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Patrick Mascola's 80th Birthday 'Roast' To Benefit Symphony of the Americas & Goodwill Ambassadors

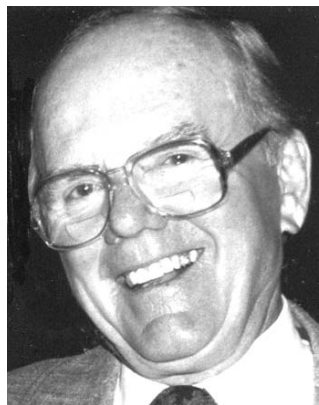
For over a half-century, Patrick G. Mascola has been reporting on the hospitality industry of South Florida. As the Entertainment Editor of the Hollywood Sun-Tattler, Patrick reported on and befriended some of the most famous entertainers in America. After that newspaper folded, Patrick decided to start his own newspaper. Since 1969, Around Town Newspaper has been an important source of news relating to theatre, dining and entertainment. On Monday, January 12, 2009, Patrick will celebrate his 80th birthday as the Guest-of-Honor at a 'Roast' at the Hyatt Regency Pier 66, starting at 6:30 p.m. with a reception, open bar and entertainment. Dinner begins at 7:30 p.m., along with dancing, the Roast and a Las Vegas Show.

Connie Francis is the Honorary Chair, with legendary entertainer Woody Woodbury as Roast Master. Socialite Lynda O'Brien is Chairing the event, which will benefit the Goodwill Ambassadors and the Symphony of the Americas. Tickets are \$125.00 for the Black-Tie optional event and include complimentary valet parking. This event is open to the public!

"Patrick was acknowledged by Variety, the 'Bible' of the Entertainment Industry, as "The Dean of South Florida's Night Life," and has been a staunch supporter and advocate for the South Florida hospitality industry for over 55 years. He been publishing Around Town Newspaper for more than 30 years, carrying news about the non-profit community as well as dining and entertainment," Lynda O'Brien stated. "Around Town continues to be an important source of news for locals and visitors. We're hoping that any of the many people, non-profits and businesses that have been helped by being covered in Around Town will attend this milestone event."



Connie Francis



Woody Woodbury

Mr. Mascola was born in New Haven, Connecticut and graduated from Yale University's Whitney School of Fine Arts in 1949. From 1949 to 1951, his art talents gained him employment with Walt Disney and RKO Film Studios in Los Angeles and Burbank, California. He moved to Hollywood, Florida in 1953 where he started his photo/journalism career. Active in the community, Mascola is a past president of the Hollywood Jaycees, Hollywood Art Festival and the Symphony of the Americas and a long-time member of the Fort Lauderdale Navy League.

Some of the 'Roasters,' include: Maestro James Brooks Burzzese, former Sheriff Nick Navarro, Ben Graziano, Frank Locanto and Tim Schiavonne. Sammy Lee, past accompanist for Frank Sinatra, will provide piano music during the reception with Tony Martelli offering music for dancing. A spectacular show will feature The Ronnie Davis Las Vegas Revue.

For reservations or information, call (954) 978-7305 or e-mail bobkelly@gate.net.



Patrick G. Mascola

Area Students Help Santa Bring Christmas Miracle To Pahokee

Saint Jude Elementary School in West Boca Raton was the first stop for Santa's helpers to collect dolls, games, books, and gifts for the 4th Annual Toy Drive for migrant children who live in Pahokee, Florida. Additional stops for hundreds of gifts and toys included Boca Raton Schools: St. Joan of Arc and Pope John Paul II High School; St. Vincent Ferrer, Delray Beach and Cardinal Newman High School, West Palm Beach.

Last week, Father John Mericantante, pastor at St. Mary Catholic Church in Pahokee, together with friends of the Parish, added to the collection and hosted the colossal Christmas Party. "This celebration is a real Christmas miracle," said Father John. "The children learn just how loved and cared for they really are."



Principal Debbie Armstrong, (left), Assistant Principal, Karen Sprague, (right) with Santa's helpers from Saint Jude Elementary

Marjory Lyons To Review 'Loving Frank' At All Saints Episcopal Church Book Review Series

On Monday, January 19th, Marjory Lyons will present an entertaining and informative book review of, *Loving Frank*, a fascinating look at the life of Frank Lloyd Wright by author Nancy Hogan. The love story of Wright and Mamah Borthwick Cheney is a real 'page turner' that focuses on Wright's budding architectural genius and the early struggle of Feminism as seen through Ms. Cheney.

This is the first in a series of book reviews at at All Saints Episcopal Church, at 319 Tarpon Drive. Marjory Lyons has been giving book reviews of New York Times Best Sellers in the Fort Lauderdale area for 20 years, will be the reviewer, so you are in for a treat. The morning starts at 10:30 a.m. in the Neaverson Chapel, where you can enjoy coffee, tea and sweets with the book review starting at 11:15 a.m. Ms.

Lyons is a well known and respected actress, writer and educator and is president of "Telling Your Story, Inc.," a company producing books of life stories. The cost is \$10.00 per person, with advance reservations requested at (954) 467-6496.



Marjory Lyons

SOCIETY  FASHION *and* ESSENTIALS 

Broward International Women's Club Enjoy Record Breaking Success For 'Night Of All Nations'

The Broward International Women's Club (BIWC) took in more than \$20,000 and attracting a capacity crowd of about 120 guests at their Night of All Nations gala fundraiser. Taking place at the Tower Club, guests enjoyed bidding on some exceptional silent auction items, while enjoying hors d'oeuvres and libations. Funds raised are earmarked for their Nova Southeastern University Undergraduate Scholarship Fund.

Guests proceeded to the main dining room where they enjoyed a spectacular view of Fort Lauderdale from the 28th floor of the Regions Bank. After a warm welcome by Co-Chairs Jacqueline Niehaus and Chantal Valsecchi, BIWC's president Hermine Vogler congratulated everyone who worked on making the evening such a success and thanked sponsors that included Nova Southeastern University, Jacqueline Niehaus, Helena Caplan and Mhairi Miller as well as acknowledging an anonymous benefactor who contributed \$5,000.00.

David Dawson, Executive Director of University Relations of NSU, spoke glowingly about the 23 years that BIWC has been raising money for scholarships for foreign born students. A special guest was eleven year old Natalia Chibowska, an art prodigy who donated a beautiful lithograph that was one of the Silent Auction items. She received rousing applause for her talent and generosity. Dinner was then served, accompanied by entertainment by the Tango Times Dance Company, demonstrating why the Tango is such a popular dance!

After dinner, BWIC Board member, Leonor Linares introduced the five women who were being honored by the organization in recognition to their exceptional contributions to our community. Those honorees included Barbara Palacios, a native of Venezuelan who was the 1986 Miss Universe; Dr. Helene Friedberg from New Caledonia who has worked with numerous humanitarian organizations and founded Haiti's Hope; Giselle Brodsky from Bolivia who is the founder of the Patrons of Exceptional Artists; Daina Chaviano from Cuba, an author and award winning writer, translator and columnist at several Hispanic magazines; and Anita Vodjevic from France who is fluent in several languages who works with numerous non-profit



Honorees Anita Vodjevic, Barbara Palacios, Giselle Brodsky, Helene Friedberg and Daina Chaviano



Zunilda Conforte, Helena Caplan, Norma Rosman, Lola Herrera and Luis Ramirez



Jacqueline Niehaus, Dave Dawson, Hermine Vogler and Chantal Valsecchi



Dr. Honggang Yang, Dr. Elena Bastidas, Dr. Christopher Burnett, Joanne Ferchland-Parella and Michael Parella

charities. Each lady received an attractive plaque and a rose bouquet. Following the presentations, dessert was served with dancing to a very accomplished DJ, Alfredo Tamayo.

Founded 33 years ago, as of January 2008, the BIWC has 72 members from 33 different countries and meets once a month between September and May. Each meeting offers a fun and varied social program. At some of these gatherings, recipients of the Scholarship Grants are invited to share their career objectives and how they are progressing at Nova. Each year, the BIWC Board meets to select a number of deserving students for the Scholarships, with a check presented to the President of NSU to be distributed to the chosen students. Funds are raised at the group's several fundraisers and through private donations.

Anyone interested in joining the BIWC should contact Mhairi Miller, Second vice President-Membership, by e-mailing mhairimiller@msn.com, subject BIWC Membership.



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Social Calendar

Sunday, December 28th, a Chanukah Carnival and Free Concert, a project of the Downtown Jewish Center Chabad, takes place at Huizenga Park, on the corner of Las Olas and Andrews Avenue. Free admission and nominal fee for food and drinks. Starts at Noon, with Grand Menorah lighting at 4:00 p.m.. and a Chanukah Sing-along with Allan Lieberman at 4:30 p.m. Enjoy rock climbing, bounce houses, games, booths, carnival rides and more. Information at (954) 667-8000 or visit www.downtownjewish.com.

Thursday, January 8th, the Bonnet House Museum and Gardens presents their Young Artist Music Series featuring Florida Grand Opera's rising stars in an evening of favorite arias and ensemble performances from opera and musical theater. Co-sponsored by the Josephine S. Leiser Foundation, the evening begins at 7:00 p.m. with Canapes & Wine, with the musical program starting at 7:30 p.m.. At 8:30 p.m., enjoy pastries and coffee. Canapes and pastries are prepared and served by the students of The School of Culinary Arts of the Art Institute. Call for reservations and directions to the Bonnet House (954) 563-5393, ext. 124.



Santa Arrives Early To Collect Toy Donations From Local Fort Lauderdale Companies

Santa flew in early from the North Pole to attend a massive "gift-wrapping" party to kick off the Holiday Season in South Florida. PRC, LLC and Hop-A-Jet Worldwide Jet Charter combined efforts to enlist over 2,000 local employees to donate new toys for the Junior Welfare Society's annual Toyland program benefiting local children's charities. In one of Hop-A-Jet's 20,000 square foot hangars, employees and their children helped wrap hundreds of toys for Santa to pick-up.

The Junior Welfare Society ("JWS") of Broward County is a not-for-profit, all volunteer organization celebrating over 50 years of improving the quality of life for Broward County residents. Some of the children's charities that will benefit from Santa's early visit are the Just for Kids Academy, the 4 Children's S.A.K.E. organization and the Florida Baptist Children's Home of Plantation. "The toys collected by the employees of PRC and Hop-A-Jet will brighten the lives of scores of needy children in our community this Holiday Season," observed Nancy Edison, President of JWS.

This is the fourth year the two companies have partnered together to support Junior Welfare Society's efforts. "Welcoming Santa to south Florida and helping him load his plane full of donated new toys has become a tradition for our employees," said Steve Richards, PRC's Chief Executive Officer. "During this period of economic challenge, this giving initiative is more important than ever."

"Hosting an event like this is an absolute pleasure for our employees as the Junior Welfare Society is an amazing organization and it gives us great joy to help the needy here in our community," said Steve Dority, VP of Marketing and Sales for Hop-A-Jet Worldwide Jet Charter. "Santa can borrow one of our private jets anytime."

The generosity doesn't end with last week's visit by Santa. PRC Community Care, the philanthropic arm of PRC, will continue the "Season of Giving" employee campaign through the holiday season. PRC's South Florida's efforts will be multiplied throughout the United States, with the company's fifteen centers all collecting new toys and non-perishable food items to donate to local agencies and groups. "PRC remains steadfast in its support to the communities where we work and do business," Richards said. "This massive toy donation represents that support."

For information on PRC, visit www.prcnet.com. For Hop-A-Jet, voted in the Top 10 of "Best Charter Services" by Professional Pilot magazine readership three years in a row, visit www.hopajetworldwide.com



Steve Richards, PRC's CEO greets Santa



Carol Smith with 9 year old Shawn MacLean



PRC Employees with Santa (back) Maureen Ruano, Carol Smith, Anthony Katz, Stacie Williams, Deborah MacLean and sitting in Santa's lap, Lily Mesa

Fort Lauderdale Historical Society Founders Dinner A Success!



Reed Bryan, Eric Eikenberg, Heather Shaw, Ralph Marrinson, Bart Hudson



Russ Jollivette, Penny Shaffer



Emilie and the Honorable E. Clay Shaw, Jr.



Kip Edenfield, Pam Schloss, Amy Gainey, Heather Shaw, Clay Shaw III, Laurie Edenfield

The Fort Lauderdale Historical Society (FLHS) held its 15th Annual Founders Dinner on November 7 honoring the Honorable E. Clay Shaw, Jr. and Emilie Shaw at the Hyatt Regency Pier 66. The event raised more than \$70,000 for the Society.

Honorary Chairs for the event were Laura and Charles L. Palmer along with co-chairs Dianne and George Bunnell, Judy and Joel Gustafson, Julie and Bob Huebner and Martha and Ralph Marrinson.

"FLHS honored the Shaws to recognize them for their loyalty and commitment to our community," said FLHS President Paul McCawley. For nearly four decades, the Shaws have served as leaders in the greater Fort Lauderdale community and as our representatives in Washington, D.C. Clay Shaw's public service began in the City of Fort Lauderdale where he served as city prosecutor, commissioner, vice mayor and mayor. In

1981 he became a Congressman and served for 26 years. Emilie has been a dedicated community volunteer in both greater Fort Lauderdale and the nation's capital. She participated in the activities that led to the formation of the FLHS site and also co-chaired the City's Bicentennial Committee. Emilie worked tirelessly for Florida House, our state's "embassy" in Washington and for the Congressional Woman's Club.

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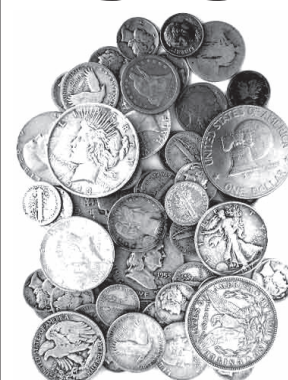
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