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President's Message

“Just Do It”

As I close out my term as the Broward Women's Alliance president for the past 2 years, I am once again reminded about how fast time goes by. In that short period of time, I've had the pleasure of meeting so many inspiring women from various backgrounds and experiences. The list includes members, speakers, scholarship recipients, and volunteers who come together for the purpose of supporting other women who aspire to be more. It's that simple.



As our 2019-2020 BWA year begins in September, I hope you renew your membership and consider helping the organization by volunteering in some capacity. This year, we are asking for members to help us with the monthly raffle held during the general meetings. Consider doing your part

Events Calendar

September 9th

October 14th

November 11th

December 9th

January 13th

February 10th

March 9th

April 13th

May 10th

June 8th

*Speakers and topic's subject to
change without notice

to make this year a success! The more participants, the easier the task.....and fun! If you are interested, please see any Executive Board member or talk to Tracy Carroll who has led the raffle efforts over the past few years. She has made the process simple and successful!

Our September meeting is around the corner! Come listen to Doreen Christensen, Sun Sentinel senior columnist for consumer news as she shares her experiences in the world of journalism. Thanks to Mary Adams, our BWA VP of Programs for getting our year off to a great start! Be sure to bring a guest (first time is free) and reconnect with friends and colleagues.

Thank you for your continued support of the Broward Women's Alliance Foundation. We look forward to seeing you at our September luncheon.

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At-Large-Elisa Stone (social)

At-Large- (raffles)-Open

You can help spread the word about our mission to support other women in their education endeavors. Please forward our information to friends and colleagues. Remember to

“like” BWA on Facebook and add your name to our LinkedIn page as well.

Thank you for your continued support of the Broward Women’s Alliance Foundation.

Diana Plucienkowski

President 2018-2019

Meeting Information



Doreen Christensen
Senior Columnist
Sun Sentinel

DOREEN HAS NEVER PAID FULL PRICE FOR ANYTHING. IF THERE IS A WAY TO SAVE ON SOMETHING, SHE WILL FIND IT AND SHARE HOW YOU CAN SAVE, TOO. A 39-YEAR VETERAN OF THE SUN SENTINEL, CHRISTENSEN IS AN AWARD-WINNING SENIOR COLUMNIST COVERING CONSUMER NEWS. SHE WAS PART OF THE TEAM THAT WON THE 2019 PULITZER PRIZE FOR PUBLIC SERVICE.

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Member News

"The American Spirit" is the theme of Venetian Arts Society's 10th Season and we cannot possibly think of a more appropriate and all-encompassing way to open this special season than with our own Nilda Comas and her historic commission of a marble sculpture of Mary McLeod Bethune for Statuary Hall at the U.S. Capitol. Venetian Arts Society, The City of Fort Lauderdale, and The State of Florida are proud and honored to have one of the world's greatest living master artists, Nilda Comas, living and working in our midst. Personally, I am beyond "proud and honored" to call Nilda a true friend!

Art is a reflection of the society of its time...and this reflection has a significant impact on our lives today as well as the understanding, insight, and wisdom of societies to come. It deserves our most sincere reverence. Tonight, we will all more clearly see how art reflects past, future and documents the crucial component of our lives today! -Willie

Venetian Arts Society presented an evening with Nilda Comas, master sculptor, at NSU Art Museum Fort Lauderdale. The evening was an Up Close & Personal *"Artist's Presentation"* about her commission by the State of Florida for a larger than life-size monument of Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune to represent the State of Florida at the US Capitol as part of the National Statuary Hall's permanent collection. Dr. Bethune will be the first African American to be part of the National Statuary Hall's Collection. Nilda travels between her studio in Fort Lauderdale and her studio in Pietrasanta, Italy where she is currently working on the final 8 foot clay model for the marble sculpture.

We are accepting Reservations now for two incredible trips. One trip is to Italy in Spring April 2020 make a toast to Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune in marble, carved by Sculptor Nilda Comas— cheer Dr. Bethune prior to her Arrival in our US Capitol— in the Rotunda, at National Statuary Hall, Washington, D.C. While in the most exquisite majestic locations in the world enjoy Northern Italy, the Italian Alps, the Italian Riviera, the marble caves of Michelangelo and Carrara marble quarries. Tour the Tuscan hills. Accommodations will be in Pietrasanta, Italy, “Little Athens”— where Michelangelo signed his contract with the Medici. Enjoy European breakfasts and culinary masterpieces. As part of this special event— Sculptor Nilda Comas will personally guide us through her studio, which is within the world’s most renowned and prestigious marble studio, shop, go to galleries, explore the beautiful Italian countryside, visit vineyards & wine taste, visit local historic art locales, such as the great city of Florence, and totally immerse us all in a sublime artistic experience that is “...above and beyond life's trivialities!”

Please be sure to contact Willie@VenetianArtsSociety.org for more information. Spaces for this exciting VAS Road Trip will go quickly!

Back to School Campaign

Thanks to great teamwork across the agency – Programs, Development, Facilities, Education and Prevention– we had another very successful Back-to-School campaign. More

than 30 companies and organizations contributed truckloads of school supplies and backpacks— and donors provided nearly \$12,000 in cash and gift cards so far to help our participant families with much-needed items like uniforms, shoes and special supplies. Estimates are that we have received upwards of a thousand backpacks—an amazing community response. We will have school supplies for use throughout the year.

Helping Families Rebuild Their Lives for 45 Years!

This summer, our agency marked 45 years of serving the community. What started as a small safe house for women fleeing domestic violence, Women In Distress is now the largest among the 42 certified domestic violence centers in Florida with a comprehensive range of programs and services assisting adults and children who are survivors of domestic abuse. We all share in these accomplishments over more than four decades. As a kick-off to this campaign, we are inviting donors to contribute a one-time gift of \$45, make a recurring monthly gift of \$45 and moving up to larger donations that will help move our mission forward.

3rd Annual
Women In Distress
Board of Trustees
Women's Empowerment Forum

October 24, 2019 - 6:00pm-8:00pm

Broward Center for the Performing Arts - Fort Lauderdale



“She’s The Boss!”

How these entrepreneurial women conquered the myth of the glass ceiling

Featuring a panel of successful women
who made it in once male-dominated roles



Chef Michelle Bernstein, Panelist
Award Winning Chef
TV Personality - Author



Bonnie Clearwater, Panelist
Director and Chief Curator
NSU Art Museum Fort Lauderdale



Dr. Susan S. Fiorito, Moderator
Founding Director of the Jim Moran School of
Entrepreneurship
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Entrepreneur in Residence



WOMEN IN DISTRESS
OF BROWARD COUNTY, INC.
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Our mission is to stop domestic violence abuse for everyone through intervention, education and advocacy and raise awareness for Women In Distress capability to empower and provide educational and economic betterment for the survivors of domestic violence.

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6th Annual Women In Distress



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3rd Annual Girl Scouts Lead the Way Luncheon – Honoring *Inspirational Women of Broward County*



Girl Scouts Lead the Way Luncheon

Thursday, September 19, 2019, Signature Grand, Davie

The Girl Scouts Lead the Way Luncheon is a celebration of inspirational women, leading the way for our next generation of girls in our community. Awards will be presented to three women in Broward County who are leaders in their industries and serve as role models for today's girls. *The three honorees will participate in a panel discussion at the event highlighting their journey as successful women.*

The event attracts nearly 200 guests from the Greater Fort Lauderdale business community and the program will consist of networking, chance drawing, a panel discussion, and awards ceremony. *The 2018 luncheon featured Lisa Lutoff-Perlo, CEO of Celebrity Cruises as the keynote speaker and awards were presented to Michelle Martinez Reyes, Maureen Shea and Sonia Quinones.*

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(as of May 8, 2019)

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