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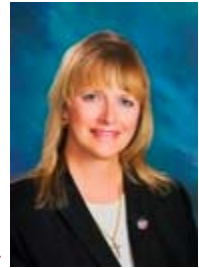


THE CONNECTION

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Dear Barbara,

Our 14th Annual Giraffe Awards honoring Women's History Month was held on March 25th. Our exciting speaker was Colleen Barrett, the President Emeritus of Southwest Airlines, who spoke to a sold-out crowd! Our Giraffe Award Winner was Dr. Barbara Krantz from The Hanley Center. CONGRATULATIONS to our winner and to all of our finalists!



We have a number of Events scheduled over the next few months. Be sure to check the SAVE THE DATE Section of this Newsletter and mark your calendars!

As members of the Women's Chamber, there are events in the community that we should support as they honor and support women. Two of these Events are the Annual Girl Scout Luncheon and Silent Auction on April 25th and the Executive Women of the Palm Beaches Annual Women In Leadership Awards (WILA) on May 5th. Not only are these two events honoring and supporting women, a number of our members and Board members serve on their Boards and Event Committees. Please see below for more information.

Also, the WCC and WCF Nominating Committees have developed a slate of Officers and Directors for the 2009 - 2010 year. More information is listed below. Both WCC and WCF will be holding their Annual Meetings at the Annual Legislative Breakfast on May 28th. We hope that you will mark your calendar to attend.

Our Chamber is successful due to you...and I know that you will continue to support us!

I look forward to seeing you soon!

As always, if you have any comments, ideas, thoughts and/or suggestions, please share them with me...REMEMBER...this is YOUR Chamber!

Sincerely,

Theresa

Theresa LePore, President
The Women's Chamber of Commerce of Palm Beach County, Inc.

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WOMEN'S CHAMBER FOUNDATION

by **Sandra Kaplan, Chair**



The next WCF Event will be on Saturday, April 18, 2009 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at The Chesterfield Hotel in Palm Beach. It will be a "Traditional Afternoon Tea". Our own Barbara Benson Wymer of Benson Protocol, will present our Program, "Fun with Tea Etiquette". Our Program will be sponsored by The Pier Group, A Real Estate Company, Inc. Seating is limited; please make your reservations now. It promises to be a fun filled afternoon!

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President, Women's Chamber

Our Scholarship Luncheon Chairs, Helena Dobbs-Edie and Margaret Montalvo, and their outstanding Committee are working on plans for The Scholarship Luncheon to be held at the Kravis Center on June 11, 2009 - Save The Date! Anyone interested in joining the Committee should contact Margaret Montalvo (mfmontalvo@comcast.net) or Helena Dobbs-Edie (shoeboxservices@bellsouth.net). This is a wonderful and very rewarding committee. Please get involved!!!

Our Scholarship Cookbooks, "*Succulent Selections for Scholarships*" are always available at all WCC and WCF Events. The cookbooks are also available at the Chamber Office, First Southern Bank, Bravo KB, Inc., and on both the WCF (www.womenschamberfoundation.org) and WCC (www.womenschamber.biz) websites. We will be happy to ship the cookbooks - information regarding shipping can also be found on the websites. Please remember, all proceeds from the sale of our cookbooks go to our 2009 Scholarship Awards.

Also remember that every time you use the Yahoo-search engine www.GoodSearch.com, the Foundation will receive a penny per search. Every penny adds up!! And www.GoodShop.com is our online shopping mall which donates up to 37% of each purchase to WCF. Some of the stores are: Amazon, Target, Gap, E-Bay, Macy's, Best Buy and Barnes & Noble. Just go to www.GoodSearch.com and enter "Women's Chamber of Commerce - Palm Beach County" under "Who do you GoodSearch for?" And start searching and shopping...it is that easy!

If you have any questions or suggestions, please always feel free to contact me, (561) 688-0048 or you can go to www.womenschamberfoundation.org.

Looking forward to seeing you at the WCF April 18th Tea and at all WCC Events.

Fondly,

Sandra



**COMMUNITY EVENTS BEING
SUPPORTED BY WCC MEMBERS**

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**7th Annual Girl Scouts
Luncheon & Silent Auction
April 25, 2009
11:00 am - 2:00 pm
Kravis Center - Cohen Pavilion
Ticket Price: \$55.00
"Girl Scouting Through The Decades
Fashion Show"**

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**26th Annual Executive Women of the
Palm Beaches Women In
Leadership Awards (WILA) Luncheon
May 5, 2009**

Linda L. Long
PBC Tax Collector's Office

Margaret Montalvo, Esq.
Margaret Montalvo, Esquire

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Dale Carnegie

Barbara Benson Wymer
Benson Protocol

ADVISORY BOARD

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SAVE THE DATE!

**04/07 @ 5:30 pm
WCF Board Meeting
@ Bravo KB**

**04/18 @ 1:00 pm
WCF Afternoon Tea "Fun
With Tea Etiquette"
@ The Chesterfield in Palm
Beach**

**04/20 @ 5:30 pm
WCC Board Meeting
@ WCC Office**

**04/22 @ 5:30 pm
Networking Mixer With
Boynton Chamber
@ Carolina Ale House in
Boynton Beach**

**04/24 @ 9:00 am
WCF Scholarship
Luncheon Comm Mtg @
Bravo KB**

**05/09 @ 11:30 am
1st Annual Afternoon of
Fashion @ Ibis Golf &
Country Club**

**05/13 @ 5:30 pm
Networking Mixer @ PGA
Resort & Spa**

**05/28 @ 7:30 am
Legislative Breakfast &
WCC/WCF Annual Meeting
@ Airport Hilton**

**06/11 @ 11:30 am
WCF Annual Scholarship
Luncheon @ Kravis**

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**11:30 am - 2:00 pm
PBC Convention Center
Ticket Price: \$100**

Speaker: Jeannette Walls, Author of *The Glass Castle*

If you are interested in attending either of these Events and sitting at a Women's Chamber Table, please contact Theresa LePore as soon as possible.

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GIRAFFE AWARDS

On behalf of myself and the Women's History Month/Giraffe Awards Committee, we would like to thank all of you for your support...whether it was a sponsorship, a donation for the Chinese Auction, Drawing and/or the Goody Bags, exhibitors, buying a table or tickets, centerpieces, photography or anything else...**THANK YOU!!**

Our Finalists included Sarah Alsofrom (Gunster Yoakley Law Firm), Dr. Barbara Krantz (The Hanley Center), Mary Catherine (M.C.) Madigan (PBC Fire Rescue District Chief), Julie Swindler (Families First of PB) and Judith Warren (Child & Family Connections). Our winner was Dr. Barbara Krantz. **CONGRATULATIONS** to all of you for all you do for women and our community!

A special thanks goes out to our Judges - Linda Bozzuto (Marketing Director for TD Bank), Linda Long (PBC Tax Collector's Office), Fred Meltzer (Hoffman's Chocolate), Honorable Jeri Muoio (WPB City Commissioner) and Pamela Swensen (Executive Women's Golf Association) - for all of their hard work. They had a tough job!

Our Event Photographer, Tom Rollo of Grace Photography, did a fantastic job. All of his photos can be viewed at www.giraffeawards.photoherald.com.

I personally would like to thank Sherrie Goldsmith, Event Chair, and Karen Wisner, Event Vice-Chair, as well as the rest of the Committee for all of their hard work in making this a successful Event.



Table Setting

**COMMITTEE
MEMBERS NEEDED!**

**The following WCC
Committees need
members...why not join a
Committee today!**

- Ambassadors
- Communications
- Fashion Show
- Finance Foundation
- Fund Development
- Giraffe Awards
- Governmental Affairs
- Nominating Networking
Programs
- Women's Expo

Contact the Women's Chamber Office
for more Information!

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**A SPECIAL "THANK
YOU" TO OUR
MARCH DRAWING
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Sandra Kaplan
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**Our Finalists - MC Madigan, Dr Krantz, J Swindler, J**



**Warren (S Alsofrom was unable to attend)**

**Karen Wiser, Event Vice-Chair - Linda Bozzuto, Elite  
SponsorTD Bank - Sherrie Goldsmith, Event Chair**



**Karen Wiser - Dr Barbara Krantz - Sherrie Goldsmith**

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2009 - 2010 Slate of Officers &  
Directors for WCC & WCF

WOMEN'S CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

**OFFICERS**

President - Jane Bloom - term expires 06/2010  
1st Vice President - Karen Wiser - term expires 06/2010  
2nd Vice President - Sandra Kaplan - term expires 06/2010  
Treasurer - Julie Kelly - term expires 06/2010  
Secretary - Judy Jacobs - term expires 06/2010  
Immediate Past President - Theresa LePore - term expires 06/2011

**DIRECTORS**

Lexye Aversa - 1 year term expiring 06/2010  
Catherine Callan - 2 year term expiring 06/2011  
Kimberly Deveney - 2 year term expiring 06/2011  
Michele Hartburg - 2 year term expiring 06/2011  
Sandra Kaplan - 1 year term expiring 06/2010  
Margo Kohlhoff - 2 year term expiring 06/2011  
Theresa LePore - 2 year term expiring 06/2011  
Andrea Plevin - 2 year term expiring 06/2011  
Suzanne Turner - 2 year term expiring 06/2011  
Denise Valz - 2 year term expiring 06/2011

*NOTE: The terms for Directors Sherrie Goldsmith and Huntley Miller do not expire until 06/2010.*

WOMEN'S CHAMBER FOUNDATION

**OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS**

Chair - Theresa LePore  
Vice-Chair - Judy Jacobs  
Treasurer - Huntley Miller  
Secretary - Janelle Dowley  
Immediate Past Chair - Sandra Kaplan  
Director - Carol Dixon  
Director - Margo Kohlhoff  
Director - Tatiana Parra  
Director & Chair of Scholarship Luncheon - Jennifer Rodriguez  
Director - Karen Wiser  
Director - Barbara Benson Wymer

NOTE: The terms for Officers and Directors of WCF are for one year.

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Networking Mixer

April 22, 2009

Please join us for a joint Networking Mixer with the



Wednesday, April 22, 2009



365 North Congress Avenue  
Boynton Beach

*Join us for an evening of excellent food, drinks and atmosphere!*

Bring plenty of business cards!  
Get ready to Network!!

5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

MEMBERS: \$10 - NON-MEMBERS: \$20

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