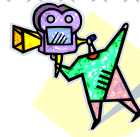


SAVE THIS DATE!!

February 24th....A Night

At The Academy Awards



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Leading Ladies Luncheon

at *The Dimmitt Lounge*
(Enter thru the Southwest Café Entrance)
Ruth Eckerd Hall

Thursday, January 24th

11:00 Social Hour 11:30 Business Meeting
Luncheon at 12:00

The Drawing Basket will be provided by
Margaret Wolman

We request that all reservations be in by
Saturday, January 19th.

This Month's Program

"The Birds of America", a presentation and exhibit honoring the 100th anniversary of the National Audubon Society, with a discussion by Robert E. Hall, the man who has committed himself to restoring these national heirlooms. Mr. Hall will present his story of how this special project originated and will also speak of the life and art of John James Audubon. Mr. Hall, an acclaimed speaker, is considered a foremost authority on Audubon's art accomplishments."

MENU

Mixed Green Salad with cucumber, Tomatoes, Black Olives and Feta Cheese with choice of Balsamic Vinaigrette or Parmesan Peppercorn Dressing

CHOICE OF ENTRÉE

1. Sauteed Chicken with Mushroom Wine Sauce
 2. Maryland Crab Cakes with aioli sauce Both accompanied with Fresh Seasonal Vegetable Medley and Wild Rice with Pine Nuts
 3. Fresh Fruit Platter/Cottage cheese /yogurt
- Assorted Rolls, Mini Muffins and Croissant with Butter
New York Style Cheesecake with Raspberry Sauce
Coffee/Hot Tea/Raspberry Iced Tea

\$20 per person

Guests welcome!

Send to or call for reservations ASAP.

Barbie Engelhardt

P.O. Box 17541

Clearwater FL 33762

727-410-8526

RESERVATION FORM

Name _____

Telephone _____

Guests _____

Menu Choice _____

Please enclose check for total amount, payable to Leading Ladies

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Dear Fellow Leading Ladies:

As I embark on the last leg of my term as President, I am pleased to report that we have experienced a very productive couple of months. During the end of 2007, we held our 5th Annual Breakfast with Santa and 7th Annual Holiday Gala. Both events were resounding successes thanks to our Chairpersons, Karen White and Bridget Meyer, respectively, along with their very willing and able committee members.



In this new year, we are fast approaching "A Night at the Oscars" to be held on February 24th at Ruth Eckerd Hall. Kicking off the evening, a Joan Rivers impersonator will be holding red carpet interviews as our guests arrive. Our Co-Chairs Jenny Austin and Bridget Meyer promise a star-filled evening you won't soon forget. We know that there are other organizations competing for your attendance but there is no doubt that this will be above and beyond the typical function, so please mark you calendars and join us for the fun and festivities.

With a new year come new hopes and opportunities. My hopes for the Leading Ladies, as a fund-raising organization, are continued growth in membership, a continued sense of camaraderie among our members, and an unending supply of fresh and new ideas to keep the momentum going. Whether you are a board member or new to Leading Ladies, I invite you to share your thoughts on how we can do better. Please let us know if you have an idea for a Party Potpourri or other fund-raising project. Invite your friends and neighbors to attend our events and give us feedback on where we can improve or how we can gain new members. Your voice counts and we want you to know that you are a valuable part of our organization.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement. I look forward to seeing you at our next event.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kelly Machwitz".

President

**It is with sadness that we report the deaths of three of our Leading Ladies:
Tatyana Hysa, Delores Schraeder and Connie Whittle
We extend our condolences to their families and friends.
They will be missed.**

You're the Star!

The Leading Ladies of Ruth Eckerd Hall
Present the first annual

*Walk the
Red Carpet!*

A Night at the Academy Awards

*Be interviewed
by Joan Rivers
(Well, almost)*

In the Margaret Heye Great Room at Ruth Eckerd Hall

Please join us on Sunday, February 24th at 6:30pm for an elegant night of fun and glamour.

This optional black tie event will be videoed and shown live in conjunction with the Oscar ceremony in Hollywood. Upon your arrival on the red carpet, a Joan Rivers impersonator who will interview guests regarding your own "Oscar" night preparations.

Complimentary wine and heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served throughout the evening. As a special treat, The Leading Ladies will also present their own "Oscars".

For reservations call Jenny Austin 727-845-1773 or
Bridget Meyer 727-797-3819

Have you ever wondered what our fundraising really accomplishes?

All of the money we raise is donated to the Education Department at Ruth Eckerd Hall. One of their regular programs is taking the arts into Morton Plant Mease Hospital, several times a month, year-round. The activities can take the form of puppet shows, musical instruments at the nurses stations or in the children's rehabilitation area. This is an exceptional program, supported by the hard work of our Leading Ladies!

Now is the time.....to join Leading Ladies!

Membership in The Leading Ladies is open to all members of Ruth Eckerd Hall at the "Player" level. Currently, this membership is priced at \$125. After March 1, 2008, "Player" level membership will increase to \$150.....this is a good time for anyone interested to join.

NEW MEMBERS:

We are pleased to welcome two new member to the Leading Ladies.

Ms Shyrle Pollak
14170 88th Avenue
Seminole Fl 33776
727-596-7142

Ms Valerie Rees
8927 Garner Court
Trinity FL 34655
727-375-2569

AND NOW.....(drum roll please)..Here are the winners of the Opportunity Drawing at the Holiday Gala:

Napa Valley Trip (valued at \$3000).....Roberta Christenson
9-Day Southern Caribbean Cruise (valued at \$2000).....Don Cayo
Congratulations and Happy Travels!!



Everyone is invited.... for lunch and duplicate bridge on the first and third Wednesdays at Cypress Run Golf Club. All are welcome, non-members included. For reservations and information for a lovely afternoon at the club, please call Alma at 727-784-7386.

COMING EVENTS

SAVE THESE DATES!!

- *Night at the Academy Awards....February 24, 2008*

GENERAL MEETINGS (Luncheons) 2008

January 24th.....Dimmitt Lounge, REH April 24th...East Lake Woodlands C. C.
February 28th...Belleair C.C. May 22nd...Carlouel Yacht Club
March 27th.....Bayou Club, Largo

HELP!!! WE ARE LOOKING FOR ASSISTANCE WITH THE LEADING LADIES WEBSITE. PLEASE CONTACT KELLY IF YOU CAN HELP. VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT <http://www.LeadingLadiesofPAC.org>