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# In the Wings

**In Memory of Long-time Member Connie Haines (page 3)**

*Leading Ladies Luncheon  
at The Safety Harbor Resort  
Thursday, October 23rd,  
11:00 Social Hour  
11:30 Business Meeting  
Luncheon at 12:00*

**This Month's Program  
Debra Plesluska of  
The Clearwater Center  
for Cosmetic Surgery**

Debra Plesluska is a licensed esthetician who works for Dr. Eric Egozi & Dr. Joseph Fishman - well known plastic surgeons at The Clearwater Center for Cosmetic Surgery.

Debra will talk to us about the work she has done for many years, assisting in both surgical & non surgical procedures, such as European deep cleansing facials, crystal peels & various chemical peels, plus alternatives such as Botox, Restylane, Perlane, Juvedern & Sculptra.

## MENU

*Garden Greens (Tomatoes, Cucumber and Red Onions)*

*Choice of Entrée:*

*1. Sauteed Chicken with Jamaican Jerk Cream topped with Roasted Tomatoes, Feta Cheese and Kalamata Olives*

*2. Baked Tilapia with Fruit Relish  
Both accompanied with Sweet Potato Mash and Green Beans*

*3. Fruit Salad, Ratatouille Stuffed Eggplant with Brown Rice*

*Fresh Baked Rolls and Butter Rosettes*

*Cheesecake with Berry Mash*

*Freshly Brewed Coffee Service, Hot Tea and Iced Tea*

*Wine Tickets....\$6.00*

**\$25 per person**

**Guests welcome!**

**Send to or call for reservations ASAP.**

**Cathy Stark**

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**Largo, FL 33774**

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RESERVATION FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Guests \_\_\_\_\_

Menu Choice \_\_\_\_\_

Please enclose check for total amount, payable to Leading Ladies

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## **Words from the President**

I so regretted not being with you at the September General Meeting. Unfortunately I have a job that gets in the way of what I really want to be doing! Thank you to Gail Agnew, the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, for filling in for me.

I'm so excited about this coming year and all that we (and I mean all of us) want to accomplish! I've heard from so many of you about how active you want to be and all the ideas and goals that you have for this organization. Please know that your board shares your enthusiasm and asks for suggestions and ideas to achieve our record breaking goals for the 2008-2009 year of fund-raising for Ruth Eckerd Hall.

We'll begin with the annual Santa Breakfast which Karen White has down to a science and is a huge fund-raiser for us. Please note that things are a little tougher in the fund-raising arena and she could use all of our help!

Next we have our Holiday Gala, Silver Belles which promises to be a great fun evening – Please everyone mark your calendars now! Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> - first time on a Friday night! We're looking for donations for the auction as well as sponsorships – Everyone join us in this effort!

The Posh Sale will be better than ever with this economic time facing all of us – start collecting NOW!

And our springtime fashion show (Date TBD) which is going to be awesome – Dillards does an outstanding job and already Barbie has put in a lot of time to see that it's a success!

We're looking for other "Cocktail Parties" to call our own – Please if anyone is willing to host a party – we're looking for you and will work with you to maximize donations and keep the party cost down!

Thanks to all of you, see you soon,



**Bridget Meyer**



***New Leading Ladies introduced at the September Luncheon***



***(left to right) Josephine Stevens, Pam Johansen, Marty Matula and Barbara Chapman***

## **Calls and Cards.....**

Bobbie Adair is home (on oxygen) after an extended hospital stay. Many of you saw her at the last luncheon but her excursions are limited. She would like to stay in touch with us - cards and calls will be most welcome. Her number is 727-961 1301. Her address is 2340 Grecian Way, Apt.#26, Clearwater FL 33763.



The Leading Ladies of Ruth Eckerd Hall  
Invite you to attend our  
*9th Holiday Gala*  
*"SILVER BELLES"*



Friday, December 5th, 2008

Ruth Eckerd Hall-Margarete Heye Great Room

Enjoy Dinner, Entertainment, Live & Silent Auctions,  
Opportunity Drawings & more

Individual tickets: \$95. per person, includes Open Bar 6:30 to 7:30pm  
and complimentary wine with dinner

Proceeds benefit the Children's art education program. Please help support our youth to have the finest educational arts experiences available.

*For Sponsorship Opportunities contact: Barbie Engelhardt at  
727.410.8526*



*All contributions are tax-deductible*  
*Attire: Holiday Cocktail*  
*Black Tie Optional*



***Urgent Request.....Silent Auction Donations Needed***

***If anyone has received any silent auction donations for the  
"Holiday Gala", please let us know. We need more items worth at  
least \$100.***

***In Memorium.***

Connie Haines, a long-time member of The Leading Ladies and a star of the Big Band era, departed for her next engagement on September 21, 2008. Connie sang with the Harry James and Tommy Dorsey bands and was often paired with Frank Sinatra (she recorded for the Columbia, Mercury, Coral and Capitol labels in the 40's, 50's and 60's and continued to perform into the 1990's). Among the many facets of her shining star, she authored several books and was an ordained minister.. She will be missed.



**Come Join  
The Fun!!!  
Be an Elf!!**



**6th Annual  
"Breakfast with Santa"  
November 29, 2008**

**There's still time to be "in the Picture" this year, call:  
Karen at 727-939-3455**



**Duplicate Bridge**

The Duplicate Bridge group meets for lunch and bridge on the first and third Wednesdays at Cypress Run Golf Club. For reservations and information, please call Alma at 727-784-7386.



**September "Gold Rush"...you don't have to go to California!**

Jeanne Chatani has generously offered to turn our 'Unused Gold' into \$\$\$.

Please bring your single earrings, broken bracelets or necklaces to the luncheon for cash. You may either donate it to leading ladies or have a little extra money on hand.

**COMING EVENTS**

- *Breakfast with Santa....November 29, 2008*
- *Silver Belles Gala....December 5, 2008*
- *The fabulous "POSH" Sale....March 2009*

**SAVE THESE DATES!!**

**GENERAL MEETINGS ( Luncheons) 2008-2009**

October 23,2008.....Safety Harbor Resort  
 November 20,2008...Columbia,Sand Key  
 January 22,2009.....TBD

February 26,2009.....TBD  
 March 26,2009.....TBD  
 April 23,2009.....Carlouel Y.C  
 May 28,2009.....REH