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BY KEVIN LANE

## The Original Florida Follies Returns To The Parker Playhouse!

The Original Florida Follies

returns to the Parker Playhouse on Sunday, February 8th starting at 1:45 p.m.. Their two-hour, high energy Broadway style stage extravaganzas, "That's Entertainment 2009", feature performers who are between 60 and 90+ years young. This dance troupe is made up of retired show girls, dance teachers, choreographers and others who love to dance. Plenty of dancing, comedy and a salute to Broadway and opera. "The Follies Precious Gems," features ladies 80 to 92 years young. Tickets are only \$28.00 with group rates available.



Original Florida Follies



Cathy Dooley is the founder, producer and director of this all-volunteer charitable organization. She started in New York where she had a dance studio for 25 years, with nine of her students becoming Rockettes at Radio City Music Hall. Cathy moved to Florida 30 years ago and started a dance school in Margate and ran it for 25 years. Nine years ago, she started The Original Florida Follies with only one show and 12 in her company. It's has grown to six shows and 50 performers in the company.

"We work all year on this production," Doug Gorab, President of the organization said. "Last year, through the hard work of all these volunteers, we raised \$55,000.00 for children in need and at risk in south Florida through our show attendance."

For information about the Follies or about these performances, please go to their web site at [www.theoriginalfloridafollies.com](http://www.theoriginalfloridafollies.com) or call 954-956-2626.

## Join Heritage Fort Lauderdale for Wheels, A Party Among the Cars of the 50s & 60s

Heritage Fort Lauderdale will hosts its inaugural "Wheels" Party on February 6th, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Greater Fort Lauderdale/Broward County Convention Center. The event will kick off the opening of RM Auctions' weekend, Collector Cars of Fort Lauderdale.

Sponsors for the event include AutoNation Inc., the Maroone Automotive Group and RM Auctions Inc. The Honorary Chairs are: George 'King of the Kustomizers' Barris, Ron & Barbara Castell, Donnie & Renee Gould, Rob Myers, Max & Marge Osceola, Tina Osceola and Art & Shirley Stone.

The evening will begin with a cocktail hour in a room with glass windows overlooking 400 collector cars. DJ Rick Shaw will entertain with classic songs from the '50s and '60s. Guests will then proceed

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## Heritage Fort Lauderdale for Wheels

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to the RM Car Auction area where they will dine and dance among the collector cars. Some celebrity cars at the auction include two custom Mustangs built for Sonny and Cher by George 'King of the Kustomizers' Barris. So dust off your nifty '50s party attire and come rock among the collector cars.

A ticket to Wheels also includes admission to the RM Car Auction for the weekend. Tickets are \$150 per person. For more information on purchasing tickets, please contact Ellen Murton at 954-524-4736.



Jim Blosser, Bill Scherer and Rob Myers



Emilie and the Honorable E. Clay Shaw, Jr.

## Dr. Gloria Kline To Review *The Koran* At All Saints Episcopal Church

One of the area's most popular book reviewers, Dr. Gloria Kline, will be reviewing *The Koran*, the sacred scripture of Islam, on Monday, February 16th at All Saints Episcopal Church, at 319 Tarpon Drive. This is the second in a series of three book reviews presented by the Churchwomen at All Saints. Dr. Kline, who taught courses in English literature, Bible literature, and mythology at Florida Atlantic University, specifies that her "review" will consist of a description of the Koran and an account of its history based on reference works including *Islam* by religious historian Karen Armstrong. "The choice of this subject reflects my life-long interest in the history, cultures, and religions of the Middle East," she adds.

Dr. Kline also plans to introduce *The Faith Club*, a book by Ranya Idliby, Suzanne Oliver, and Priscilla Warner which is a diary of discussions among women of three religions—Christianity, Islam, and Judaism. "I think *The Faith Club* is one of the most important books available now for the understandings we all need," Dr. Kline noted, "and I recommend it for discussion groups both within and outside of religious settings."

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. The cost is \$10.00 per person, with advance reservations requested at (954) 467-6496.



Gloria Kline

## "Famous Amos" The Cookie King Gives Keynote Speech At Seventh Annual YMCA Prayer Breakfast

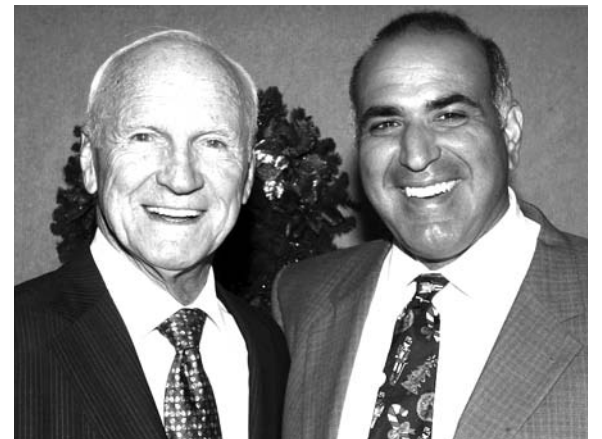


The public is invited to attend the Seventh Annual YMCA of South Palm Beach County Prayer Breakfast on Tuesday, February 10th at the Embassy Suites, 661 NW 53rd Street, Boca Raton. The event begins at 8:15 am. Co-Chairs are: Peter Blum, Ken Kaleel, Esq. and Tony Mauro. Proceeds benefit the Peter Blum Family YMCA of Boca Raton and the DeVos-Blum Family YMCA of Boynton Beach.

Keynote speaker will be entertainment personality Wally Amos, founder of "Famous Amos Cookies," noted entrepreneur, and author of eight books. Over 150 million Americans know Wally Amos. His fame is grounded in quality, substance and a positive attitude.

Tickets to the Breakfast are \$45.00 per guest. Seating is limited. For reservations phone Barbara Ernst at 561-237-0944 or [bernst@ymcaspb.org](mailto:bernst@ymcaspb.org). Tickets may also be purchased online, [www.ymcaspb.org](http://www.ymcaspb.org).

Wally Amos - The Cookie King



Co-Chairs

## Style & Substance Luncheon Honors Men & Women Who Support The Symphony of the Americas

Ann Burris is chairing this year's Style & Substance Luncheon, benefiting the Symphony of the Americas Society; on Thursday, February 5th at the Ft. Lauderdale Grande Hotel & Yacht Club, 1881 SE 17th Street. The fundraiser recognizes and celebrates outstanding men and women who have made a profound difference in the community and their support of the Symphony of the Americas.

The event begins with a cocktail reception 11:30 a.m., followed at Noon with lunch, entertainment by the Symphony String Orchestra and the formal presentation of the honorees. Beth Holland is the

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(Standing) Renee Smoley, Michelle Tuggle, Jan Handley, KayeLynne Northcutt, Sandra K. Booth, Anne T. Hotte (Second Row) Josie Bacallao (Sitting) Stephen A. Keller

SOAS 2nd term President.

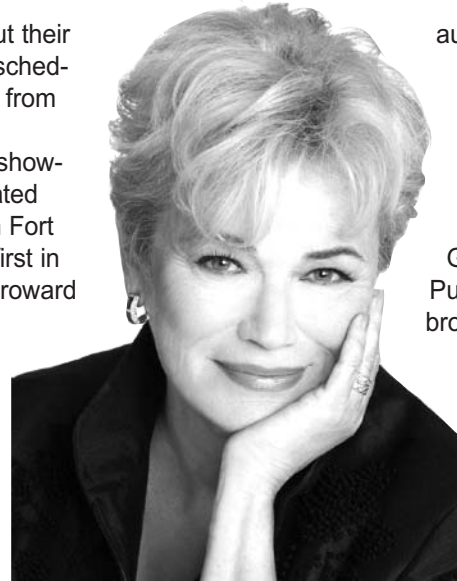
Honorees include: Josie Bacallao, the President/CEO of Hispanic Unity of Florida; Sandra K. Booth, who's passion for mental wellness has positively enhanced the Mental Health Association of Broward; Jan Handley, President of the 1000+ Club, benefiting the American Cancer Society; Anne T. Hotte, Executive Director of the Leadership Broward Foundation; KayeLynne Northcutt, an avid supporter of the Symphony, serving on their Board of Directors and as an Ambassador of the SOAS; Renee L. Smoley, fondly known as "the Mother of Weston"; Michelle Tuggle, a March of Dimes 2007 Woman of Distinction who Chaired the 5th Anniversary celebration of the African American Research Library and Cultural Center; and Stephen A. Keller, Patron of Style & Substance, who's Million Dollar bequest to the Symphony created the Stephen Keller Legacy Challenge.

Artistic Director, Maestro James Brooks-Bruzzese, along with Renee La Bonte, have been the driving force of the Symphony of the Americas for more than two decades.

For information, call Judy Marini at (954) 644-9049. For the latest concert programs, visit [www.symphonyoftheamericas.org](http://www.symphonyoftheamericas.org)

## Women Of... Benefit Series Debuts at Pure Piano Audio Video - Grammy-Nominated Vocalist Sylvia Bennett Headlines Premier Event

Pure Audio Video will debut their 'Women of ...' performance schedule on Saturday, January 31 from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. with 'Women of ...Song', at their showroom and design center located at 2800 W. State Road 84 in Fort Lauderdale. The event, the first in a series of benefits for the Broward Chapter of University of Miami / Nova Southeastern University Center for Autism and Related Disabilities (UM-NSU CARD), will feature an intimate performance by Grammy-nominated jazz and pop vocalist, Sylvia Bennett. Ms. Bennett will perform selections from her new CD, *Songs From The Heart*, and mingle with guests at the post-concert wine and hors d'oeuvres reception.



Sylvia Bennett

"We live in such a technological world today that I think we forget about touching people, which is why I am so honored to have been asked to perform for such a great cause," Bennett states. "I think we all need a hug, we need to be embraced, and the way I can share that is through my music."

The intimate 50-seat lounge within Pure Audio Video's showroom, sponsored by Dynaudio, the leading manufacturer of high fidelity speakers; will recreate a supper-club setting and provide guests a uniquely personal opportunity to enjoy Ms. Bennett's music during the private concert.

"Our whole philosophy in creating advanced

audio rooms in people's homes is so they can have that live performance experience. It will be exciting to see the guests reaction to hearing Ms. Bennett live and then in our audio rooms," noted Gustavo Serafini, co-owner of Pure Audio Video along with brother, Marcelo.

(UM-NSU CARD), a South Florida non-profit organization, provides FREE family support, outreach, and educational support services to children and adults of all levels of intellectual functioning. The Center provides services for over 4,300 families

throughout Miami-Dade, Broward, and Monroe Counties including family support, technical assistance and consultation, parent and professional training programs, and public education activities. UM-NSU CARD supports research in a variety of disciplines in order to understand the causes and potential treatments for the disorder.

VIP tickets for the 'Women of...Song: featuring Sylvia Bennett' are \$55.00 and include a VIP reception at 7:00 p.m. followed by a private concert beginning at 7:30 p.m.. VIP guest will also receive an autographed copy of Ms. Bennett's latest CD. The meet and greet reception begins at 8:00 and tickets are \$25.00. To purchase tickets, or for more information please call, Natalee George, at (305)284-5901 or email [NGeorge@psy.miami.edu](mailto:NGeorge@psy.miami.edu).

## Social Calendar

### Friday, February 6th,

Jazz students of all ages are invited to participate in the second in a series of jazz jams from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at Art Serve, 1350 E. Sunrise Blvd. The Jazz Jams provide students of all ages a chance to perform with a live professional backbone, provided by the Gold Coast Jazz Society for each jam session. Call the Gold Coast Jazz Society office at 954-524-0805 or visit the Gold Coast Jazz website at [www.goldcoastjazz.org](http://www.goldcoastjazz.org).

### Monday, February 9th,

the 2009 Women of Vision's Queen of Hearts Luncheon will be held at the Young At Art Children's Museum, 11584 West State Road 84 in Davie. The event starts at 11:30 a.m. and is chaired by Broward County Commissioner Lois Wexler. Honorees include the Museum's Co-founder, Esther Shrago and the Broward

County Board of County Commissioners. This is the 20th Anniversary of the Museum. Call (954) (954) 424-0085. Visit [www.youngatartmuseum.org](http://www.youngatartmuseum.org).

### Thursday, February 12th

is the 2nd in a series of lectures at the Museum of Art, #1 East Las Olas. Exhibition curators William Agee and Susan Faxon will give a presentation on the Coming of Age: American Art, 1850s to 1950s. The exhibit explores the complex and extended process of maturation that occurred during this formative century of American art. All presentations are scheduled from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Museum's Horvitz Auditorium. The cost is \$10 for Museum members and \$20 for non-members. To RSVP, call 954-525-5500, extension 337 or e-mail [education1@moaff.org](mailto:education1@moaff.org).

### Friday, February 13th,

14th and 15th, the Miami City Ballet will reprise the famous Spanish-themed ballet, Don Quixote, first performed in 2006; at the Broward Center. A pre-performance talk by Edward Villella, will be conducted, free to the ticketed audience, 55 minutes prior to the curtain in the theater. Call the Broward Center Box Office for times and ticket prices at (954) 462-0222.

### Saturday, February

15th, Pinion will have their That's Amore Fun Dining & Dancing to Good Vibrations at Hught's Culinary, 4351 N.E. 12th Terrace in Fort Lauderdale. Linda Danoff, Brigit Fillingame, Christine Hurlock and Pam Nowatka are Chairs. Linda Spaulding White is Pinion's President. Tickets are \$75.00 per person that includes dinner, 2 drink tickets and 1 'Amore' Raffle ticket. Call (954) 981-7190.



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