheon meeting
June 6 – Dinner meeting



Program Committee Notes

In previous years we've given our guest speakers a copy of the book, Real Women of Tampa and Hillsborough County, authored by **Doris Weatherford**. The book is now out of print - with only a few copies available on Ebay for \$100 and more. We recently asked **Laura Waller** if she would allow us to print note cards featuring one of her recent works of art so that a set of 10 could be given to each speaker. Laura generously donated the cards of the fabulous image titled NIGHT OF THE BIGGEST MOON (2012).

We also thought it would be nice to offer another item with these cards - a book authored by an Athena member. We could rotate them to offer a different work each time we present a gift. If you are an Athena author who would be interested in donating a book (signed would be nice), please contact **Eleanor Hubbard**.

In addition we'd like to offer the opportunity to other Athena artists who'd be interested in printing note cards of their works to give our guest speakers. The card Laura did for us is 4"x6" with an accompanying envelope. The name of the art, the year it was completed and the artist is listed on the back of the card. If you'd like more information on the finished product, please contact me at 416-4146 or renee@williamsconsultinggroup.com. We thank Laura for sharing her talent and would like to find more ways to showcase the works of our members.

Renee Vaughn, Program VP