



BWA News...

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### President's Message

"I am sure that if the mothers of various nations could meet, there would be no more wars"

E.M. Forester, Howards End

May is the month of celebrations! Spring, Cinco de Mayo, Memorial Day, graduations, weddings, and most importantly Mother's Day. Having or being a mother is the still the one thing all people have in common.



#### May-

At our May 13<sup>th</sup> meeting we will be celebrating Mother's Day by acknowledging all the important mother models in our lives. Bring your favorite Mom stories, memories, and anecdotes involving your own mother or role models who have influenced your life path. This is sure to bring some laughs and maybe some inspiration!

Our annual Spring Raffle will take place at our May meeting as well. We welcome donations such as gift cards, theater tickets, gift baskets, event tickets. We hope this raffle will take us over-the-top for our Scholarship Fund. Please donate items on our website or email Tracy Carroll with details of your donation. So far, we have had a great response and some wonderful items! You won't want to miss the opportunity of winning some fabulous prizes. Deadline for donating is May 9<sup>th</sup>.

#### June-

The best way to end our BWA year is a favorite! Come meet our 2019 Scholarship winners and hear about their dreams

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

and aspirations. This meeting reminds us every year of why we belong to BWA and support the mission of helping women pursue their careers.

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. We look forward to seeing you at our May luncheon.

Diana Plucienkowski

President 2018-2019

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## Meeting Information

**Regular registration ends May 10th. Sign up now, seating may be limited!**

**If you must cancel after Friday, May 10th or, if you have questions about registration you must contact Debbi Hartman at [Browardwomensalliance@gmail.com](mailto:Browardwomensalliance@gmail.com) or 954-483-3060.**

Happy Mothers/Mentors Day!

Join the BWA annual Mothers and Mentors celebration on Monday, May 13 at the Tower Club.

Bring your best mom/mentor stories to share with friends and colleagues while also competing in the very popular jeopardy challenge! Our annual Spring Raffle will also be held during the meeting and member participation is paramount to our Scholarship Fund's success. Donations are being accepted now through May 9. Please [donate on line](#) or reach out to [Tracy Carroll](#) for information.



### IMPORTANT GARAGE ACCESS INFORMATION

Financial Plaza Road will be closed to all neighboring traffic. The road will be open to our tenants and guests only.

We will maintain access to the Parking Garage AT ALL TIMES but need to partially close the North and South sections during the week of April 29<sup>th</sup> Through May 17<sup>th</sup>, as follows.

#### LANES CLOSED – April 29<sup>th</sup> to May 17<sup>th</sup>

During these dates, you can ONLY enter Financial Plaza Road from SE 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and EXIT on Broward Blvd.

Police officers and security personnel will be present to guide traffic entering Financial Plaza Road and the Regions Garage. They will be located on 2<sup>nd</sup> street and Broward Boulevard

Please note these dates might change but we will give you prior notice if they do.

We apologize for any inconveniences and greatly appreciate your cooperation.



**Durée Mellion Ross** is president and founder of Durée & Company, an award-winning full-service public relations, marketing and special events firm founded in 1999, with offices in Fort Lauderdale, Florida and Aspen, Colorado. Durée is an award-winning PR entrepreneur with a broad spectrum of experience spanning the corporate, agency and non-profit arenas for local, national and international clients. Durée & Company is a

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Have you Seen our Giant Mural on Main Street in Downtown  
Oakland Park

Allied Loves Oakland Park

( 3484 NE 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue )

Allied Design Center opened their second location over 2  
years ago Featuring Outdoor Kitchens , Contemporary Living  
and Gourmet Appliances

Visit us at both locations

Snap a Selfie and Post it to Facebook and enter a chance to  
win an Allied Kitchen and Bath Gift Certificate.



## Give Moms at Women In Distress a Happy Mother's Day

Mother's Day is  
Sunday, May 12th

Your donations benefit families affected  
by domestic violence abuse and  
help them rebuild their lives.

Monetary donations support programs and  
services such as Safe Emergency Shelter,  
a 24-Hour Crisis Hotline, counseling and  
therapy hours and more.



### Drop-Off Dates & Hours

April 30th–May 10th  
Monday–Friday  
9am–6pm

### Donation Ideas

Gift Baskets  
Beauty Products  
Perfume  
Jewelry  
Handbags  
Bath Products  
Toiletries  
Gift Cards

*Please bring items new and unwrapped.*

### Monetary Donations

**Donate online:**  
WomenInDistress.org

**Mail checks to:**  
Women In Distress  
Attn: Development  
P.O. Box 50187  
Lighthouse Point, FL 33074



**For more information contact:**  
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**WOMEN IN DISTRESS**  
OF BROWARD COUNTY, INC.  
JIM & JAN MORAN FAMILY CENTER

Hi my fellow BWA team! I hope all is well. Here are a few of the things I have been involved with for the month of April:

April 2, 2019: provided pro bono estate planning services to a Veteran at the Veteran's Administration on Commercial and Nob Hill

Throughout April: provided family mediation services at a significantly discounted rate to several families at the Broward County Courthouse

Throughout April: provided Guardian Ad Litem services at a significantly discounted rate for 2 families

Throughout April: provided pro bono Guardian Ad Litem services for a child

Throughout April: provided pro bono services to assist in the Mission and Vision of Mission United (an offspring of United Way) working to assist local Veterans in Broward County in the areas of education, legal representation, employment, housing, etc.

April 23, 2019: mentored a young women who aspires to be an attorney

April 23, 2019: met with the legal department of the Guardian Ad Litem Program to offer pro bono legal representation to their families

In addition to the above, I have remained actively involved in the management, marketing, budgeting, and practice of my law firm (KWG Family Legal and Mediation Services, LLC), participated in numerous networking events to promote diversity and inclusion, and continue to remain actively involved in my 3 year old and 7 year old daughters' lives while consistently supporting my husband in his company's endeavors as a licensed plumber.

Sincerely,

Kristen Goss, Esq.

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The plans for the revitalization of the iconic Pier Sixty-Six property are going before the City of Fort Lauderdale Planning and Zoning Board on May 15. Expressed support from residents and community leaders alike will help ensure the beautiful plans conceived by Orlando-based developer, Tavistock, will be approved.

You can also find a video, and all of our project information and renderings on this website: <https://www.info-piersixtysix.com/> Please feel free to share with friends and neighbors.

The website also includes a link to a template support letter/email that can be customized and shared our city's decision makers.

Thank you in advance for your support!

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