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President's Message

"Imagine all the people living life in peace."

John Lennon

The fall is our time to begin another year that continues our fellowship, the programs we learn from and, most importantly, our friendships. With that thought in mind, I am so pleased to welcome you back to our BWA lunch meetings. I am especially looking forward to seeing you at our first meeting and program of the year on September 11.



This summer we have all been inundated with daily news of negative discourse, threats, and anger. Our September program guest speaker is Professor Cheryl Duckworth, Ph.D., who is an expert on and teaches conflict resolution at Nova Southeastern University. Please join us to hear Dr. Duckworth's perspectives and practical experiences on efforts to create a more civil and peaceful society.

Continuing our efforts to learn more about contemporary issues facing all of us, in October, our program speaker will update us on the new Florida Medical Marijuana Law. Mark your calendars to attend and listen to attorney Kory Sgrignoli, who will explain the current Florida law, how it fits within Federal regulations, and its impact on businesses and employers.

Also in October, Elisa Stone has arranged a great evening event at Bistro Mezzaluna on Thursday, October 19, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. This is the first of our quarterly get-togethers planned for the year. See the flyer below.

Tracy Carroll will once again be facilitating our Holiday Raffle and she is requesting donated items be submitted the sooner the better! To donate an item, please go to our website home page (www.browardwomensalliance.org) to fill out the donation forms. This is our most important and successful fundraiser of the year. All proceeds go directly to our scholarship program. Please consider helping in this effort.

Thank you for your continued support of the Broward Women's Alliance mission. We look forward to your continuing membership and seeing you all at our September luncheon.

Diana Plucienkowski, President

Meeting Information



Cheryl Duckworth

Cheryl Duckworth, Ph.D., is a professor of Conflict Resolution at Nova Southeastern University.

Dr. Duckworth has trained hundreds of students, teachers and community leaders in peace education and conflict resolution both in the US and internationally. Currently, she serves as the faculty advisor of NSU's Peace Education Working Group and on the Advisory Board of the Hope Development Organization, a women's rights and peace building organization in Pakistan, and Women's Promise, which advocates for and empowers women's leadership for peace globally.

Dr. Duckworth has published and presented globally on her two passions, peace education and peace economics, exploring ways to transform the economic, political, social and psychological root causes of war and violence. Most recently, she published Teaching About Terror: 9/11 and Collective Memory in US Classrooms, which analyzes the narrative today's students are receiving about 9/11, and the implications of this for global peace and conflict.

Please join us on this historic anniversary to hear Dr. Duckworth's perspectives and experience on the efforts to create a more peaceful world.

She blogs at Teach for Peace and you can follow her on Twitter @cherylduckworth.

Save THE Date

BWA
BROWARD WOMEN'S ALLIANCE

Is delighted to invite you to our Fall Social on
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2017
6:00PM - 8:00PM

Enjoy one complimentary drink and appetizers
Prepay \$20 by 10/15 \$25 at the door

Bistro Mezzaluna
1821 SE 10th Ave,
Fort Lauderdale

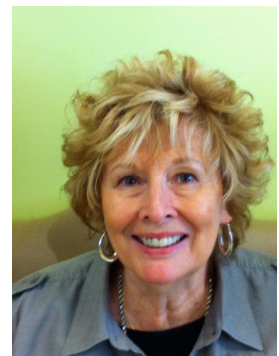
Member Spotlight

Barbara Van Voast is a long-time member & serves on our Scholarship Committee she also serves as Volunteer Secretary/Treasurer of The City of Fort Lauderdale Community Appearance Board. She is President of Van Voast Interiors but always says her most important and gratifying work is as a Guardian Ad Litem. She is a State Certified volunteer advocating for abused, abandoned & Neglected children. For the past 8 years, she has been their voice in court & maintains a visitation schedule which ensures their overall welfare.

Her other interests include animal welfare and she is the proud owner of a rescued dog Miss Sophie Grace and Shaman the Maine Coon cat.

She is certified through level 4 in Healing Touch For Animals and is the Director of Pet Proof Your Palace a specialized design service.

She is a vocal advocate for Equality for All, actively supports Environmental causes, Historic Preservation and the Arts.





Carol Trazc has worked in the hospitality industry for the past 30 years. She has worked for the Riverside Hotel for the past six years and has been the Director of Sales and Marketing for the past seven months. Carol and her husband John relocated to the Fort Lauderdale area from Michigan 10 years ago.

Carol was born and raised in Michigan. She and John have four children and have been blessed to have four grandchildren who still reside in the Midwest.

Carol has a passion for cooking and being outdoors.



Member News

My sincere thanks to all of my fellow BWA members that contributed to Hispanic Unity of Florida to honor the memory of my Papi, Vicente Fornias. Through your contributions, we will be able to help others to become integrated into our community and become US citizens. "You can give with love, but you cannot love without giving." Maria

" Do more than belong: participate. Do more than care: help. Do more than believe: practice. Do more than be fair: be kind. Do more than forgive: forget. Do more than dream: work. "

- William Arthur Ward



Public Relations • Marketing • Special Events

We have a special VIP sneak peek preview event for Pinot's Palette in Fort Lauderdale September 13th that I'd like to invite the membership to attend. RSVP to my team directly at pinots@dureeandcompany.com



Pinot's Palette Paint & Sip Studio Provides an Artistic Experience for South Floridians

Grand Opening Celebrations Kick Off with Media/VIP Night September 13, 2017

FORT LAUDERDALE, FL – August 23, 2017 – Pinot's Palette, a national paint and sip franchise known for providing guests with an exciting experience of art and wine, is opening new location in South Florida in the heart of Fort Lauderdale.

The vibrant upscale studio, located at 1115 E Sunrise Blvd. in the Satori building, is scheduled to open its doors Wednesday, September 13, 2017 with a Media/VIP night and ribbon cutting from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

"Art is a universal language spoken without words," said Deborah Lind, owner of Pinot's Palette Fort Lauderdale. The new 1,600-square-foot studio is the perfect setting for people to explore their inner artist while relaxing with wine and friends.

"The art scene in Fort Lauderdale is grounded in a rich culture and exudes vibrant energy. That's why I decided to open my Pinot's Palette paint and sip studio here," said Lind. "I wanted everyone to be able to experience the joy of creating art and to do it in a chic location that captures the South Florida vibe."

Pinot's Palette offers paint and sip-themed nights including Wild Wine Night, Pinot in Paradise, and Aloha!, A Hawaiian themed experience. A tribute to Vincent van Gogh kicks off the first public classes September 21, and features A Simply Starry Night. Guests sign up online to attend a two- or three-hour

painting class which is directed by a local, trained artist who guides guests step-by-step on how to recreate the featured painting of the night. The studio provides all art supplies, aprons, wine glasses, corkscrews, plates, ice buckets and ice.


Sharing a love of art and giving back to the community is important to Lind. "One of the reasons I chose to open a Pinot's Palette studio was because of the company's 'Painting It Forward' initiative," said Lind. "It allows me to give a portion of the proceeds from a class to a charity."

Pinot's Palette also hosts private parties to celebrate girls' night out, birthdays, bachelorette parties and bridal showers. There are corporate and team building events that feature, custom, jigsaw, and collaborative painting options that add a memorable twist to the paint and sip experience.

"Fort Lauderdale is really embracing the arts right now and people are ready for a new way to engage. Customers are excited to attend our classes and extend their imaginations while having a good time with family and friends," Lind said. "I look forward to the opening of my studio, so guests in the Fort Lauderdale community can 'Paint. Drink. Have Fun.' — our motto!"

For information or to book a class, visit Pinot's Palette – Fort Lauderdale at <https://www.pinotspalette.com/fortlauderdale>, call 754-900-8072 or email fortlauderdale@pinotspalette.com.

About Pinot's Palette Founded in 2009, Pinot's Palette is a pioneer of the paint and sip experience – a revolutionary way to enjoy art and wine, meet new people and bond with friends. With more than 180 locations, Pinot's Palette is the world's fastest-growing paint and sip franchise. By bringing fun, modern and creative ideas to their events, *Pinot's Palette* curates a unique, rewarding experience while providing a worthwhile contribution to the community For more information visit www.PinotsPalette.com.



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*6th Annual Executive Sleep Out
Kick-Off Reception*

Join Co-Chairs
Jonathan Keith Coldwell Banker **Ryan Thieme Merrill Lynch**
 to learn more about the upcoming
 "Sleep Out" to help homeless youth

Thursday, September 14, 2017
Hilton Fort Lauderdale Marina
Waterway Room
1881 SE 17th St., Fort Lauderdale
Time: 6:00pm - 8:00pm
One Free Drink and Appetizers
Complimentary Self Parking

RSVP to Elisa Stone by September 11, 2017
 estone@covenanthousefl.org or 954-568-7914
 fortlauderdale.executivesleepout.org
Save the Date: Executive Sleep Out
Thursday, November 16th 2017

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11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

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Davie, Florida 33317

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Art and Culture Center/Hollywood

September 8 - October 22, 2017
Dual Frequency: South Florida Cultural Consortium

The Art and Culture Center has been selected to host the 2017 South Florida Cultural Consortium from September 9 through October 22, 2017. The opening reception will take place on September 8 from 6-9 pm. The exhibition, titled Dual Frequency, will feature interdisciplinary work from 14 preeminent South Florida artists selected to receive awards in 2017 of either \$15,000 or \$7,500. These awards are among the largest such honors accorded by local arts agencies to visual and media artists in the United

States. This exhibition envisions artist initiatives to steer creative culture in support of their communities. Many participating artists curate, organize, perform, and teach as expansions of their individual practices.

Save the Dates 2017 - 2018

Events Calendar

September 11th - Cheryl Duckworth, Conflict Resolution

October 9th - Kory Sgrignoli, ESQ., Medical Marijuana

October 19th - Fall Social - Bistro Mezzaluna

November 13th

December 11th - Holiday Gift Idea's and Raffle

January 8th

February 12th

March 12th

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

May 14th

June 11th - Scholarship Awards

*Speakers and topic's subject to change without notice