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In the Wings

Leading Ladies Luncheon

at **The Bayou Club in Largo**

**Thursday, March 27th 11:00 Social Hour 11:30 Business Meeting
Luncheon at 12:00**

**Drawing basket provided by Jan Weaver and Beth Marangiello
The deadline for reservations and cancellations is Friday, March 21st.**

This Month's Program

Karna Bodman, author of Checkmate and Gambit, served in the White House of President Ronald Reagan for six years. Her last post was Senior Director of the National Security Council. Karna will entertain with personal stories about life in the White House, working with President Reagan, and the journey of writing a contemporary novel.

MENU

(All entrees are served with Caesar salad, rolls, Chef's choice of starch and vegetables, dessert, coffee and ice tea)

1. Chicken Florentine
2. Vegetarian Pasta Primavera

Dessert: Warm Apple Tart with scoop of Vanilla Ice Cream

Valet Parking

\$20 per person

Guests welcome!

Send to or call for reservations ASAP.

Barbie Engelhardt

P.O. Box 17541

Clearwater FL 33762

RESERVATION FORM

Name _____

Telephone _____

Guests _____

Menu Choice _____

Please enclose check for total amount, payable to Leading Ladies

\$20.00 per reservation Amount enclosed \$ _____

*L. J. Cullen, Editor
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My Fellow Leading Ladies:

I can't believe we are already nearing spring. The past year has flown by and we only have a few more months before we break for summer...but your current board is still hard at work planning for the future.

The Nominating Committee has already announced the slate of officers for next year and I know you will be as pleased and excited as I am about the incoming board. A big thanks to Barbara Englehardt for taking on the job as Nominating Chair, and to her committee members as well. Please join us for our March General Meeting and Luncheon for the vote!

I encourage you all to get to know the board members. Give them your feedback, suggestions or ideas and contribute to help Leading Ladies host fun fund raising events to support the educational programs at Ruth Eckerd Hall.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Bayou Club on March 28th!



Kelly Machbitz

President

2008-2009 Slate of Officers

Elections will be held at the luncheon on march 27th.

President: Bridget Meyer

First Vice President: Gail Agnew

2nd Vice President: Jenny Austin

Secretary: Rita Wilson

Corresponding Sect'y: Jeannie Chatani

Treasurer: Charlotte Picker

Ass't Treasurer: Jan Weaver

Parliamentarian: Sue Bowles

Nominating Committee: Barbie Engelhardt, Chairman

Committee Members: Terry McHarg
Karen White
Margaret Wolman
Jeanie Chatani



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 afternoon at the club, please call Alma at 727-784-7386.

Here's another example of our Leading Ladies funds at work

“PASSport to the Arts Continues to Infuse the Arts Into Pinellas County Schools”

Ruth Eckerd Hall's PASSport to the Arts program is one of the ways that the arts have been brought to school children in our community. This program began as a pilot arts infusion model in 2001 targeting Pinellas County schools with at least one third of the student population at or below poverty level. The PASSport to the Arts program provides arts experiences to students who may not otherwise be exposed to the arts.

Currently, Ruth Eckerd Hall is partnering with Skycrest and Lealman Elementary Schools on the PASSport to the Arts program. In conjunction with the school's P.E. and arts instructors, visiting teaching artists from Ruth Eckerd Hall work with the classroom teachers to create an arts infused curriculum that integrates the arts (music, drama, dance) in with more traditional classes (math, language, science, and social studies) engaging the students in active learning. The program has evolved into a model for education by using the process of the arts as a methodology for teaching and learning -- moving beyond just integrating the arts into curriculum to “infusing” the arts into the entire learning environment.

This program has made a difference in the overall achievement of Skycrest Elementary School which has secured a consistent “A” score for the past four years (2002 - 2006), ranking Skycrest in the top 12 elementary schools in the District and 100 in the State. Their Florida Writes scores were higher than both the district and the state mandate for the second year in a row! And this is in a school with 70% of their students on Free and Reduced Lunch and 40% with English as a second language.

The partnership with Lealman is in its inaugural year. Updates regarding their testing achievements will be provided once they are available. Next year, St. Paul's will provide the PASSport to the Arts program to their fourth graders. The success of the PASSport to the Arts program has other schools such as Eisenhower and Kennedy Middle Schools considering using the model.

For more information or a presentation on the program, please contact Joyce Bonomini Wehner, Director of Education, at (727) 712-2732.

NEW MEMBERS:

We are pleased to welcome as a new member of the Leading Ladies:

Cathy Stark

13904 105th Terrace North

Largo, FL 33774

727-596-3491

Barbara Scharf

2323 Kent Place

Clearwater, FL 33764

727-709-3061



Gail and Kelly welcoming our two new members

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>

COMING EVENTS

SAVE THESE DATES!!

GENERAL MEETINGS (Luncheons) 2008

March 27th.....The Bayou Club, Largo

April 24th...East Lake Woodlands C. C.

May 22nd....Carlouel Yacht Club

A Reminder to All Members

When reservations are made for our monthly luncheons, it is the responsibility of each member to pay for their own and any guests they invite. Cancellations must be made by the deadline date—after that date, it becomes the responsibility of each member to pay for all reservations they have made.