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President's Message

"Change is the end result of all true learning"

Leo Buscaglia

Spring is upon us and so is our biggest fundraiser of the season! The Spring Raffle this year promises to be another event to network, listen to our speaker, and win a prize! All this while supporting our scholarship fund and the BWA mission of helping women in their educational endeavors. We encourage all members to participate in our fundraisers, so we can provide more scholarships every year. I hope to see you there on Monday, April 9.

On April 19th BWA members have another opportunity for fun and entertainment. We have a block of tickets at a reduced price for "Waitress" at the Broward Performing Arts Center. See below to sign up. Seats are limited!

Also happening... BWA has been invited to help support the Pace Center for Girls on May 24, 6:00-9:00 at Allied Kitchen and Bath. Networking, food, drinks for another worthy cause. Contact Pam Moskowitz if you need more information.

Our speaker for the May 14th meeting comes to us from Henderson Behavioral Health so mark your calendars now before it gets filled up with all your springtime activities.



Diana Plucienkowski, President

Meeting Information

Regular registration ends April 6th. After April 6th, the price will be \$30 at the door for Members and \$40 for Guests.

If you must cancel after Friday, April 6th or, if you have questions about registration you must contact Debbi Hartman at Browardwomensalliance@gmail.com or [954-483-3060](tel:954-483-3060).



Keenya Robertson has advocated for fair housing and other civil rights since 1994. She is President & CEO of Housing Opportunities Project for Excellence, Inc. (HOPE, Inc.), a 29-year-old, private, Florida non-profit fair housing organization whose mission is to fight housing discrimination in Miami-Dade and Broward Counties and to promote equal housing opportunities throughout Florida. She currently serves as Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the National Fair Housing Alliance (NFHA). Prior to her tenure at HOPE, Mrs. Robertson was a Staff Attorney for the Georgia Advocacy Office's Protection and Advocacy for Individual Rights (PAIR) Program where she represented the interests of persons with disabilities in guardianship, housing, employment, public accommodation, and entitlement issues. She also worked for Metro Fair Housing Services, Inc. in Atlanta as the Project Director & Attorney for their Southern Regional Fair Housing Organizing Project, creating four new private enforcement programs in previously underserved areas of Arkansas, Mississippi, and Georgia.

Mrs. Robertson is a graduate of Florida State University and the Louisiana State University Law Center.

Register



Broward Women's Alliance Night
Thursday, April 19 at 8:00pm
Broward Center for the Performing Arts



"THE WOMEN OF WAITRESS ARE CHANGING BROADWAY!" – Time Magazine

Brought to life by a groundbreaking all-female creative team, this irresistible new hit features original music and lyrics by 6-time Grammy nominee Sara Bareilles ("Brave," "Love Song"), a book by acclaimed screenwriter Jessie Nelson (I Am Sam) and direction by Tony Award winner Diane Paulus (Pippin, Finding Neverland). "It's an empowering musical of the highest order!" raves the Chicago Tribune.

Inspired by Adrienne Shelly's beloved film, WAITRESS tells the story of Jenna – a waitress and expert pie maker, Jenna dreams of a way out of her small town and loveless marriage. A baking contest in a nearby county and the town's new doctor may offer her a chance at a fresh start, while her fellow waitresses offer their own recipes for happiness. But Jenna must summon the strength and courage to rebuild her own life. "WAITRESS is a little slice of heaven!" says Entertainment Weekly and "a monumental contribution to Broadway!" according to Marie Claire. Don't miss this uplifting musical celebrating friendship, motherhood, and the magic of a well-made pie.

Exclusive BWA price \$46.25
(Lower Balcony-Reserved Block of Seats)
Go to: www.browardcenter.org/bwa
Enter your exclusive promo code: **BWA**



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Member Spotlight



Suzanne Higgins joined Henderson Behavioral Health as the Director of Development in August, 2012. Henderson is the oldest and largest non-profit behavioral healthcare system in South Florida providing services to over 30,000 children, youth and adults each year.

Suzanne has over 25 years of experience in fund development, advocacy, leadership development, major gifts, and community/public relations in the non-profit sector. She has held numerous positions with other Broward not-for-profits, the State of Florida and the federal government.

Suzanne has been recognized for her community leadership with numerous awards including: Fun Lunch Honoree for the Leadership Broward Foundation, 2011- 100 Outstanding Women of Broward County, The March of Dimes Women of Distinction, and the South Florida Business Journal's Up and Comer

Award for Non-Profits.

Currently, Suzanne serves as a Board Member for the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce and the John Knox Village Foundation. Previously, she served on the Leadership Broward Foundation Board, The Board of Directors for the University of Miami National Alumni Association, as President of the University of Miami Alumni Club of Broward County, and President of the University of Miami Women's Guild of Broward County.

Suzanne holds a BA in Organizational Communication and Marketing from the University of Miami. She is a Florida native and in her spare time enjoys spending time with her family, reading, travel, and politics.

Suzanne resides in Fort Lauderdale with her husband, Hugh and schnauzer, Buddy.

Member News

The first 10 ladies to email Suzanne shiggins@hendersonbh.org will receive a complimentary ticket to the below event. Emails will have a time and date stamp so it is fair for all!

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***Henderson Behavioral Health for a
65th Anniversary Celebration Luncheon
On Holland America Line's ms Zuiderdam***





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**Enjoy a 4-course Gourmet Lunch
w/ complimentary Champagne,
Mimosas & Wine
Aboard ms Zuiderdam**
Port Everglades, Florida
Terminal 26

Wednesday, April 11, 2018



65th Anniversary Celebration

Drawing for a One Week Cruise for 2
to Alaska, Mexico, Caribbean, or
Canada/New England

**Cruise Luncheon & 1 Raffle
Ticket: \$35.00**

Additional Raffle Tickets: \$25 each
or 5 for \$100

For more information or to purchase
raffle tickets visit:
www.hendersonbh.org

Business Attire or Business Casual

Boarding Information:

Please forward
Driver's License #,
Date of Birth & Citizenship to
Suzanne Higgins by April 2nd to
shiggins@hendersonbh.org

Port Everglades

* Bring your Photo ID *

(Drivers License—sorry, no admission to
Port or on Ship without it)

*Terminal 26 –check port signage

*Arrive at 10:30 a.m. to allow for
Registration, Security Clearance &
Boarding; No boarding after 11:30 a.m.

Park at Mid-Port Parking Garage—
\$6 for up to 5 hours

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Thursday, June 28th, 2018

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 KATIE TORRES CATO INSURANCE
 JOHN HALEY HALEY ENGINEERING

6:00PM - 10:00PM
 THE ATLANTIC HOTEL POOL
 601 N. FORT LAUDERDALE BEACH BLVD.,
 FORT LAUDERDALE
 ATTIRE: BEACH CHIC
 VALET - \$5

\$100 INCLUDES DINNER AND 2 DRINKS
 ARE YOU IN? RSVP:
[HTTPS://CHFULLMOONPARTY.EVENTBRITE.COM](https://chfullmoonparty.eventbrite.com)

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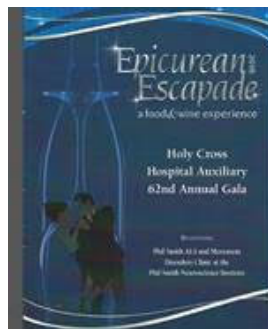
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Literary Feast, the Broward Public Library Foundation’s celebration of books and authors, is just around the corner, says **Dorothy Klein**. Seventeen authors, including Honorary Chair Brad Meltzer, A.J. Finn, Meryl Gordon, and advice columnist Amy Dickinson, will be in Broward on May 4-5 for the 30th annual events. At the free LitLIVE! event, authors will speak on a series of free panels from 6-8 p.m. May 4 at three Barnes & Noble stores. The fundraising Night of Literary Feasts, with all of the authors, begins at 5:30 p.m. May 5 at the Pier Sixty-Six Hotel and Marina, followed by dinners in private homes and upscale restaurants. **Merrie Meyers** is the Literary Feast Co-Chair for the second year. For tickets and more information, visit the Library Foundation website, www.bplfoundation.org, or call 954-357-7382.



Saturday, April 21, 2018

6:30 p.m.

Design Center of the Americas

[1855 Griffin Road](#) in Dania

Cocktail Attire

Sponsors: JM Family Enterprises, Guerrieri Family Foundation, Medical Staff of Holy Cross, Bacardi, Gold Coast Magazine

Tickets are \$300. Contact Elaine Lacker at 954-229-8562 or elaine.lacker@holy-cross.com.

A vertical poster for the Pineapple Jam event. The background is light green with a large, detailed illustration of a pineapple on the right side. The text is arranged in a decorative, hand-drawn style. At the top, it says "YOU'RE INVITED to the annual Pineapple Jam". Below that is the logo for the Historic Stranahan House Museum, which features a small house icon and the text "HISTORIC STRANAHAN HOUSE MUSEUM". The event details are: "A Party in Paradise for Preservation", "FRI | APRIL 13", "6PM | 2018". It also mentions "Tons of Tropical Treats and Live Music by Jimmy Stowe & the Stowaways". Ticket information: "SPONSORSHIPS & TICKETS AVAILABLE \$150 PER PERSON" and the URL "tinyurl.com/PineappleJam18". The location is "HISTORIC STRANAHAN HOUSE, 335 SE 6th Avenue, Fort Lauderdale". RSVP information: "RSVP director@stranahanhouse.org" and the phone number "954.524.4736". At the bottom, it states "Benefitting the education and historic preservation programs of the Historic Stranahan House Museum".

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Join us as we honor those who are making a difference...

Each year at our annual Starfish Luncheon, hundreds of business leaders and community supporters come together to honor those who have made a significant difference in the lives of the families we serve. The Starfish Luncheon, presented by JM Family Enterprises, Inc. / Southeast Toyota Distributors, LLC, will be held May 2, 2018 at the Signature Grand. The individuals and organizations who will be honored this year are:

- **The Bank of America Charitable Foundation – Neighborhood Builder Grant**
- **Sandy and Kenny Tate**
- **The following Funds at the Community Foundation of Broward:**
 - Tate Family Foundation Fund, Kiwanis Club of Fort Lauderdale Charitable Fund, James K. Oppenheimer Fund, Evan Bell-Greenbaum Fund, and Peter Cooper Charitable Foundation Fund**
- **Nancy Brown - The Fritch Foundation**
- **Broward County Commissioner Senator Nan H. Rich**
- **Special Starfish award to a domestic violence survivor**

We invite you to join us as we thank these honorees for helping families affected by domestic violence. [Click here](#) to view our sponsorship package, including table sales.

To purchase tickets please click [here](#).

Thank you to our generous sponsors!

Save the Dates 2018

Events Calendar

April 19th - Waitress at the Broward Center

May 14th - Lee Wein, MSW, Henderson Behavioral Health

May 24th - "Women & Wine Wagon" fundraiser in support of PACE Center for Girls

June 11th - Scholarship Awards

*Speakers and topic's subject to change without notice