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## President's Message

"A strong woman stands up for herself. A stronger woman stands up for others."

Anonymous

How fitting it is that March is Women's History month and that our March 12th lunch meeting features four of our BWA scholarship recipients, whom we celebrate for changing their personal lives for the better. We will learn how BWA support helps them move forward. This inspiring meeting has become a favorite of our members, and I encourage all of you to attend and hear their stories.

Mark your calendars for next month's meeting on April 9<sup>th</sup>! We have a rare opportunity to hear a powerful speaker who not only is a local leader, but chairs the National Fair Housing Alliance in DC. Keenya Robertson has dedicated her career to advocating for fair housing and civil rights. Sign up to attend this session to learn what is happening with this issue in Broward County, Miami-Dade, and Florida. Remember that first-time guests can attend our lunches for free, and this would be a wonderful meeting to bring potential members to.

Our February social event at American Social was a fun night of conversations, drinks, and great food. Thanks to Elisa Stone for organizing the perfect setting. These socials are designed for us to gather socially and to meet and greet new friends. We hope more of you take advantage of these events to network and develop friendships.

On April 19<sup>th</sup>, there is an opportunity for BWA members to see "Waitress" at the Broward Performing Arts Center as a group with ticket discounts. We have a block of a limited number of tickets, so sign up soon! See below for details.

Last month our own Lorna Brown-Burton spoke to us about the Florida Constitution Revision Commission, and the recommendations they are considering she reminded us that the Florida Bar Speakers Bureau is available to organizations to speak on a verity of topics.

I looking forward to seeing you all on the 12th.

Diana Plucienkowski, President



## Meeting Information

**Regular registration ends March 9th. After March 9th, the price will be \$30 at the door for Members and \$40 for Guests.**

**If you must cancel after Friday, March 9th or, if you have questions about registration you must contact Debbi Hartman at [Browardwomensalliance@gmail.com](mailto:Browardwomensalliance@gmail.com) or [954-483-3060](tel:954-483-3060).**



#### Scholarship Recipients Share their Story

Through BWA member generosity, we were able to award (10) \$1,000 scholarships to deserving and academically accomplished women this past year. The application process is rigorous, and these 10 women proved their mettle amongst 35 applicants.

The recipients achieved an average GPA of 4.0+ and many of them have taken advanced placement classes. In addition, they are the most diverse group of women ever to receive our award. They are attending FAU, Nova Southeastern, the University of Florida, the Relativity School in Los Angeles (now the Studio School Los Angeles), Columbia University in New York, Broward College, and Florida State University. All of them are degree seeking – one Bachelor of Arts, four Bachelor of Science, one BS/BA, one Bachelor of Fine Arts, two Master of Science, and one Doctorate of Pharmacy. Four of our previous awardees have continued their education with the help of our scholarship. They are: Alexandra Cabanelas, Wendy Rhodes, Ashini Shah and Monica Terrazos.

Five of the recipients will be attending our March meeting to update us in person about their college experiences. They are tri-lingual Shakerra Bartley, Biology at FAU, Alexandra Cabanelas, Marine Science at NSU, Aisha Gazani, Psychology at NSU, Ashini Shaw, NSU doctoral student in Pharmacy, and Monica Terrazos, Health Informatics at Broward College.

Sharon Deift, Pre-Child Psychiatry at FSU, Melinda Hebert, Pre-Law at University of Florida, Haley Johnson, BFA in Dance & Film, Studio School Los Angeles, Wendy Rhodes, Masters in Journalism, Columbia University, and Melisa Rubio, Pre-Med, University of Florida, are all sending updates that will be shared as part of the March program.

[Register](#)



"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](http://www.browardcenter.org/bwa)  
 Enter your exclusive promo code: **BWA**



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### Member News

**\*\*The first 10 ladies to email Suzanne [shiggins@hendersonbh.org](mailto: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!\*\***

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



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](http://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](mailto: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

# THE RACE TO HELP HOMELESS YOUTH

COVENANT HOUSE FLORIDA

9TH ANNUAL

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ON A1A

SATURDAY, APRIL 21, 2018 – 7:00AM

[WWW.5KONA1A.COM](http://WWW.5KONA1A.COM)

# WE'RE SLEEPING ON THE STREET

## SO HOMELESS KIDS DON'T HAVE TO.

3.5 million kids will face homelessness in America this year. One night can make a difference.

**JOIN US**

Covenant House Sleep Out: Young Professional Edition

**WHEN**

Friday, March 23, 2018 | 7pm to 7am

**REGISTER TODAY**

fortlauderdale.ypsleeppout.org

**WHAT TO EXPECT**

An evening getting to know homeless teens living at Covenant House Florida and the rest of the night spent sleeping outside at our shelter so they don't have to.

**WHAT'S EXPECTED OF YOU**

An open heart, an open mind, and a willingness to fundraise - with a goal of \$1,000 per person.

**ABOUT COVENANT HOUSE FLORIDA**

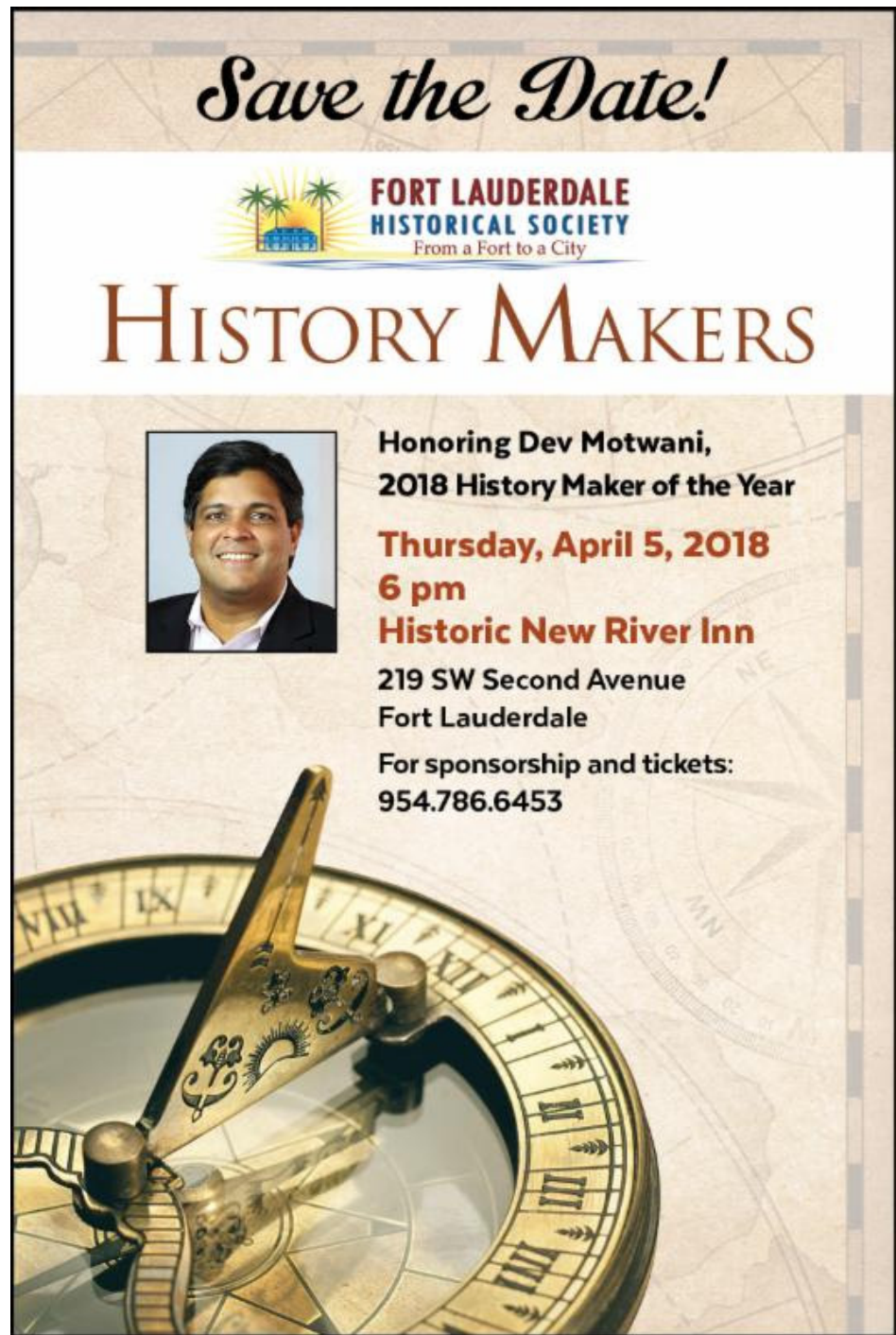
Shelters more than 70 youth a night and provides job training, education services, and medical care to more than 1,000 youth a year.



Enjoy a Wine Night benefiting the Lisa Boccard Breast Cancer Fund on Saturday, March 17 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Doris Italian Market & Bakery, 2077 University Drive in Coral Springs. Sample more than 100 wines from around the world, enjoy a buffet of authentic Italian cuisine and sample artisan cheeses. Tickets are \$24.95. Special pricing on wines is offered throughout the evening. Tickets can be purchased at customerservice@dorismarket.com. Call 954-572-5269 for more information.




The Frank art gallery in Pembroke Pines hosts "Florida Is...", an evolving body of two-dimensional works that depict the natural beauty of Florida beginning March 29. Curated by Xavier Cortada, the exhibition includes delicate drawings, vibrant larger-than-life projections and community engagement that will educate viewers of all ages on the importance of Florida's ecosystems and encourage environmental stewardship. Join The Frank for the opening reception on Thursday, March 29 from 6 to 9 p.m. and enjoy a special Florida-inspired performance of "The Jungle Book" by Dance Express, the award-winning dance students from Bethune Elementary School of the Arts. Email thefrank@ppines.com or visit thefrankgallery.org. The Frank art gallery is located at 601 City Center Way, Pembroke Pines FL 33025.



*Save the Date!*

**FORT LAUDERDALE  
HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
From a Fort to a City

# HISTORY MAKERS



**Honoring Dev Motwani,  
2018 History Maker of the Year**

**Thursday, April 5, 2018  
6 pm  
Historic New River Inn**

219 SW Second Avenue  
Fort Lauderdale

For sponsorship and tickets:  
954.786.6453

**Save the Dates 2018**

**Events Calendar**

April 9th - Keenya Robertson, Housing Opportunities Project for Excellence

April 19th - Waitress at the Broward Center

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

June 11th - Scholarship Awards

\*Speakers and topic's subject to change without notice



