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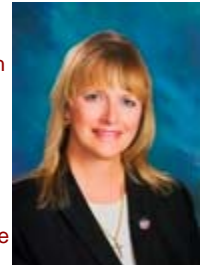
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Dear Barbara,

Our 14th Annual Giraffe Awards honoring Women's History Month will be held on March 25th. Our exciting speaker this year is Colleen Barrett, the President Emeritus of Southwest Airlines.



We have five finalists whose Nomination Forms are currently being reviewed by our judges. We would like to thank Linda Bozzuto (Marketing Director for TD Bank), Linda Long (PBC Tax Collector's Office), Fred Meltzer (Hoffman's Chocolate), Honorable Gerri Muoio (WPB City Commissioner), and Pamela Swensen (Executive Women's Golf Association) for being our judges this year.

Our finalists are:

- 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
- Judith Warren - Child & Family Connections

What a great group of women! We look forward to honoring all of them on March 25th and hearing which one has been chosen to receive the Giraffe Award!

Have you volunteered to help out at the Event? Have you reserved your Exhibitor Table? Have you sent in a donation for the Chinese Auction? And, most importantly, **HAVE YOU MADE YOUR RESERVATION YET?** If not, why not take care of that **TODAY!**

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

I look forward to seeing you at the Giraffe Awards (if not before!!)

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

Theresa

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SAVE THE DATE!

03/03 @ 5:30 pm
WCF Board Meeting
@ Bravo KB

03/09 @ 5:30 pm
WCC Board Meeting
@ WCC Office

03/10 @ 5:30 pm
WHM/Giraffe Comm Mtg
@ WCC Office

03/11 @ 7:30 am
Cafe con Leche with the
Hispanic Chamber @ Nick

WOMEN'S CHAMBER
FOUNDATION



by **Sandra Kaplan, Chair**

Everyone that attended enjoyed our February Lunch and Learn Program. The food was delightful and the presentation most informative. We always make time for our networking!

On February 28th, the Chairs of our Scholarship Luncheon, Helena Dobbs-Eadie and Margaret Montalvo, held their first Committee meeting. The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, March 18, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. at Bravo KB, Inc., 1860 Old Okeechobee Road, Suite 506, W.P.B. If you are interested in joining the Committee, please contact either Margaret Montalvo (mfmontalvo@comcast.net) or Helena Dobbs-Eadie (shooboxservices@bellsouth.net). This is a wonderful and rewarding committee. Please get involved!!!

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 an "Afternoon Tea", also called "High Tea". Our own Barbara Benson Wymer, of Benson Protocol, will present our Program, "Fun with Tea Etiquette".

We never get tired of hearing how many of you are enjoying our Scholarship Cookbook, "Succulent Selections for Scholarships". The cookbooks are available at the Chamber Office, First Southern Bank, Bravo KB, Inc., and on both the Foundation's website (www.womenschamberfoundation.org) and the Chamber's website (www.womenschamber.biz). We will be happy to ship the cookbooks for a nominal fee...see the websites for more information. Please remember that all proceeds of the sale of our cookbook go to our 2009 Scholarship Awards.

Talking about Scholarship Awards, this year's Scholarship Luncheon will be held at the KravisCenter on Thursday, June 11, 2009 at 11:30 a.m. The guest speaker will be Kathleen Anderson, Associate Professor of English at Palm BeachAtlanticUniversity. Save The Date!!

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

Looking forward to seeing you at the next WCC and WCF Events.

Fondly,

Sandra



WOMEN'S CHAMBER FOUNDATION
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**03/18 @ 9:00 am
WCF Scholarship
Luncheon Comm Mtg
@ Bravo KB**

**03/18 @ 12:30 pm
WHM/Giraffe Comm Mtg
@ WCC Office**

**03/25 @ 5:30 pm
Giraffe Awards
@ WPB Marriott**

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for more information!

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**Giraffe Awards**

**March 25, 2009**

**Keynote Speaker**

**Colleen Barrett**

**President Emeritus of  
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**Please join us as we celebrate  
Women's History Month  
And honor women who  
"stick their necks out"**

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