



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE

2021 WALK OF FAME

AGENDA
2021 WALK OF FAME COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday, March 30, 2021 – 2:00 p.m.
Virtual Meeting

Welcome and Introductions

Call Meeting to Order

Approval of September 26, 2019 Minutes

Selection of Chair for 2021

Discussion of 2021 Walk of Fame Nominations

2021 Walk of Fame Selections

Other Matters of Interest or Concern

Adjourn

Sarah Hannah-Spurlock, Staff Liaison
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**City of Fort Lauderdale
WALK OF FAME COMMITTEE
City Hall, 8th Conference Room
Thursday, September 26, 2019 – 9:00 a.m.
DRAFT MINUTES**

Committee Members Present

Sonya Burrows, Chair
Denyse Cunningham
George Hanbury II
Robert Lochrie, III
Patrick Shavloske
Lillian Small

Staff Present

Chaz Adams, Strategic Communications Manager
Angela Sabina, Public Information Specialist
Karen Newhart, Parks and Recreation
Tim McGovern, Staff Liaison

Welcome

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Shavloske/Lochrie. A motion was made to amend the May 24, 2019 Walk of Fame Committee minutes to the first version that was circulated minutes. Passed unanimously.

Discussion of Award Criteria

The Committee discussed the current award criteria. Chair Sonya Burrows emphasized the importance of people making an impact outside of their “respective fields.” Lillian Small questioned the “lifelong” component of the criteria. Patrick Shavloske spoke about how people can make a tremendous impact living in the community even if they only live here for a brief period of time. Denise Cunningham suggested removing “lifelong” from the award criteria. Robert Lochrie, III suggested that the criteria should be a sustained contribution and impact on the City of Fort Lauderdale. Shavloske mentioned adding criteria about bringing notoriety or fame to Fort Lauderdale due to the award’s Walk of Fame title. Lochrie suggested changing “lifelong” on the award application to “sustained impact.” The Committee agreed.

Chaz Adams gave the committee an overview about the Citizen Recognition Awards and spoke about the history of the Walk of Fame and the committee.

Chair Burrows suggested having the homeowner and civic associations submit Walk of Fame nominations since it would generate exposure for the award program. Lochrie supported the idea. Small discussed a vetting process for the nominees. Lochrie suggested that Burrows reach out to the homeowner and civic associations via email to

get nominations. Adams suggested that an announcement could be made at the next Council of Civic Associations meeting.

The Committee discussed how they do not want to accept incomplete applications or ones submitted with only attachments. Shavloske suggested that nominations should be resubmitted each year. The Committee agreed that nominations should be resubmitted and to not have any carryovers to subsequent years.

The Committee also discussed moving the award application deadline to January, meeting to discuss applications in February, and having subsequent meetings if further discussion is needed.

George Hanbury II asked if the committee members could nominate someone but abstain from voting. The Committee agreed.

Lochrie questioned how many awards the committee should give out annually. Hanbury suggested setting a maximum number so as not to diminish the award's significance. The Committee agreed to a maximum of four honorees per year with families being treated as one honoree.

A discussion was held regarding the 2019 Walk of Fame nominees the committee had previously sent forward to the City Commission. Adams explained that the agenda item got pulled and was placed on hold. Adams also explained how the City Commission directed the Committee of Citizens' Recognition to narrow down their nominations for one category since two people were nominated. The Committee agreed that they would like the City Commission to approve the 2019 Walk of Fame nominations or provide feedback. Adams discussed the importance of the Committee Chair and/or other members attending the City Commission meeting when the item is scheduled.

MOTION: Shavloske/Small. A motion was made to change the award criteria to read: Walk of Fame Honorees are recognized by making sustained, positive impacts in one or more of the areas listed below but not limited to:

- Providing a positive outlook for the future of our youth,
- Contributing to the quality of life for our citizens,
- Fostering the spirit of our community,
- Bringing positive recognition to the City, locally or nationally,
- Making the City of Fort Lauderdale a place to live, work, or play,
- Encouraging people to visit the City of Fort Lauderdale as a destination of choice.

Passed unanimously.

MOTION: Shavloske/Hanbury. A motion was made to ratify the 2019 Walk of Fame selections previously made and recommend the City Commission recognize them as 2019 Walk of Fame honorees. Passed unanimously.

MOTION: Shavloske/Small. A motion was made to limit the nominees to a maximum of four per year. Passed unanimously.

MOTION: Shavloske/Cunningham. A motion was made to not accept incomplete Walk of Fame applications and to not allow carryovers of any applications to future years. Passed unanimously.

MOTION: Hanbury/Cunningham. A motion was made to set all the motions from the May 24, 2019 Walk of Fame Committee meeting as the bylaws for future committees. Passed unanimously.

MOTION: Shavloske/Small. A motion was made to set the 2020 Walk of Fame application deadline to Monday, January 13. The Committee will meet in February to discuss nominations and have subsequent meetings if needed. Nominees will be selected by April 1, 2020. Passed 5-1-0 (Lochrie absent.)

MOTION: Small/Shavloske. A motion was made to adjourn at 10:14 a.m. Passed unanimously.

City of Fort Lauderdale Walk of Fame Honorees (2010 – 2019)

2010

Connie Francis
Singer, Actress, Entertainer
Commemorating the 50th Anniversary of “Where the Boys Are”

2011

City of Fort Lauderdale
Commemorating the City’s Centennial (1911 – 2011)

Louise Crocco
Legendary Cardinal Gibbons High School Girls’ Volleyball Coach

Brent Jett
Astronaut and Space Shuttle Commander

Marcia Pinder
Award-winning Dillard High School Girls’ Basketball Coach

Rick Shaw
Radio Broadcasting Legend

George Smith
Legendary St. Thomas Aquinas High School Football Coach

2012

H. Wayne Huizenga
Entrepreneur and Philanthropist

Jimmy Evert
The Patriarch of Tennis in Fort Lauderdale

Chris Evert
Hall of Fame Tennis Professional

Woody Woodbury
Comedian, Actor and Television Personality

2013

W. George Allen
Attorney and Civil Rights Advocate

The Gill Family
Fort Lauderdale's First Family of Tourism

Jack Drury
Public Relations Executive and Goodwill Ambassador

2014

"Crazy" Gregg Newell
Father of Spring Break

Jerome "Jerry" Faber
Tourism Pioneer

John Amodeo
Legendary Restaurateur

2015

Hugh Taylor Birch
Father of Fort Lauderdale Beach

Ina Lee
Tourism Icon

Dr. Ron O'Brien
8-Time U.S.A. Olympic Diving Coach

Tim Schiavone
Owner, World Famous Parrot Lounge

2016

George L. Burrows, Sr.
Founder of Burrows Electric Company

Fort Lauderdale Ocean Rescue
A Tradition of Excellence for 90 Years, 1926-2016

Nicki Englander Grossman
Tourism Czar

Rev. Monsignor Vincent T. Kelly
Pastor, St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
Supervising Principal, St. Thomas Aquinas and Cardinal Gibbons High Schools

2017

Dr. George L. Hanbury, II
Fort Lauderdale City Manager
President Nova Southeastern University

Kaye Pearson
Marine Industry Icon and Founder of Show Management

The Motwani Family
Ramesh "Bob," Ramola, Dev and Nitin
Fort Lauderdale Beach Visionaries

The Zloch Brothers
Bill, Chuck, and Jim
Brothers Dedicated to the City through Sports, Law, Finance, and Community Service

2018

Evelyn Fortune Bartlett
Artist and Patron of Art and Ornament

Beauregard Cummings
Civic Leader, Mentor and Community Organizer

Elliott Miley Hendricks, M.D.
Pioneer, Physician, and Humanitarian

Robert B. "Buddy" Lochrie Jr.
Fort Lauderdale Native, Banker and Civic Leader

2019

Walter Banks

President, Lago Mar Beach Resort and Club

Levi Henry

Founder, Westside Gazette Newspaper

The Perry Family

Tourism and Beach Icons

Stan Smoker

Historian, Visionary, and Pioneer

City of Fort Lauderdale

2021 Walk of Fame Nominations

Sylvia Aldridge

John Jack Brady

Reverend Henry P. Bragdon, Sr.

Christopher Brennan

Broward DJ's United Inc.

Eugenia Duncan Ellis

Geoff Gazda

Mary Anne Gray

Darren Heitner

Marty Hendrick

Michael E. Hurst

Mary Kilpatrick Jackson

Brewster Knott

Juliette Lippman

John D. MacDonald

Barbara Markley

Charles F. McKirahan

JoAnn Medalie

Angine Moss

Hon. Frank A. Orlando

Brittany Poitier

Bruce A. Quailey

Steven Savor

Lisa Scott-Founds

Jaclyn Strauss

LaRhonda Ware

Kelvin Watson

Irma Hunter Wesley

Gaylord "Jay" Wood



2020 Walk of Fame Honoree Nomination Form

The City established the Walk of Fame in 2010 at the inaugural Great American Beach Party to pay tribute to the legendary Connie Francis on the 50th Anniversary of "Where the Boys Are," the 1960 film which made Fort Lauderdale an overnight sensation and a "must see" destination for visitors.

Walk of Fame Honorees are recognized by making sustained, positive impacts in one or more of the areas listed below but not limited to:

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As part of the awards program, each honoree receives a commemorative marble paver that is placed in the Walk of Fame to memorialize their outstanding accomplishments. The Fort Lauderdale Walk of Fame is located on the beach along the east side of A1A at Las Olas Boulevard. Walk of Fame Honorees are announced at the Great American Beach Party, which annually takes place on the Saturday of Memorial Day Weekend.

If you would like to submit a nomination for the 2020 Great American Beach Party Walk of Fame, please complete the information below. Please feel free to attach additional sheets or submit your responses via email to tmcgovern@fortlauderdale.gov. The deadline for the 2020 Great American Beach Party Walk of Fame nomination is **Friday, February 28**.

Name: Dennis Ulmer

Address: 1007 NW 11 Place

City, State, Zip Code: Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311

Home Phone: N/A Office: N/A Cell: 954-763-1913

Email: dennisu512@aol.com

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Please describe the nominee's accomplishments or contributions to the community, paying particular note to the Walk of Fame selection criteria. Provide any examples of civic responsibility, financial contributions, volunteer service, projects accomplished, or other achievements.

Please see attached.

2. Why is the nominee deserving of this award?

Please see attached.

3. Please provide a brief biography, resume or any other background information about the nominee including contact information.

Please see attached.

Submitted by: _____

Dennis Ulmer

Dennis Ulmer

Background material such as nominee biography, resume, media copy, etc. is highly recommended.

All nominations must be received by **Friday, February 28, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.** Submissions may be mailed to: Tim McGovern, City of Fort Lauderdale, Parks and Recreation Department, 1150 G. Harold Martin Drive, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33304. Forms may also be emailed to tmcgovern@fortlauderdale.gov. Nominations and background materials submitted after **Friday, February 28, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. will not be accepted.** If you have any questions, please call 954-828-4340 or email tmcgovern@fortlauderdale.gov.

Incomplete nominations will not be considered.

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SUBMIT

2020 Walk of Fame Nominations Form Sylvia Aldridge

Please describe the nominee's accomplishments or contributions to the community, paying particular note to the Walk of Fame criteria. Provide any examples of civic responsibility, financial contributions, volunteer service, projects accomplished, or other achievements.

I am nominating Fort Lauderdale Pioneer Sylvia Aldridge for the 2020 Walk of Fame Honoree

Sylvia Aldridge was one of the first black settlers in Fort Lauderdale arriving here in 1904. She and her husband, Anderson, in 1908, were the parents of the first black baby, named George, born in the city.

Sylvia Aldridge had the first employment agency in the city. Founded to provide jobs for blacks cleaning the homes of affluent white residents. She then founded Sylvia's Victory Cabs to see that the workers could get to work on time.

During the Depression, Sylvia would not be concerned about the rent being paid on property that she owned. She also always had soup on her stove to feed those in need.

In 1936, when a farm labor truck overturned in north Broward. Several workers were killed, many others were injured. The wounded were laid out on the grass in front of Memorial Hospital, on East Broward Boulevard. They could not be taken inside because they were black. There, moving among them on the lawn, washing and tending to them as best she could, was Sylvia Aldridge. The incident convinced her and others that a black hospital was needed. Until that time, surgery was performed by Dr. James Sistrunk in his office. The hospital rooms were just plain rooms in the back of the building. Aldridge became a leader in the fundraising drive that two years later led to the building of Provident Hospital. Provident served the black community until public hospitals were desegregated in the 1960's.

Sylvia Aldridge was founding president of the Dillard High School PTA and remained active for 25 years. In 1947, she helped underwrite the school's first band. In March, 1958, Sylvia Aldridge was named, "Woman of the Year" by Zeta Phi Beta. Sylvia was presented the award for, "Her outstanding services in religions and civic work and exemplary qualities of finer womanhood".

Her activities in the community were matched by those in her church. A devout member of St. John's United Methodist Church, Sylvia Aldridge donated land for a sanctuary. As well, she was a trustee and benefactor for Bethune-Cookman College in Daytona Beach, and active in local community activities, such as the Northwest Federated Women's Club, the American Woodsman, the Eastern Star, Heroines of Jericho, and the Grand United Order of Pallbearers. She also was an active worker for both Community Chest and the March of Dimes.

The United States Post Office Branch at 400 Northwest 7th Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, is named in Sylvia Aldridge's honor.

2. Why is the nominee deserving of this award?

I believe Sylvia Aldridge is deserving of this award for her outstanding community service. Imagine a woman in the early 1900's accomplishing so much in the way of being a business entrepreneur, then add that Sylvia was a black woman! It just speaks to me to contemplate it! I decided to nominate Sylvia Aldridge when I learned of her accomplishments. A woman who did so much for the black community, who strived to find blacks jobs, provided transportation, all of this in the segregated south. The Aldridge's son, George, was found shot and killed and the murder was never solved. Again, it boggles my mind to think of her. She was a strong woman! Then you add to the list, all the community things that she did, helping to secure the Provident Hospital, founding the PTA at Dillard High School, all the great things that she did for the community. Sylvia Aldridge would not have been allowed to swim at Fort Lauderdale Beach. I think it's fitting for such a fine person as she was, in this time and place, that we FOREVER give her a spot at our beach to honor her memory and all that she had accomplished. I am honored to nominate Sylvia Aldridge for the Walk of Fame marker and award. May the marker inspire us all to learn about and honor another of our great pioneers while also inspiring us to serve the community as they all did!

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Biography of Sylvia (Hill) Aldridge

Born: November 18, 1884 Died: November 12, 1962

Sylvia Hill Aldridge was born November 18, 1884, just North of Gainesville. Sylvia Hill was the 6th of eleven children to a family that was unusually affluent for that time and place. Her parents owned eighteen hundred acres that had been given to Hill forebears by their former slave owners once they were freed after the Civil War. In 1904 she married Anderson Aldridge. Shortly afterwards they moved to the new settlement of Fort Lauderdale. At that time, the black community consisted of seven homes and two stores.

Sylvia Aldridge began work cleaning the homes of affluent white residents. She saw there were plenty of such jobs to be had. She also saw a lot of black folks either didn't know how to go about getting these jobs, or they were intimidated, afraid of dealing directly with white people. This gave her the idea for her first business Sylvia's Employment Agency.

She quit her own job as a maid and began finding work for her neighbors, right out of her home, at 301 Northwest Second Street. It was the city's first such business and for many years it was the only agency for domestic help.

Aldridge was a born entrepreneur. When she realized her employees needed a way to get to work, she started Sylvia's Victory Cabs making certain everyone arrived at their jobs on time.

A niece, Ollie Irving, recalled the day her aunt came home with twenty sparkling white uniforms. She put them in the bathroom, then, one by one, as women came to ask about work, she'd send the prospective workers into the bathroom to find a uniform that fit and get ready to work.

She had rules, too, and was very strict about them. Clients were told that if one of her housekeepers did not meet their approval, they were to immediately call Mrs. Aldridge. "She trained the women, you see. She taught them how to keep a family house properly. How to polish mirrors, how to properly make the beds, aunt Sylvia taught them everything they needed to know in order to keep the client happy and keep the job."

Irving says her aunt and uncle also ran a small restaurant from the side of their house. They also owned property that they rented out. All of this created a good living for Aldridge and her family, and she was a generous woman. During the Depression she was known for ignoring rent deadlines and for feeding anyone who needed a meal from a huge soup kettle on her kitchen stove.

Edna Way, another early settler, recalled coming to town and being impressed by the lady Aldridge. "I first came here to teach one year. When I stayed to teach summer school, they had cut it down to one teacher and I didn't have a job. I found Mrs. Sylvia Aldridge. She was active in the Methodist Church, and she was concerned about everyone's welfare. She would just put a finger on a person, no matter who came. She knew people so well in that she always sent the right person to the job. I thought that was so remarkable. And so generous! You never knew of her charging someone for getting them a job." Another Aldridge distinction. The couple's son George, born in 1908, was the first black baby born in Fort Lauderdale, according to records filed with the Fort Lauderdale Historical Society and the Black Historical Society. Tragically, later in life, George Aldridge was found shot and killed, the murder was never solved.

One pivotal day in Aldridge's life came in 1936, when a farm labor truck overturned in north Broward. Several workers were killed, many others were injured. The wounded were laid out on the grass in front of Memorial Hospital, on East Broward Boulevard. They could not be taken inside and treated because they were black.

There, moving among them on the lawn, washing and tending to them as best she could, was Sylvia Aldridge. The incident convinced her and others that a black hospital was needed. Until that time, surgery was performed by Dr. James Sistrunk in his office. The hospital rooms were just plain rooms in the back of the building. Aldridge became a leader in the fundraising drive that two years later led to the building of Provident Hospital. Provident served the black community until public hospitals were desegregated in the 1960's.

Aldridge's generosity knew no bounds. In 1939 she took in an orphaned thirteen-month old baby boy named Reuben. Much beloved by the Aldridge's, Reuben was a good student at Dillard High School and went on to graduate from Howard University in Washington, D.C.

Anderson Aldridge died in November 1953, Sylvia Aldridge carried on in the businesses without him until she fell in her backyard in 1961 and fractured her hip. At seventy-seven, she never regained her health. She was in and out of the hospital until she died of a heart attack in 1962. According to her doctor, Von D. Mizell, she died with her son Reuben on her mind. "The day she died all she could do was talk about him." The physician recalled.

Her activities in the community were matched by those in her church. A devout member of St. John's United Methodist Church, Sylvia Aldridge donated land for a sanctuary. As well, she was a trustee and benefactor for Bethune-Cookman College in Daytona Beach, and active in local community activities, such as the Northwest Federated Women's Club, the American Woodsman, the Eastern Star, Heroines of Jericho, and the Grand United Order of Pallbearers. She also was an active worker for both Community Chest and the March of Dimes. She was founding president of the Dillard High School PTA and remained active for 25 years. In 1947, she helped underwrite the school's first band.

In March, 1958, Sylvia Aldridge was named, "Woman of the Year" by Zeta Phi Beta. Sylvia was presented the award for, "Her outstanding services in religious and civic work and exemplary qualities of finer womanhood."

Her funeral drew residents from both black and white communities, with all remembering Aldridge as a good Samaritan. Two ministers spoke and the Dillard choral ensemble sang. The four-page program with a large picture of her on the cover, eulogized her as, "pleasant toward everyone, a loveable character, a humanitarian in stature." She was eulogized with the words, "There was not a worthwhile project or civic organization in the community that she was not identified with in one way or another", More than a few smiled when recalling her trademark response when asked to take on some task. "Baby I'll get right on it."

Sylvia Aldridge was laid to rest in Historic Woodlawn Cemetery.

After her death, niece Ollie Irving who cared for Aldridge during her illness, inherited her aunt's northwest Fort Lauderdale home. She lived there and made her living by selling fruit from the back of her station wagon until a fire destroyed the house in 1979.

She recalls how the city stopped her from repairing the house, since it stood in a targeted redevelopment zone. The city was clearing out old structures to make way for new homes and apartments.

Irving stood in the way of the demolition, refusing the city's purchase price of \$13,570. She wanted the fire-gutted, crumbling house—part of which was said to be at least seventy-three years old—to be preserved as a historic landmark, to memorialize the contributions made to the community. After all, Irving said, Anderson and Sylvia Aldridge were among the first black families to settle in Fort Lauderdale, their son the first black child to be born in the city. "I wanted something to stand, to represent Sylvia Aldridge down through the years." Unfortunately, vagrants began hiding in what remained of the structure. Garbage was dumped in the backyard near the mango trees. The city began condemnation proceedings and the structure was demolished.

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Members of the Black Historical Society of Broward County agreed that the house had historical meaning and wished the house could have been preserved. "Sylvia Aldridge was an angel who was always handing out something to someone", said Elizabeth Williams, who was a member of the Historical Society, "We wanted to do something about the house, but then it burned down beyond repair."

Indeed, said Mary Smith, who founded the Historical Society, "We don't have landmarks in the northwest section that we can say remind us of our past."

While the Aldridge home no longer exists. A United States Post Office Branch at 400 Northwest 7th Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, serves not only the African-American community, but the entire city. The branch is located not far from Sylvia's home, and is named in her honor. The post office was opened in 1998.

An observation of my own doing this biography, all of the early news stories about Sylvia Aldridge had her name spelled incorrectly. Notice in the clippings I have attached to this 2020 Walk of Fame Honoree Nomination Form. Her name is misspelled. It is "Sylvia Alridge" or "Silvia Alrige". I doubt if the newspaper in that day and time, would have been so careless writing about a white citizen.

Sources of materials used in my research:

I wish to thank History Fort Lauderdale for providing me access to their archives in researching Sylvia Aldridge.

My Soul is a Witness: A history of Black Fort Lauderdale by Deborah Work

Fort Lauderdale Daily News, Monday, March 10, 1958

Fort Lauderdale Downtown, February 1992

Photograph of Sylvia Aldridge's house after the fire with niece, Ollie Irving, Fort Lauderdale News, April 23, 1980.

Sylvia Aldridge



History Fort Lauderdale
March 1



WOMAN OF THE YEAR — Mrs. Sylvia Alridge, right, recently received the Zeta Phi Beta "Woman of the Year" Plaque for her outstanding services in religious and civic work and exemplary qualities of finer womanhood. Shown presenting the award is Mrs. Bernice Allen, anti-basileus of the chapter. The presentation was made during Zeta's annual "Finer Womanhood Week" program which was held at New Mt. Olive Baptist Church.

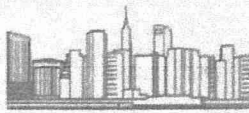
SYLVIA ALRIDGE, A FORT LAUDERDALE VISIONARY

Sylvia Alridge arrived in Fort Lauderdale before it had been incorporated as a city. The year was 1904. She was young, newly married and optimistic.

Sylvia found work right away. In her first job, she worked a domestic. However, as she observed events in this rapidly developing community, she also saw opportunity. Sylvia recognized the need to match people who needed help with people who needed jobs. She therefore founded Sylvia's Employment Service, the first employment agency in town. Once Sylvia matched people to positions, she also saw the need to provide safe, dependable transportation for her clients. So Sylvia founded the Victory Cab Service.

Besides her visionary business sense, Sylvia Alridge also attacked the social problems around her. In 1936, a tragic farm accident left many injured farm workers lying outside the only hospital in town, denied health care because of their race. Sylvia joined forces with Dr. Sistrunk and led the fund raising efforts that resulted in the opening of Provident Hospital, the first such local institution to serve the African America community.

Sylvia is remembered for her practical approach to life and her humanitarian concern for her neighbors. She saw many ways to make a difference in her world and acted upon them. She founded the first employment service, a pioneering taxi service and helped to found a hospital.. Not bad for the daughter of a slave.



Black History Celebrates... Black History

by Kevin Lane

"I knew a man, Bojangles
and he danced for you
In worn out shoes.
With silver hair, a ragged shirt,
and baggy pants
The old soft shoe.
He jumped so high,
he jumped so high
Then he'd lightly touch down
Mr. Bojangles, Mr. Bojangles,
Mr. Bojangles... Dance."

When we hear that hauntingly beautiful, sprightly song, "Mr. Bojangles," it usually brings to mind a kindly Black man that was usually drunk, danced for those at county fairs throughout the South and spent a lot of time "— behind these country bars, 'Cause I drinks a bit'."

That 'Mr. Bojangles' is a fictitious person — the fact of the matter is that the 'real' Bojangles was a self-made multi-millionaire that was known as the worlds greatest tap dancer. In a 1934 profile of Bill 'Bojangles' Robinson in the New Yorker Magazine, he was described as "... a philanthropist of note ... No charity movement is attempted today without Robinson's support. A beautiful performance without him would be like a Milk Fund affair without Mrs. Randolph Hearst," the article noted.

February is Black History Month and it's a time when contributions of Afro-Americans are recounted and festivals such as our own 12th Annual Sistrunk Historical Festival helps recognize people and events. Actually, the Sistrunk Historical Festival is a celebration of African, African-American and Caribbean Cultures. February 1st starts the month of activities with a parade and everyone loves a parade. The route will go from 441 and Sunrise Blvd. down to NW 27th Avenue and North onto Sistrunk Blvd. to NW 15th Avenue.

This year's festival theme is "They Came Before Columbus. The African Presence in the Americas." More than thirty events including exhibits, demonstrations, and the First Annual Black Theater Festival of South Florida will be offered to the public. Most events are free. For further information call 765-4663. □

Sylvia Aldridge... A Great Humanitarian

Sylvia Hill was born on November 18, 1884, near Brooker, Florida, just north of Gainesville. She was the sixth of 11 children for Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Hill. Her family was rather affluent, owning 1,800 acres of land that had been given to Hill's forebears when they were freed after the Civil War.

She married Anderson Aldridge in 1904 and moved to Fort Lauderdale where the Black community had a total of 7 homes and two stores. At first, she worked as a domestic. Recognizing there was a growing need for such work and also realizing that many Blacks did not know how to go about getting work, she started Sylvia's Employment Agency. For those readers who remember the 'old days,' Sylvia was quite famous and almost anyone that was seeking domestic help called Sylvia. Her business prospered and later she started Sylvia's Victory Cabs to drive many of her clients to work. She owned several rental buildings.

Although she made a good living, it was a well known fact that she could have been much wealthier, but she was generous to a point of being "a soft touch". She would not press for employment fees or rent, if she felt that the debtor was in a bind. During the Depression, she ignored rent deadlines and fed anyone who needed a meal from a giant soup kettle on her kitchen stove.

A remarkable event happened in 1936 when a farm-labor truck overturned in North Broward. Three or four of the workmen were killed and many others were injured. The injured were laid out on the lawn in front of what was then Memorial Hospital on E. Broward Blvd. Since they were Black, they couldn't be treated at the hospital. So, there was Sylvia, moving among them, washing them and tending them as best she could.

The incident helped convince her and many others that a Black hospital was needed. At that time, surgery on Blacks was performed in Dr. James Sistrunk's office and the "hospital rooms" were just plain rooms in the back of the building. As the leader in a fund raising effort, Mrs. Aldridge helped make Providence Hospital a reality which served the Black community until public hospitals were desegregated in the 1960's.

After a life of good works, she died of a heart attack on November 12, 1961. At her funeral a four-page program, with a large picture of her on the cover, eulogized her as "pleasant toward everyone, a lovable character, a humanitarian in nature." When Mrs. Aldridge is remembered, in the White community as well as the Black, it is with warmth. Phrases such as "Good Samaritan", "good Christian person", "always wanted to help" and "very dedicated" recur. One of her greatest contributions was that she probably provided more people with jobs than any other individual. □

Much of this information was taken from "A Biographic History of Broward County" by Bill McCourt.

Some of the events planned this month include:

- ✓ The First Annual Black Theater Festival of South Florida - various locations throughout South Florida.
- ✓ The Mixed Medias of Deborah Trotter - A one woman show featuring the art and sculpture of Ms. Trotter at the Main Library throughout the month.
- ✓ African Dance in the Diaspora Workshop - Conducted by Anita MacBeth.
- ✓ Artist in Residence Program - Featuring the Master Works of Charles Mills including the Sistrunk Entry Way Project.
- ✓ Writerfest '92 - Young Playwright Competition.
- ✓ Cultural Literary Series.
- ✓ Video Fair.
- ✓ Call of Africa Gallery on Las Olas - Reception.
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MODEL HOME IN NEGRO DISTRICT VISITED SUNDAY

The reception committee visited the better home in the negro section, that of Mamie Jackson on Columbus avenue. The committee was more than pleased to have this particular home for one of its demonstration homes, for it was planned and built as a result of better home demonstration in Fort Lauderdale last year, and is without doubt, a credit to the committee who had charge of the 1925 campaign. It is cozy, comfortable, convenient, and immaculate in the last degree. The home has a front porch on the east and on entering one finds himself in a neat and well-carpeted hall or reception room, on each side of which is a well-appointed bedroom. West of the hall is the dining-room furnished with a little painted breakfast set. The kitchen might well put to shame most of this homekeeper's white employees' kitchens. Everything was perfect itself.

At this house the following is the program arranged and presented by Ada Williams and Sylvia Aldrich.

Song, "America," by all present; invocation, Rev. J. A. Cameron, pastor of the Methodist Church; paper, "Better Homes," by Sylvia Aldrich; talk by Mrs. M. Lewis Hall, chairman better home committee; reception by Johnnie Washington; talk by

This Fort Lauderdale Daily News article of April 26, 1926, tells of a tour to a model home in the "negro section." Black resident Sylvia "Aldrich" urges her neighbors to improve conditions in their community, to "use more paint . . . secure sewage, city water, electric lights, sidewalks . . . so that when visitors are riding through our city, they will not . . . tell where the negro section begins and the white section leaves off."

COMMISSIONERS THANK COLORED CITIZENS

The county commissioners of Broward county desire to thank the colored citizens of this county who assisted in providing and preparing the barbecue given in honor of the return of colored soldiers and held at the North Park bridge August 27, 1919.

To T. C. Williams, general manager; to Prof. B. M. Moore, lecturer; to George W. M. Pughall, committee; and to the following who so nobly assisted in making the barbecue a grand success: L. J. Williams, D. W. McRae, Joe Murray, T. B. Reed, Walter Anderson, A. W. Williams, Robert Charlton, Mrs. Silvia Alrige, Mrs. Anna Reed, Mrs. Rev. L. A. Foster, Mrs. Clara Washington, Mrs. Lottie Jones, Mrs. Clara McIntosh, Mrs. Eliza Robinson and others.

We desire to thank the Red Cross committee of Fort Lauderdale and Hialeah for their generous contributions also Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Goodie of Hialeah for the beautiful and carefully prepared basket of good things. This basket received the compliments of all present. After the barbecue a carefully prepared entertainment was given at the hall in colored town and an excellent program rendered. Refreshments were served to all present. To all who assisted in making the affair a success we extend our appreciation and thanks.

Sincerely yours,

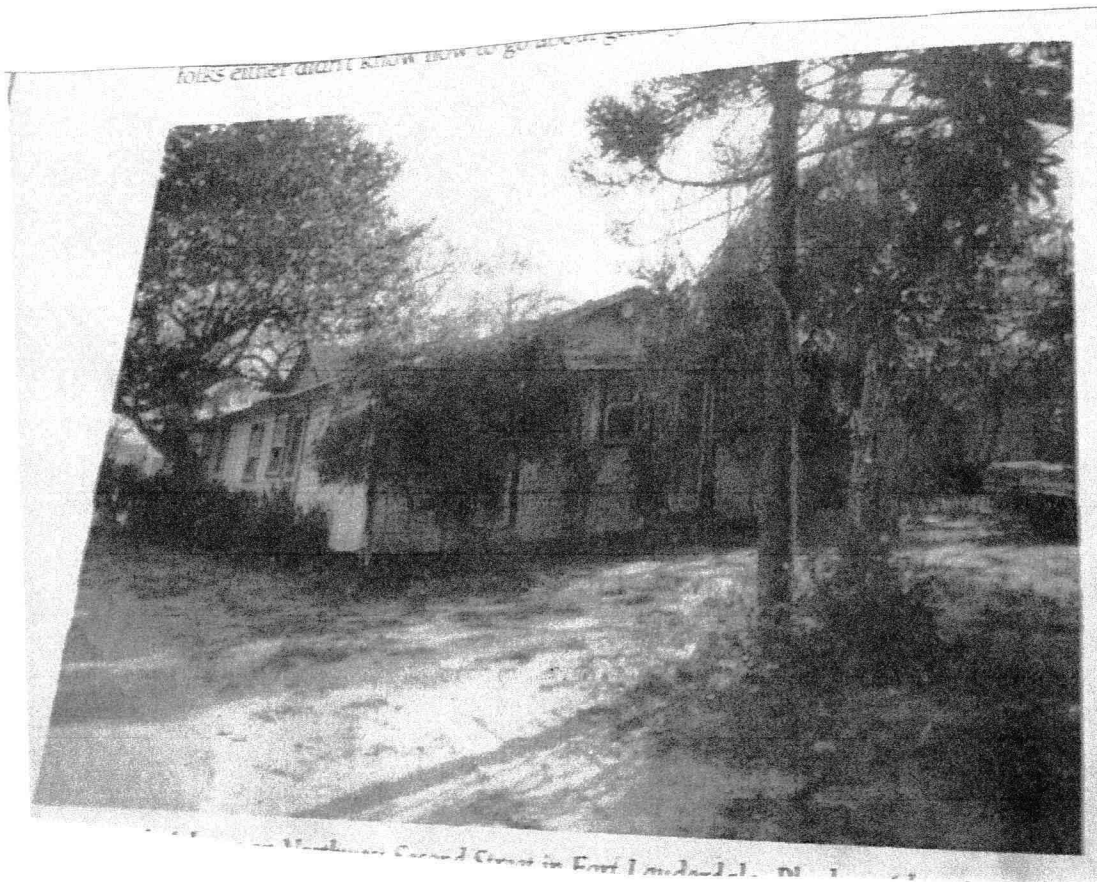
A. B. LOWE, Chairman

In this August 29, 1919 Fort Lauderdale Herald article, the Broward County Commission thanks the "colored citizens," including "Silvia Alrige" for hosting a barbecue to welcome home returning black World War I veterans.



A holiday gathering of the Northwest Federated Woman's Club, organized in 1938 after hearing Dillard School Principal Clarence C. Walker speak of the school's needs—chairs, stools, sewing machines, stoves, and furnishings for a Home Economics room. Pioneer Sylvia Alridge suggested the club be named the Negro Woman's Club of Fort Lauderdale. Dues would be 10 cents each meeting. To kick off fundraising the ladies raffled a black doll and raised \$62.83. Original members included Jasie Davis, Eliza Robinson, Viola Davenport, Euralie King, Annie T. Reed, Lula Bryant, and Sylvia Alridge. Photo courtesy of the Old Dillard Museum.

Sylvia Aldridge's home on Northwest Second Street in Fort Lauderdale. Black residents wanted it preserved as a historic landmark, but a fire destroyed the home in 1979. Photo courtesy of the Broward County Historical Commission.





FORT LAUDERDALE NEWS, APRIL 23, 1980

Ollie Irving walks in front of the house she inherited from her aunt, pioneer Sylvia Aldr

Staff photo by NICK VON



Sylvia Aldridge

BIRTH unknown
DEATH Nov 1962
Broward County, Florida, USA
BURIAL Woodlawn Cemetery
Fort Lauderdale, Broward County,
Florida, USA
MEMORIAL ID 18071292

Sylvia Aldridge is listed by name only on the marker at Woodlawn Cemetery. The Florida Death Index lists only one person by a similar name who died in Broward County, and the name is slightly different.

Sylvia Alridge
Death Date: Nov 1962
County of Death: Broward
State of Death: Florida
Race: Black
Gender: Female

Maintained by: T Jason Brown
Originally Created by: Mary Harrell-Sesniak
Added: 25 Feb 2007
Find A Grave Memorial **18071292**

Find A Grave, database and images (<https://www.findagrave.com> : accessed 18 February 2020), memorial page for Sylvia Aldridge (unknown–Nov 1962), Find A Grave Memorial no. 18071292, citing Woodlawn Cemetery, Fort Lauderdale, Broward County, Florida, USA ; Maintained by T Jason Brown (contributor 48172037) .

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Name of nominated honoree: John Jack Brady (Deseased)

Address: 6808 Stardust

City, State, Zip Code: North Lauderdale, FL 33068

Home Phone: _____ Office: _____ Cell: 954-324-6225

Email: tboehmjr@gmail.com

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John “ Jack ” Brady, Jr., the city ’ s first elected mayor of North Lauderdale who served in office for three decades, died Wednesday from complications of liver cancer. He was 77.

First elected to the commission in 1988, voters made him the city ’ s first mayor-at-large in 2004. He served as mayor until he lost an election in 2018.

“ He loved the city itself and its residents, right up to the day he died, ” said his wife, Pat Brady. “ Even when he lost the election he was worried about this city. ”

Brady was born in Albany, N.Y., and joined the Navy after high school. He was sent to Vietnam during the war. But he was only there for a few weeks before returning to the United States, said his wife. “ They discovered he could play basketball and they recruited him for the team, ” his wife said of Brady playing other military branches in basketball games.

After his military service, he graduated from Murray State University in Murray, Kentucky, in 1970 with a bachelor ’ s degree in both sociology and health and physical education. He received his master ’ s degree at Florida Atlantic University. He was also a

2. Why is the nominee deserving of this award?

This is an Military Man, a Retired Teacher and Coach, a Myor for over 30 years. A Champion for all. Helped so many charities !!!!

3. Please provide a brief biography, resume or any other background information about the nominee including contact information.

FORT LAUDERDALE (CBSMiami) – John “ Jack ” Brady, who served the City of North Lauderdale for more than 30 years, has passed away.

Brady died Wednesday, April 8th, after a long illness.

Bradv ’ s three decades of service made him the longest-serving Citv Commissioner and Mavor in North Lauderdale ’ s historv.

Submitted by: Tom Boehm

Phone number: 954-818-8202 Email: tboehmjr@gmail.com

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1. Name of nominated honoree

Reverend Henry P. Bragdon, Sr.

2. Address

2710 NW 16th St

3. City, State, Zip Code

Ft Lauderdale

4. Home Phone

Not answered

5. Office Phone

Not answered

6. Cell Phone

954-288-4039

7. Email

sbraggie35@yahoo.com

8. Please describe the nominee's accomplishments or contributions to the community, paying particular note to the Walk of Fame selection criteria. Provide any examples of civic responsibility, financial contributions, volunteer service, projects accomplished, or other achievements.

The nominee made a positive impact to the City of Fort Lauderdale as an early pioneer, Pastor and founder of New Mount Olive Baptist Church which played a vital part in building the community. Reverend Bragdon was a survivor of the 1926 storm and his contributions made were a major role in the spiritual aspect of the community in raising families which became an inspiration for future generations to come and call Fort Lauderdale home as it became a vital place to live, work and play.

9. Why is the nominee deserving of this award?

Reverend Henry P. Bragdon, Sr. is deserving to be an honoree in memory of the award or part thereof because his precious contributions and sacrifices are not displayed anywhere in the City, known by many, and is a lost piece of history within the community upon which he helped build with other pioneers.

10. Please provide a brief biography, resume or any other background information about the nominee including contact information.

(See attached.) - Former Pastor and Founder.

11. Submitted by

Sandra (daughter-in-law) and Talbert Bragdon (grandson)

12. Phone Number

(954) 288-4039

13. Email Address

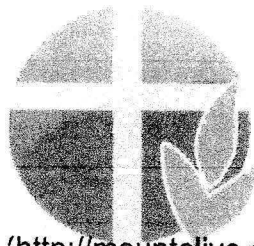
sbraggie35@yahoo.com

14. Background material such as nominee biography, resume, media copy, etc. is highly recommended. Please feel free to attach additional sheets here.

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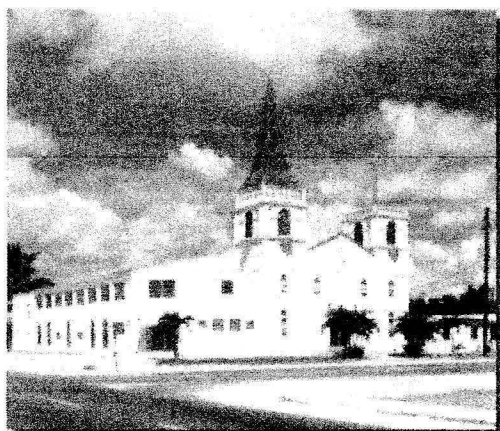


(<http://mountolive.org>)

NEW MOUNT OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

400 NW 9th Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33311

CHURCH HISTORY



The Church that we now know as New Mount Olive Baptist Church had its most humble beginning November 25, 1918.

In 1923, under the leadership of Reverend H.P. Bragdon, the name of the church was changed to New Mount Olive Baptist Church. Then they decided to build a new Church. Reverend Bragdon and Sister Mary Liza Williams, one of our first members, selected a suitable site on the corner of Fourth Street and Ninth Avenue. In 1925, a small wooden structure was built.

The membership increased rapidly for the next four years, and their faith and perseverance were quite evident as the membership rebuilt churches that were destroyed by the 1926 and 1928 hurricanes. In

1929, the permanent building was completed and the congregation moved in early in September. When Reverend Bragdon ended his pastorate in 1930, there was a completed church building and a membership of more than 500.

Reverend O.W. Wells was called in 1937, and another tremendous growth in membership, size and prestige was recorded. Under his pastorate, a new and bigger church was built.

The Missionary Society, organized July 27, 1939, with Sister Rosa Lewis as president, grew from its original twelve into a group of eleven circles boasting more than 112 members. The church structure was completed. Counted among the many physical improvements was the completion of the remodeling and furnishing of the church kitchen and dining room in February, 1960. By August 31, 1960, the membership had increased to approximately 1,700.

In March of 1962, the Reverend G.E. Weaver was called to assume the responsibility of leadership at Mount Olive. Under his administration, the Church grew spiritually, numerically and structurally. The old church was improved by the addition of a new wing with eighteen classrooms and seating space in the Sanctuary for an additional 200

people.



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1. Name of nominated honoree

Christopher Brennan aka Capn Loogie

2. Address

5020 SW 11th St

3. City, State, Zip Code

Plantation, FL 33317

4. Home Phone

Not answered

5. Office Phone

Not answered

6. Cell Phone

9545623786

7. Email

thajoker.mobile@gmail.com

8. Please describe the nominee's accomplishments or contributions to the community, paying particular note to the Walk of Fame selection criteria. Provide any examples of civic responsibility, financial contributions, volunteer service, projects accomplished, or other achievements.

Mister Brennan has been thoroughly involved in Fort Lauderdale's goings on for a great number of years. Some examples include, 10 years as a park ranger, Water Taxi's ambassador to all of the passengers visiting us and occasionally going over and above to guarantee the safety of our residents, almost winning a mayorship in 2015, being leader in social and environmental justice by championing a charge to save an historical landmark (Rain tree), and fighting to preserve the facade of the First Lutheran Church. If ever there was someone who both loves and fights for Fort Lauderdale, Christopher Brennan aka Capn Loogie is the best example that we can put forth.

9. Why is the nominee deserving of this award?

If the things that I have written in question 8 are not enough, Mister Brennan is a stand up individual that often goes out of his way to help those in need, even if it detracts his situation. Additionally, Mister Brennan knows more Florida history than most and is always willing to share it.

10. Please provide a brief biography, resume or any other background information about the nominee including contact information.

Please refer to questions 8 and 9 and you can Google his information freely.

11. Submitted by

Jason Weber

12. Phone Number

(954) 562-3786

13. Email Address

thajoker.mobile@gmail.com

14. Background material such as nominee biography, resume, media copy, etc. is highly recommended. Please feel free to attach additional sheets here.

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Name of nominated honoree: BROWARD DJ'S UNITED INC.

Address: 2831 NW 10TH COURT

City, State, Zip Code: FORT LAUDERDALE

Home Phone: 954-934-3344 Office: _____ Cell: 954-588-0284

Email: BROWARDDJSUNITED@AOL.COM

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Broward DJs United Inc. is a program for disadvantaged urban children of various academic levels. Broward DJ ' s United Inc. mission is to develop programs in the community to control the youth ' s behavior and attitude. To help them get motivated and understand life. To improve their grades in school, and give them better opportunities. Broward DJ ' s United Inc. has five different community-based programs: DJ Apprenticeship; Dance; Mentoring, Community Serves and One on One.

2. Why is the nominee deserving of this award?

Each of the memebbers have been through the struggle and some of them still is struggling, But all of them still take the time out to give back to the community every month. and they are really focused on the children

3. Please provide a brief biography, resume or any other background information about the nominee including contact information.

Broward DJ ' s United Inc. was formed by local DJ ' s in the community that knows the everyday struggle that our youth face on a day to day base. Each one of our staff members have experience the struggle and know what it takes to keep our youth on the right track.

Submitted by: jADA HAMILTON

Phone number: 754-366-9024 Email: STEELE_CRISTAL@YAHOO.COM

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Name of nominated honoree: Eugenia Duncan Ellis

Address: Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale 888 East Las Olas Boulevard Suite 210

City, State, Zip Code: Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

Home Phone: _____ Office: 954-468-1541 Cell: 954-205-9648

Email: genia@goriverwalk.com

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As the President and CEO of Riverwalk, a not-for-profit that has designed, developed, and coordinated events along 2.5 miles of the New River in coordination with the City of Fort Lauderdale for over 30 years, Genia has played a pivotal role in helping to showcase the city's natural beauty while generating revenue streams for local businesses, strengthening the growth of Fort Lauderdale's burgeoning and energetic downtown, and emphasizing the important impact of the Arts on the city's identity.

The efforts that Riverwalk has helped lead in making downtown Fort Lauderdale an irresistible destination for businesses have resulted in numerous prominent expansion and development projects, including a potential \$21 million renovation of Holiday Park, a \$13.6 million renovation of Joseph Carter Park, and \$30 million towards the purchase of new open space. Understanding that it is vital for Fort Lauderdale to not only grow, but to continue to maintain its unique aspects as well, Genia has leveraged her position as President of the Council of Fort Lauderdale Civic Associations to ensure all new development fits with the city's historic and beloved character.

2. Why is the nominee deserving of this award?

Genia is a dedicated member of the Fort Lauderdale community, committed to involving herself at every level in order to resolve local issues and address local concerns. From making herself a regular sight at the Fort Lauderdale City Hall by attending every City Commission meeting, to her important work at Riverwalk, Genia is a passionate activist for Fort Lauderdale's interests.

Genia has been recognized for this local pride on the national level as a recipient of the "Who's Who in America's Neighborhoods" award, which recognizes individuals who have demonstrated a commitment to building and strengthening their neighborhoods and communities, encouraged the involvement of neighborhoods in the decision-making process of local governments, and promoting productive communication and collaboration between neighborhood associations and local governments in order to strengthen the great community. In recent years, her efforts through Riverwalk have seen the installation of a new playground in Sistrunk Park, the installation of the Riverwalk 9/11 Monument, hosting several successful Downtown events, and launching Tree Harmony to increase the tree canopy on Riverwalk.

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A native of Greensboro, North Carolina, Genia spent over 30 years working with the Department of Defense and other defense contractors, designing, manufacturing and implementing decoys and decoy launching systems for airborne and shipboard use. After retiring, Genia and her husband moved to Fort Lauderdale in 1996, where she immediately became a heavily involved member of the local community, finding herself involved in various city and community members, before eventually being asked to serve as the President and CEO of Riverwalk, a role she has held for over 12 years.

Submitted by: Karla Nelson-Thatcher for the Riverwalk Board

Phone number: 786-508-4886 Email: Karla.Thatcher@hotwiremail.com

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1. Name of nominated honoree

Geoff gazda

2. Address

16141 blatt blvd apt 301

3. City, State, Zip Code

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I would like to nominate Geoff Gazda for all that he does and continues to do in the community. Based on the following, I believe he would be a huge asset to the WALK of FAME boardwalk. He represents everything Connie Francis wanted for this amazing city and more. I recommend him based on the following criteria:

Providing a positive outlook for the future of our youth. He is role model both in the gym and on the streets. He is an Olympic weightlifter and marathon runner, in which he continues to offer his services to the youngsters both in the gym and in races. In the gym, he gives advice to the youth on how to get stronger without PEDs. In running, he is a Pacer helping those ascertain their goals. He recently paced the 2021 A1A Marathon (only 1 of 2 marathon pacers). He is helping the GOAT community project by recommending leaders from the area to give back to the Girls and Boys Club.

Contributing to the quality of life for our citizens. With his medical supply company, he mainly focuses on assisting citizens with their independence by keeping them mobile with scooters. He maintains all the handicap carts in the Broward county area for Publix ensuring everyone has the same opportunity to shop.

Fostering the spirit of our community. He also owns a Laundromat in which helps provide laundry services to the homeless keeping them clean and healthy during the times of this Co-Vid pandemic.

Bringing positive recognition to the City, locally or nationally, locally, Geoff received the J.D. Salinger award from Broward College for his amazing entrepreneurship in creating a product home grown right here.

Making Fort Lauderdale a place to live, work, or play. Geoff loves to hang out at the beach and Snyder park. He brings his dogs regularly there and encourages all who know him that this is an amazing place for their fur babies as well. In addition, you can find Geoff doing his long runs on the beach with hill training on 17th Street Bridge.

- Encouraging people to visit Fort Lauderdale as a destination of choice. Geoff used to be the manager at Embassy Suites Fort Lauderdale until the hospitality industry began to struggle. He recommended everyone to ride the water taxi and learn the amazing history of Fort Lauderdale through the boat captains. Geoff is now with Leadership Broward just about to complete one of their Community projects.

9. Why is the nominee deserving of this award?

Without having to repeat myself, based on the above, Geoff is a role model for many including my kids and continues to lead in the community, whether it be physically, emotionally, or spiritually. You can always find Geoff doing something to make someone else's life better. He truly is an amazing person to know, respect, and admire and deserves this award and nominee recognition.

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Here is a little bit about him

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His first job was as a dishwasher for a restaurant. By 16, he was asked to stay late on school nights and close the restaurant. He knew everything he needed to know from opening, balancing, prepping, catering, etc. He also did mobile where he would go to customers' houses and cater. It was crash course 101. It taught him a lot about the restaurant. Many people do not realize how much prep work goes into a restaurant.

In 1999, he graduated from Law School and was hired by several Entrepreneurs. As a Group, they started a Company that was the "AOL" of the funeral industry. Together, they were able to grow and sell the business to another Company for a profitable gain. That was his crash course to entrepreneurship. After, he had failures in several start-ups and businesses (one he bought during 911) landing him on the streets borrowing a bicycle for transportation until he could get back on his feet.

He started and worked for Hilton for 10 years moving up to a managerial role playing a significant part in growing the business with Government and for-profit contracts while honing his customer service skills in the not so friendly hospitality industry. While doing this, He started his current Company, ACME Home Medical Equipment, Inc. He started with one order a month and grew it into a multi-million dollar business, all on the private sector side. After a huge battle with his parents on "you need to have stability" and you cannot leave the stable "Hilton" environment (his Dad was 50 years at Pepsi Cola and Mom was 20 years at same Beauty Salon), he left the hotel and focused on his business and other businesses.

In his spare time, he is involved in Pacing runners for half and full marathons. In conjunction, he participates in Ultra Marathons and he recently qualified for the World's Competition in Olympic Weightlifting.

He is on the Board for Entrepreneurs and Inventors. With this, he has been advancing his knowledge in Entrepreneurship with classes and seminars. He recently completed the Kauffman Program and was selected to receive a monetary award of \$10,000 dollars. With the same project, he participated in the Start-Up Now program with Broward College and received an investor partnership from the College.

He is currently enrolled in Leadership Broward working on a community project to help special needs participants. They receive therapy thru riding horses under the Equine Assisted Therapy of South Florida program.

As you can see he is an over-achiever and works extremely hard while giving back to the community.

His contact information is :

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14. Background material such as nominee biography, resume, media copy, etc. is highly recommended. Please feel free to attach additional sheets here.

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1. Name of nominated honoree

Mary Anne Gray (Deceased)

2. Address

2800 State Rd. 84 #109

3. City, State, Zip Code

Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312

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8. Please describe the nominee's accomplishments or contributions to the community, paying particular note to the Walk of Fame selection criteria. Provide any examples of civic responsibility, financial contributions, volunteer service, projects accomplished, or other achievements.

For a decade (2010-2020), Mary Anne Gray served as President and Executive Director of Broward Navy Days, Inc., the local organization that produces the annual Fleet Week Port Everglades and which would have celebrated its 30th anniversary last year. During that time, Mary Anne and her organization welcomed nearly 100 Navy and Coast Guard vessels to the port and 25,000 visiting Sailors, Marines and Coast Guardsmen to our city. She expanded Fleet Week into more than a celebration of our men and women in uniform, but also an opportunity for our city and county to showcase its industries and diverse communities with new events like an annual Technology Summit, the Salute to Women, and expanded outreach to youth, veterans, and the maritime and hospitality sectors. When budget sequestration diverted Navy ships several years ago, Mary Anne pivoted with a "Fleetless Fleet Week" that honored the thousands of unsung active duty military who live and work right here, including the Coast Guard Station Fort Lauderdale crew and USCG District 7. More than 20 local civic partners with hundreds of volunteers mobilize each year to make Fleet Week Port Everglades a special port call and our host community is one of the most highly-regarded Fleet Weeks in the nation, regularly receiving the enthusiastic support of the Chief of Naval Operations in Washington, DC, and commander of the Atlantic Fleet in Norfolk.

9. Why is the nominee deserving of this award?

Mary Anne Gray has been a pioneer among women in the maritime industry for decades. In the early 1990s, she was the first woman elected as a commissioner for Port Everglades and then, chair. She was, at the time, one of the first women in the country to lead a major port. In the years following Broward County's assumption of governance of Port Everglades, she founded and led the local Manatee Survival Foundation, a statewide effort at a time when the population was at a critical level, especially due to boating accidents. She collaborated closely with industry and local and county governments to address this issue through public awareness, rescue services for injured manatees, and safety measures. As executive director of Broward Navy Days and the visionary for a post-Air and Sea Show Fleet Week, she created the Salute to Women event, which connected local women students with an interest in maritime with mentors in the military, and the Fleet Week Tech Summit, which connected many young female sailors with local technology entrepreneurs and executives. As the Navy and Coast Guard made great strides in promoting women to command and the admiralty, Mary Anne was a perfect ambassador and in many cases became a close friend to these rising officers. Mary Anne was an active mentor to young girls in the Women of Tomorrow organization and a leader of the South Florida chapter of Women's International Shipping and Maritime Association. Broward County and Fort Lauderdale are better today because of Mary Anne's dedication. Hers is a legacy for our city to celebrate for generations to come.

10. Please provide a brief biography, resume or any other background information about the nominee including contact information.

Mary Anne Gray passed away unexpectedly on July 2, 2020. Her daughters and colleagues at Broward Navy Days would be proud to accept this honor in her memory, if she is selected.

South Florida Sun Sentinel story about her career and burial at sea:
<https://www.sun-sentinel.com/local/fl-ne-mary-anne-gray-buried-at-sea-20200725-hlgtidxevraltkepxtvb427l3i-story.html>

11. Submitted by

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Name of nominated honoree: Darren Heitner

Address: 215 Hendricks Isle

City, State, Zip Code: Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

Home Phone: _____ Office: _____ Cell: 9545586999

Email: heitner@gmail.com

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Darren is a member of the Parks, Recreation, and Beaches Board in Fort Lauderdale. Besides being an active member of the Board, Darren is often seen on weekends roaming the beaches and picking up garbage to beautify the area and provide a safer environment for the sea turtles. He is also a frequent volunteer for SOS Children's Villages in Broward County, which his wife Brooke is a board member of as well. Darren has also become very involved in creation of policy and worked closely with Representative Chip LaMarca in creating and promoting a new law that will allow Florida college athletes to make money off of their names, images and likenesses for the first time. Florida will become the first state to provide these rights to college athletes because of the work put in by Darren and Chip.

2. Why is the nominee deserving of this award?

The final four bullet points in the description of this honor perfectly fit what Darren is about. He is a very active participant on various forms of social media, including Instagram, Facebook and Twitter, where he is verified. He consistently uses those platforms to post pictures, video and text about why Fort Lauderdale is such a great place to live, work, and visit. He has worked closely with the official pages of Greater Fort Lauderdale and the visitors bureau. In fact, Darren has completely numerous collaborations with @visitlauderdale, including an influencer segment with the Florida Panthers and the Greater Fort Lauderdale Food & Wine Festival. On social media, it has hard to find anyone who promotes Fort Lauderdale more than Mayor Trantalis, Michael Udine and Darren Heitner

3. Please provide a brief biography, resume or any other background information about the nominee including contact information.

Darren is an attorney and Florida Supreme Court Qualified Arbitrator focusing on sports, entertainment, intellectual property, litigation and transactional work. In 2014, the American Bar Association published his Sports Law-related book titled, "How to Play the Game: What Every Sports Attorney Needs to Know." The Second Edition of that book was published in February 2018. Darren currently writes at Above the Law and SportsPro and teaches Sports Law at the UF Levin College of Law. He is a Double Gator, with a Bachelors of Arts from the University of Florida and a Juris Doctor degree from the Levin College of Law. He was named to UF's 40 Under 40.

Submitted by: Paul Wener

Phone number: 954-562-5506 Email: paullwerner@gmail.com

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Name of nominated honoree: Marty Hendrick

Address: 501 Seabreeze Blvd.

City, State, Zip Code: Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316

Home Phone: _____ Office: _____ Cell: 954-292-1066

Email: mhendrick@flaswim.com

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Marty would be a perfect candidate for this award. He provides a positive outlook for all by encouraging fitness as a swim coach and encouraging them to adhere to leadership practices. He promotes health, community and positivity for every athlete at all ages. Marty encouraged our team to to cook for a masters swimmer that had a kidney replacement. Everyone pitched in. We have fun, work hard and are continuously learning. He brings in Olympic athletes to coach and speak and we support charity events that help to cure cancer. Marty is also coaching an Afghan refugee, Abbas Karimi, for the paralympic games bringing positive recognition on a local, national and global scale. I also think he let Abbas live with him to make this possible. He encourages social events and as a team we have fun and build strong bonds with other people in our community. He is also championing the new pool at the Swimming Hall of Fame and is working to make this a swimming destination of choice. Our swim team is recognized nationally for placing in the top at Nationals.

2. Why is the nominee deserving of this award?

Refer to the above. This candidate addressess all the criteria for this award and has been a leader in our community for years.

3. Please provide a brief biography, resume or any other background information about the nominee including contact information.

Bio emailed to sspurlock@fortlauderdale.gov

Submitted by: Jody A. Wesgate

Phone number: 954-529-5249 Email: Jwesgate@hotmail.com

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Marty Hendrick
Head Master's Coach (Sr. Recreation Coordinator)
Swim Fort Lauderdale – SFTL
501 Seabreeze Blvd.
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316
954-292-1066 - Mobile

Marty Hendrick is a Level 4 USMS Certified Coach (one of the first 14 in USMS.) He has been coaching at the Fort Lauderdale Aquatic Complex, home of the International Swimming Hall of Fame, full time since 2005, initially as the Head Masters Coach of FLA Masters (FLAQ) and since January 2012 with Swim Fort Lauderdale Masters (SFTL). Marty's experience as a US Masters Swimming (USMS) coach includes winning five National Club Championships; 2010 USMS Summer Nationals in San Juan, Puerto Rico, 2014 USMS Summer Nationals, College Park, MD, 2015 USMS Summer Nationals, Cleveland, OH, 2016 USMS Summer Nationals in Portland, OR and 2017 USMS Summer Nationals in Minneapolis, MN. For the past 15 consecutive years, his clubs have participated in every USMS National Championship and placed each year in the Top 10 in at least one of the USMS National Championships. Some years his teams have placed Top 10 in both Championships (Spring-Short Course and Summer-Long Course), as recently as 2019. Over the years 115 of his swimmers have attained US Masters Swimming "All American" status

In his tenure coaching Masters Swimmers, his teams have also achieved success at the International level by winning three IGLA Small Team Titles in 2008, and 2011, and Medium Team Title in 2017. SFTL Masters has competed in the Pan American Masters Championships in Vera Cruz, Mexico, Rio di Janeiro, Brazil, Sarasota USA, Medellin Colombia and Orlando, FL.

Swim Fort Lauderdale Masters was recognized as the 2015 U.S. Masters Club of the Year. In 2015 Marty was recognized with the Speedo/U.S. Masters Swimming Coach of The Year Award. He was also awarded the 2011 USMS Kerry O'Brien Coaching Award. He was selected to be an Honorary Speaker at the 2014 American Swim Coaches Association (ASCA) World Wide Conference. Guest Instructor at the 2015 and 2016 ASCA International Masters Coaching Clinic. Was a instructor at the first FINA / UANA Masters Coaches Clinic which was held in Buenos Aires, Argentina in conjunction with the South American Masters Championships. In addition, Marty has served as a US Masters Convention Delegate, a member of the USMS Coaches Committee and has served as Chair of the Florida Gold Coast LMSC. Marty was inducted into the Broward County (FL) Sports Hall of Fame in 2015.

As a USMS Swimmer, Marty has multiple Masters FINA World Top 10 rankings, 56 individual and 101 relay USMS National Top 10 rankings. He was a Bronze Medalist at the 2014 World Masters Championships. He also was a member of the National Record 4 X 10K Mixed Free relay.



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Name of nominated honoree: Michael E. Hurst (deceased)

Address: Contact information for daughter Elli Hurst: 1809 Harbourview Drive

City, State, Zip Code: Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316

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Email: ehurst@us.ibm.com



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Michael "Mike" Hurst was – and still is - internationally recognized as a foodservice and hospitality "legend" as well as a passionate promoter of education in the Hospitality Industry. He has been described as a ***"dynamic leader who inspired young people, championed education, and brought excitement to the restaurant industry during a 50-year career"*** (Restaurant Business magazine, May 2001) and as a ***"tireless crusader; always working to create and strengthen educational opportunities in the restaurant and foodservice industry"*** (FIU Scholars Endowment Program). During his tenure as President of the National Restaurant Association, Mike brought back the iconic "We're Glad You're Here" starting a national adoption of the simple, but ultimate symbol of hospitality.

In addition to owning and operating the 15th Street Fisheries from inception (1979) until the day that he died (March 2001), he was a founding partner, owner, and operator of Marina Bay Hotel (floating houseboats on the New River) and Club as well as the New River Storehouse restaurant; was a founding faculty member of the Florida International University (FIU) Chaplin School of Hospitality and Tourism Management (teaching there for 27 years); a Director and Past President of the National Restaurant Association (NRA membership includes >800,000 restaurant and foodservice outlets) and NRA Educational Foundation; and founding member of the Broward County Tourist Development Council (TDC), to name just a few of the industry, education and community positions he held during his lifetime. He was married for over 45 years and a father of five children.

His sustained, positive impact on the Fort Lauderdale community as well as the foodservice and hospitality industry overall is evidenced not only during his lifetime, but also as his legacy continues some twenty years after his death. In a tribute, written by the (then) Dean of FIU Chaplin School in 2001, Anthony (Tony) Marshall, published in the March 2001 Hospitality Review magazine, sums up Mike's contributions to the industry that he loved so dearly, and captures the 'essence' of Mike's personality that was so innate to his success:

"While fame has eluded most people I know. Hurst was the exception: everyone in the food service industry knew him..... Hurst was a man of many faces: He was a full-time professor at the school, manager of his Fort Lauderdale businesses, and, later, a popular industry speaker around the world. He was happiest surrounded by a swirl of "busy- ness." He laughed at 14-hour work-days. Truth was, he loved being a man of crammed schedules."

Positive Outlook for the Future of our / Sustained Contributions to Education

Mike believed strongly in youth programs, particularly education – of any kind. At the national level, Mike was instrumental in establishing the NRA Educational Foundation (NRAEF). The NRAEF is the philanthropic foundation of the National Restaurant Association, and 'exists to enhance the restaurant industry's service to the public through education, community engagement and promotion of career opportunities.'

Even more importantly, Mike was a founder and strong advocate of the NRAEF Salute to Excellence, an annual event that brought more than 800 of the industry's most influential and inspiring individuals together to support NRAEF's programs (e.g., the ProStart program and the NRAEF Scholarship Program). The purpose of the Salute to Excellence is to recognize the achievements of outstanding students and educators. (Note: The NRAEF Salute to Excellence national program has now been adopted and runs at the State Restaurant Association level).

A key component of the NRAEF annual Salute to Excellence event is the annual "Michael E. Hurst Lifetime Achievement in Education Award" established ***"to honor the devotion to educating and enhancing the lives of young people that characterized Michael E. Hurst - a respected and successful restaurant operator and***



firm advocate of industry education - the NRAEF awards the Michael E. Hurst Lifetime of Achievement in Education Award to an outstanding educator who has made an indelible contribution to restaurant and foodservice education” (NRAEF publications).

Mike’s commitment to education began early in his career, when working as Executive Vice President of Win Schuler’s restaurants in Marshall, Michigan. Despite long days running the Schuler restaurants, Mike found time to travel over an hour each way to East Lansing to teach accounting at Michigan State University, as well as to teach a class in the School of Hotel and Restaurant Management.

This passion for education continued when he came back to Fort Lauderdale in the early 1970s. As he was establishing his first business here (Marina Bay Hotel and Club, and the New River Storehouse restaurant), he became a founding faculty member of the FIU Chaplin School of Hospitality & Tourism Management, one of the highest rated hospitality and tourism programs in the United States (ranked among the Top 10 Hospitality Schools in the World, ranked number 1 Hospitality School in Florida and ranked number 1 Best Value in the US).

In 1996, combining his business acumen and a vision for sharing industry leaders’ successes with future industry leaders at FIU, Mike created the **Distinguished Hospitality Leaders Lecture Series**. Mike personally invited and brought to FIU 65 distinguished hospitality executives, including graduates of the School. Hospitality luminaries such as Chefs Paul Prudhomme, Graham Kerr, and John Folse; hotel executives Jonathan Tisch and John Russell; and restaurateurs Norman Brinker, Herman Cain, Ralph Brennan, and Michael Kaufman have been among those who have come to share their professional journeys with FIU students. As a tribute to Professor Hurst, this endowed lecture series, named in his honor, continues to provide an occasion to create a bridge between the school and the hospitality industry. <https://hospitality.fiu.edu/lecture-series/>. Most recently (Feb 2021) the series featured Reginald G. Washington (FIU’74, CEO of Hojeij Branded Foods and Past President of NRA) and Valerie Ferguson (Regional General Manager, Deluxe Resorts at Walt Disney World), both past students and mentees of Mike Hurst. They have also created an endowment fund: The Professor Michael E. Hurst Distinguished Hospitality Leaders and Scholars Endowment supporting both the lecture series as well as a scholarship for qualified foodservice students (Michael E. Hurst Scholars).

Mike was a faculty member and professor in the FIU Chaplin School from its inception until he retired from FIU in 1999. According to FIU, “before his retirement at the end of the spring 1999 semester, 27 years after he gave his first lecture, this distinguished restaurateur, industry leader, and popular educator had taught more than 6,000 FIU students” from across the United States and international locations.

On a more personal, direct level, Mike was mentor to hundreds of employees working in his businesses. He made a point to hire as many high school students as possible, with an estimated reach of >600 local Fort Lauderdale students over the almost 30 years he operated his club, hotel and restaurants in Fort Lauderdale. Always willing to coach the students on career discussions, help with college applications, and provide employment for any returning student during college breaks, his purpose was to facilitate the continuing education of the students – in any field – and he took particular delight in the success of the graduates. He was always willing to provide a reference, particularly for students who wanted to advance their career in the foodservice or culinary arts, with a number of his 15th Street Fisheries employees going on to the Culinary Institute of America (CIA) in Hyde Park, New York, and becoming successful restaurateurs in their own right (e.g., Chef Peter Bouloukis, CIA ’83, The Restaurant People, Peter Blohme, CIA ’86, Chef /Owner Double P Hospitality consortium of restaurants).

QUALITY OF LIFE FOR OUR CITIZENS / FOSTERING THE SPIRIT OF OUR COMMUNITY

Family snow parties – complete with mountains of snow and sledding for the kids – in 1970s Fort Lauderdale? Evel Knievel stunt jumps, 12-foot New Year’s Eve champagne fountains, elephants at happy hour, bugs on the menu (for dinner!), fish flying through the restaurant to be sauteed tableside? The Oklahoma University band marching (and playing!) through the restaurant (well, they happened to be in town for the Orange Bowl, so why



not?)?! Tarpon feeding on the Lauderdale Marina dock every day at 5 pm for a show even the seagulls and pelicans showed up for...just a few of the hundreds of 'gimmicks' Mike employed at Marina Bay / New River Storehouse and 15th Street Fisheries to get people talking. To get the tourists talking..to their friends, their families – from wherever they were from, all over the country, all over the world – about Fort Lauderdale and the unique experience that they had while they were visiting. Mike's belief in the spirit of hospitality..and the value of word-of-mouth advertising was evident in everything he did. His philosophy personified that:

The Philosophy of Michael Hurst

- ⇒ Manage your restaurant from the front door, not the rear entrance.
- ⇒ Greet customers by name; make a game of remembering names.
- ⇒ Give customers the free gifts they cherish most: recognition, recommendation, reassurance.
- ⇒ As customers enter, let the smell of hot bread warm their expectations.
- ⇒ Serve them samples as soon as they are seated.
- ⇒ Keep servers at their stations. Use runners to bring food from the kitchen.
- ⇒ Make "Serve Hot Foods Hot" an art, not just an empty slogan. (*NOTE: there is not one of his students who could not recite this at the mere mention of Mike Hurst's*).
- ⇒ Serve salads ice cold and slaughter your competition.
- ⇒ If you don't want to slaughter your competition, invite them to dinner-but serve them cold salad.
- ⇒ Involve employees in taste tests long before you put a new item on the menu. Start them talking.
- ⇒ Involve customers in taste tests shortly before you put a new item on the menu. Start them talking.
- ⇒ To start people talking, tell them secrets about new recipes, new dishes.
- ⇒ Secret-telling is the world's best generator of word-of-mouth advertising. Word-of-mouth advertising is responsible for 85% of a successful dining room's patronage.
- ⇒ In addition to sharing secrets with your employees and customers, generate talk (word-of-mouth advertising) with surprises.
- ⇒ Bring in the elephants. The pajama games. The Oklahoma Marching bands.
- ⇒ Hospitality is a happening. BRING IN THE PEOPLE!

CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY / MAKING FT. LAUD A PLACE TO LIVE WORK OR PLAY

Mike Hurst believed strongly in not just contributing, but actively participating in developing the future of the community in which he lived. During his time in the 1960s in Marshall, Michigan, while he was the Executive Vice President of Win Schuler's Restaurants, Inc. (1969 revenue approx. \$5.5M), Mike found the time to:

- Serve as Chairman of Hospitality Business for the State Chamber of Commerce for Michigan,
- Serve as President , Community Chamber of Commerce for Marshall, Michigan,
- Serve as Regional Chairman for Michigan Week,
- Serve as President of the Nottawa Trails Boy Scout Council,
- Serve as President of the Midwest College Recruiting Association
- Serve as Board Member of the Chamber of Commerce and the Michigan Restaurant Association and
- Serve as Co-Chairman of the Michigan Restaurant Association's Government Affairs Committee.

Mike continued his track record of civic / community engagement when he moved his growing family of seven to Fort Lauderdale in the early 1970s. Despite a full agenda building and operating a large scale, new business in Fort Lauderdale (Marina Bay Club/New River Storehouse restaurant) and building / operating 15th Street Fisheries restaurant, Mike was:

- A member of Governor Bob Graham's Tourism Advisory Council for the State of Florida,



- A Founding Member of the Broward County Tourist Development Council (@1980)
- Instrumental in the planning of the Broward County Civic Center, with the express purpose of attracting business conventions to the greater Fort Lauderdale area (current day 'civic center' in the Broward Convention Center)
- Chairman of the Second Summer Festival (early 1980s), a Naval celebration (pre-cursor to what we now know as Fleet Week in Fort Lauderdale)
- Director, Florida Restaurant Association
- Professor at the FIU Chaplin School (as cited above)
- Personally ran (literally from the front door) the New River Storehouse and 15th Street Fisheries restaurants (est. total revenue 1973 – 2001 @\$140M to the Fort Lauderdale economy)

BRINGING RECOGNITION TO OUR CITY LOCALLY OR NATIONALLY / ENCOURAGING TO VISIT AS A DESTINATION OF CHOICE / OTHER AWARDS

As an international consultant in foodservice and hospitality, Mike delivered over 1200 lectures and consulting engagements across the U.S., Europe, Australia, New Zealand, Iceland, South Africa, and other countries. There are countless news articles, mostly from US State Restaurant Associations, quoting not only Mike's philosophy, but also outlining the unique business operations that he ran in the Fort Lauderdale area.

Mike's numerous other awards serve as direct testament to the recognition of not only Mike Hurst personally, but even more specifically to the Fort Lauderdale businesses he owned and operated, all of which contribute to the national 'draw' of tourists to Fort Lauderdale. These awards and publications are publicized at a national level – lending critical acclaim to the Fort Lauderdale restaurant 'scene.' Examples of awards and publications include:

- 1953 Selected as one of the Top 10 College Graduates in the United States
- 1962 Selected as one of the State of Michigan's Five Outstanding Young Men
- 1968 Selected as Mr. Hospitality – Marshall, Michigan (Battle Creek Enquirer article, 5/26/68, p. 13)
- 1970 Cornell Hotel and Restaurant Administration Quarterly, vol. 11, 1:pp. 103-112
- 1981 Quoted in Fort Lauderdale News as member of Broward Tourist Development Council (TDC) and Chairman of Second Summer Inc.. (Fort Lauderdale News, 12/4/81 p. 15)
- 1984 Featured as cover article in Restaurant Hospitality magazine "Getting the Bugs Out"
- 1986 Received Ivy Award – recognized as the "Oscar" of the Foodservice Industry, the Ivy Award honors the best in the food industry and is given annually to foodservice operations that demonstrate the highest standards of excellence in food, service, and overall hospitality.
- 1990 Featured in Rochester, NY Industry Article "Restaurant industry has its heart in the right place" (9/20/90 p. 58)
- 1992 Featured in CHEERS Magazine "Fun, Fun, Fun at 15th Street Fisheries" (Nov/Dec 1992 edition)
- 1993 Featured in Miami Herald Broward Local Section "Dinner on the Dock" front page
- 1999 Featured in Travel Host Magazine "Best Restaurants in America: Where the Locals Eat"
- 19XX Hotel and Motel Association Lodging Magazine "Bring in the People"
- 19XX – ongoing: 15th Street Fisheries recognized as Fort Lauderdale's Outstanding Seafood Restaurant over the years (voted by Ft. Lauderdale News and Sun Sentinel as a Favorite Community Restaurant, Best of Broward, Best of South Florida...)
- 1996 Food Arts Silver Spoon Award
- 2001 Received Lifetime Achievement Award of the National Restaurant Association (NRA) Educational Foundation (renamed the Michael E. Hurst Lifetime Achievement Award)
- 2001 Featured in May edition Restaurant Business (national publication) – WHAT?? APPENDIX
- 2001 Received Silver Plate Award from the International Food Service Manufacturer's Association (IFMA). First Independent Restaurant Operator to receive this significant industry award
- 2001 Received Foodservice Operator of the Year and Gold Plate Award



- 2001 Featured in Travel Host magazine "Profiles in Tourism: Twenty Leaders, Twenty Years"
- 2002 Received Florida Restaurant Association's 2002 Lifetime Achievement Award – awarded a year after his death for his promotion of the restaurant business in South Florida
- 2013 Quoted in two sections of Business & Economics book "Hospitality Marketing" (Neil Wearne, Alison Morrison Routledge, Jan 11, 2013 - Business & Economics - 256 pages), a "no-nonsense, practical book which has been revised and adapted in 2013 for a wider market, including European and international examples. It shifts the major emphasis of hospitality marketing onto building a business from the inside by word-of-mouth rather than relying mostly on the endeavors of outside promotion."
- 2018 Named in Florida Restaurant & Lodging Magazine Fall 2018 (p. 16) Lifetime Achievement Hall of Fame

2. Why is the nominee deserving of this award?

Mike embodied the spirit of hospitality and applied his passion in three specific areas. As a:

- 1. Hospitality and Foodservice Industry Leader**
- 2. Local Hospitality and Tourism Entrepreneur**
- 3. Passionate Educator and Advocate for Community Enrichment**

Mike has been described by his colleagues in the industry, by his students, and by his employees as: A "foodservice innovator"; a "Hospitality industry marketing genius"; as "having genuine passion for the industry, its people and its future"; as a "tireless educator and community advocate"; as "not only talking the talk, but leading by example - at the front door - greeting customers – by name"...and that's just the tip of the iceberg.

Mike Hurst's legacy spans almost 5 decades and continues to this day. He has directly and indirectly influenced an estimated +10,000 students in Hospitality Management (across MSU, NRAEF, and FIU) that have gone on to work in and/or operate hotels and restaurants locally and nationally (e.g. Reginald G. Washington (FIU'74, CEO of Hojeij Branded Foods and Past President of NRA); Tim Petrillo (FIU'94), co-founder/CEO The Restaurant People (TRP website); Debbie Banks, Owner, Vice President Lago Mar Hotel and Club; Kirk Ruoff, Founder and CEO of Turning Point restaurants headquartered in Eatontown, NJ), just to name a few of the hundreds of successful foodservice leaders influencing the industry today.

His impact on the Hospitality Industry is unparalleled. Not only did Mike earn accolades and awards while he was alive, his lifetime of contributions has also been recognized by President George Bush, House Representative E. Clay Shaw, and U.S. Senator Bob Graham, in addition to numerous hospitality leaders.



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 18, 2001

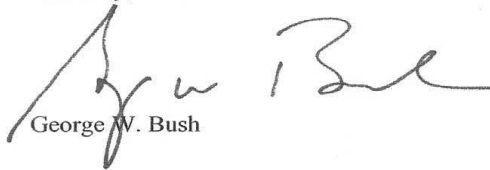
Mrs. Michael Hurst
890 Renmar Drive
Plantation, Florida 33317

Dear Mrs. Hurst:

I am saddened to learn about your husband's passing. Although the days ahead will not be easy, I hope you will take comfort in the support of your family and friends.

Laura and I send our heartfelt sympathy. Our prayers are with you and your family at this difficult time.

Sincerely,



George W. Bush



BOB GRAHAM
FLORIDA

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-0903

May 19, 2001

National Restaurant Association
1200 17th Street Northwest
Washington, D.C. 20036-3006

Dear Friends:

It was with the deepest regret that I learned of the passing of Michael Hurst. I trust that the Hurst family will find some comfort through the genuine expressions of the many friends, associates and students who have benefitted from the legacy of this exemplary trail blazer.

I know the Association, its Educational Foundation and the entire restaurant industry has been profoundly touched by the loss of this extraordinary pioneer in culinary and educational excellence. As the recent recipient of the Educational Foundation's first *"Lifetime Achievement Award"*, it is more than fitting that Michael Hurst is to be inducted into the prestigious Educational Foundation College of Diplomates.

On the occasion of the Educational Foundation's "Salute to Excellence", it is appropriate to remember the special qualities of this rare and remarkable leader. Through his contributions to the restaurant and food service industry, Mike made a dramatic impact on educational initiatives throughout the nation. He was a major force in helping to change the educational landscape of this industry.

I trust that this memorial "Salute to Excellence" on behalf of Michael Hurst will serve as a lasting inspiration to others who are poised to follow in his remarkable footsteps.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

United States Senator



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TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL E. HURST

by

HON. E. CLAY SHAW, JR.

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HON. E. CLAY SHAW, JR.

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 1, 2001

Mr. SHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Michael Hurst, who passed away on March 22, 2001.

Michael Hurst was president of 15th Street Fisheries, a restaurant in Fort Lauderdale. Mike was a cornerstone in the Fort Lauderdale community and, as his representative in Congress, I was impressed by his tireless enthusiasm for promoting education in the restaurant industry.

Many times Mike opened the doors at 15th Street Fisheries to give to others in need and to show them what hospitality truly was. He was not only a professor at Florida International University, he brought the classroom into his restaurant. Wherever he was he took the opportunity to tell others about his passion for education and the restaurant industry.

Mike was a regular visitor throughout the years to my office in Washington, D.C. It was evident that he had an unwavering commitment to the industry, and his "We're Glad You're Here" button is a positive reminder of his excitement for restaurant issues.

Mike was a remarkable leader and it was my privilege to serve as his representative. He combined business acumen with compassion and energy to ensure that those in the restaurant industry have educational opportunities. His many contributions will remain with us in Florida's 22nd congressional district and across the nation.



The current owner of 15th Street Fisheries, Mike's long time business partner and friend, Ted Drum (Shipyard, LLC), continues his legacy by operating the 15th Street Fisheries in the spirit that Mike embodied. In fact, when Mike passed away, Ted, representing the Shipyard, LLC, requested first right of refusal from the Hurst Family to buy the 15th Street Fisheries restaurant. While the family considered other offers to purchase the business, they agreed selling Fisheries to Ted Drum and the Shipyard LLC would be the best option to continue Mike Hurst's legacy of bringing hospitality to both Fort Lauderdale locals and tourists alike...and it has.

THE SHIPYARD

- Memorandum -

Date: Friday, March 23, 2001
To: Shipyard Tenants
From: TED DRUM
Subject: Michael Hurst, Owner of 15th Street Fisheries

Mike Hurst died last night, at home with family members. Mike had been ill for a relatively short time. We will miss him greatly. He was a great friend and mentor to many, and one of the most creative restaurant operators in the world. His great sense of humor has contributed to all who knew him. Mike has owned and operated the Fisheries for almost 25 years.

Mike grew up in Fort Lauderdale, and began working in restaurants on Las Olas Boulevard, as a teenager. He never left the restaurant business. After college graduation, he operated restaurants in California, to include the President of "Don the Beachcomber". He returned to South Florida in the early 1970's to own and operate the Marina Bay Hotel and Restaurant. Mike was a tenured professor in the Hotel and Restaurant School at Florida International University for 25 years. Mike was active in the National Association of Restaurant Owners for many years. He was the National President several years ago, and most recently President to the National Restaurant Association Education Division. A number of the outstanding restaurant owners in Florida, either trained at the Fisheries, or were taught by Mike at FIU. Most recently Mike was notified that he won the coveted "Silver Plate Award", presented by the National Association of Restaurant Owners, to restaurant owners who have contributed the most to the Association. Everyone was also thrilled, when a few months ago, the Sun Sentinel Reader's Choice chose the 15th Street Fisheries the "Favorite Restaurant" in Broward County. Mike and Fisheries have won almost every award possible in the restaurant business, take a look on the wall of the restaurant, to see the numerous awards given over the years.

The family has requested that no flowers be sent. However, we will let you know the arrangements, when they have been made final. To honor Mike's memory, the marina flag will remain at half mast until Monday.

Mike is survived by his wife, Lorraine, five children, and numerous grandchildren. Mike's son, Andy, will now run the Fisheries, with the help of long time senior staff members, most with over 20 years experience at the Fisheries. Mike's legacy of his good nature, his quick wit, and kindness to all, will surely continue influencing and motivating all who knew him for their rest of their life. To Mike : **"WE ARE GLAD YOU WERE HERE !!!"**

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3. Please provide a brief biography, resume or any other background information about the nominee including contact information.

Mike moved to downtown Fort Lauderdale (SE 2nd Street) at the age of 13. His mother, Jean D. Hurst, a widowed mother of two boys (Mike and his younger brother, Bill) ran a boarding house for travelers coming to the Fort Lauderdale area for business (the Log House operated on NE 2nd Street until Jean's death in 1979). Mike attended St. Anthony Catholic School, graduating from Central Catholic High School (now St. Thomas Aquinas) in 1949.

He left Florida for college (Michigan State University) earning a bachelor's degree in restaurant management in 1953 and a master's degree in accounting in 1954. After graduation, Mike left for the Army (Quartermaster Corps., United States Army, 1954-1956), then settled for a short time in Chevy Chase, MD (working for Marriott Corporation and also attending classes in business administration at American University) before moving back to Michigan @1960. There he continued building his career in the hospitality industry as Executive Vice President of Win Schuler Restaurants, Inc..

Mike returned to Fort Lauderdale in 1972 with his family to develop and operate one of the first social clubs in Fort Lauderdale, Marina Bay Hotel and Club (floating hotel on houseboats), and the New River Storehouse Restaurant with two business 'silent' partners (Alfred Bloomingdale and Bill McComas). In 1979, he opened 15th Street Fisheries, and traded his share of the Marina Bay partnership for the full ownership/operation of the 15th Street Fisheries, which he personally operated until the day he died in March 2001.

SUMMARY CHRONOLOGY of EXPERIENCE

1949 -1954 Michigan State University, B.A., Restaurant Management, M.A., Accounting
1954 -1956 Lieutenant, U.S. Army Quartermasters Corp., Chicago, IL
1956 -1999 Supervisor of production control, Assistant to First VP, Marriott Corporation, Washington, D.C.
1959 -1970 Executive Vice President, Win Schuler's, Marshall, Michigan
1959 -1970 Part time Instructor, School of Hotel & Restaurant Management, MSU, East Lansing, Michigan
1970 -1972 President, Don the Beachcomber, Los Angeles
1972 -1980 Founder/Owner and VP, Marina Bay Hotel/New River Storehouse Restaurant, Fort Lauderdale, FL
1979 - 2001 Founder and Owner, 15th Street Fisheries Restaurant, Fort Lauderdale, FL
1972 -1999 Professor, Florida International University Chaplin School of Hospitality Management, Miami, FL
1983 Michigan State Alumni of the Year
1984 – 1987 Director, National Institute Foodservice Industry
1986 - 1987 Task Force Leader, Monterey Wine Festival
1979 - 1988 Director, National Restaurant Association:
• Chairman, public relations committee 1980 - 1981
• Membership committee 1981- 1983
• Long-range planning task force 1984 - 1986
• Convention committee 1988-1991
1988 – 1991 Officer, National Restaurant Association:
• Treasurer 1988 - 1989
• Vice president 1989 - 1990
• President 1990 - 1991
1999 - 2000 Chairman, Educational Foundation of the National Restaurant Association
1999 – 2001 Board of Trustees, National Restaurant Association
Xxxx – xxxx Board of Trustees, Culinary Institute of America, Hyde Park, New York
Timeframe unknown: Michael E. Hurst Memorial Scholarship, Culinary Institute of America, Hyde Park, New York, Director, Bill Knapp's Restaurants, Director, HIS Corporation (Boca Raton, FL)



It's hard to believe it's been twenty years since Mike passed away. It's an amazing testament to the character, passion and influence that he had both locally in the hundreds of young men and women he mentored at the 15th Street Fisheries and the hospitality and tourism students he taught at FIU, but also across his industry colleagues and their successors – all keeping his spirit and his philosophy of service and hospitality alive.

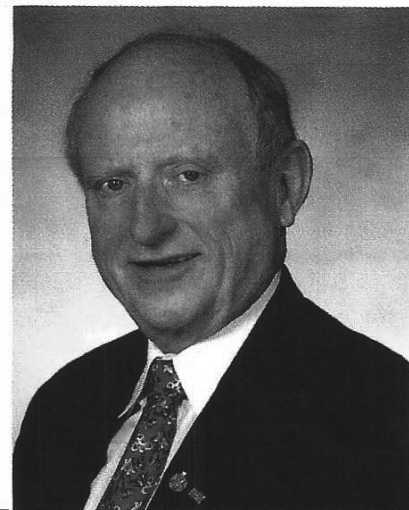
The Fort Lauderdale Walk of Fame is the ultimate recognition for the significant contributions that Mike Hurst made at the local, national, and international level. His passion for the hospitality industry, so vital to the Fort Lauderdale economy, is unparalleled. Mike was the embodiment of hospitality and dedicated his lifetime to the pursuit of education, economic development and civic responsibility to a city he grew up in and in which he raised his family.

*The summary and overview reflected in the three questions above do not come close to depicting the impact of the life and legacy of Michael "Mike" Hurst. Please refer to the attached **Appendix** for a sample of news articles, awards and industry perspectives of the contributions Mike made to his community and to the hospitality industry.*

Anyone that had the pleasure, and the honor, to know Mike Hurst, would agree:



We're Glad HE Was Here!!



Picture of the tribute given to Mike Hurst in early March 2001, by the current and past employees of the 15th Street Fisheries, just days before his death.

Submitted by: Elli Hurst

Phone number: 954-448-2154 Email: ehurst@us.ibm.com



Background material such as nominee biography, resume, media copy, etc. is highly recommended.

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E-mail your submission to:

sspurlock@fortlauderdale.gov



2021 Walk of Fame Honoree Nomination Form

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Name of nominated honoree: Mary Kilpatrick Jackson

Address: 1209 NE 17 Way

City, State, Zip Code: Fort Lauderdale, FL 33304

Home Phone: 954-328-4946 Office: 954-561-4844 Cell: 954-328-4946

Email: maryj@aquachamps.com

2021 Walk of Fame Honoree Nomination Form

1. Please describe the nominee's accomplishments or contributions to the community, paying particular note to the Walk of Fame selection criteria. Provide any examples of civic responsibility, financial contributions, volunteer service, projects accomplished, or other achievements.

***Please See Attached Biography**

2. Why is the nominee deserving of this award?

***Please See Attached Biography**

3. Please provide a brief biography, resume or any other background information about the nominee including contact information.

***Please See Attached Biography**

Submitted by: Daniel Vawter

Phone number: 954-599-4686 Email: danv@aquachamps.com

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It is my distinct pleasure and honor to nominate Mary Kilpatrick Jackson as a Walk of Fame Honoree! I cannot think of anyone more deserving!

Fort Lauderdale is the “Venice of America” with hundreds of miles of canals, a beautiful beachfront and weather to enjoy it 365 days a year. We take pride in waterways, but water is also dangerous for thousands of people. According to the Florida Department of Health drowning is the leading cause of for children under the age of 4, with Florida leading the country! Did you know that annually in Florida, enough children to fill 3-4 preschool classrooms drown before their fifth birthday? It is these heart wrenching statistics that have driven Mary’s passion, for the past four decades, to teach as many people as possible to swim and to educate the community about drowning prevention. Her passion and commitment have led to the success of AquaChamps Swim School, through which she has saved hundreds of thousands of lives.

Mary’s love for teaching swimming started right here on Fort Lauderdale beach at the International Swimming Hall of Fame. As the daughter of “Coach” Jack & Sherrill Nelson, swimming was a part of her life. Mary could swim before she could walk! She grew up swimming for the heralded Fort Lauderdale Swim Team and at the age of 16 she started to teach children and adults how to swim.

Mary Kilpatrick Jackson is a daughter of Fort Lauderdale; not only was she born here, but she has raised her family in this incredible City. She was born in 1969 at Holy Cross Hospital in Fort Lauderdale; through grade school she attended Walker Elementary, Pine Crest & Sunrise Middle School. Mary graduated Fort Lauderdale High School in 1987, and her two daughters are also FLHS Alumni, Rose (2020) and Ella (2023). Her college career eventually led her to San Francisco, California, where she graduated from San Francisco State University with both a Bachelor of Arts in Industrial Arts and an Elementary Education degree.

In 1998 Mary moved back to Fort Lauderdale. Upon returning to Fort Lauderdale with her Elementary Education background, she helped to improve, develop and organize the comprehensive learn to swim programs for the Fort Lauderdale Swim Team at the International Swimming Hall of Fame. Under Mary’s direction the learn-to-swim program became a leader in the swim school industry, which would lead to the development of Jack Nelson Swim School. The new school provided programs for swimmers 3 months to 100 years old; offering

swimming for infants & parents as well as older children & adults looking to improve the technique.

In 2008 Mary and her business partner, Dan Vawter, started AquaChamps Swim School. Under Mary's leadership, AquaChamps developed and operated swimming programs for Lauderdale Yacht Club, Coral Ridge Yacht Club, Lauderdale Isles Yacht Club, Sunrise Middle School, Bethany Christian School and Lighthouse Point Yacht & Racquet Club.

Mary's dedication to educating the community about drowning prevention & water safety has propelled AquaChamps Swim School as a leader in the swim school industry. In May 2020 AquaChamps found a new home, Mary opened the door to a new, state-of-the-art aquatic facility in Oakland Park. The new home provides a place where Mary and her team's vision is on full display; offering everyone that walks through its doors the "AquaChamps' experience!"

AquaChamps offers a variety of aquatic programs for all ages and abilities year round. They offer private lessons and group classes for people looking to swim and for proficient swimmers looking to improve technique. Mary and her team have also developed the AquaTism program, for children on the spectrum, and AquaStars for swimmers with special needs. Mary has taught other swim schools around the world how to make adaptive aquatics a part of their curriculum. AquaChamps is also the exclusive facility for Holy Cross Hospital's water therapy. AquaChamps also offers water aerobics, swim camps, drowning prevention classes and other parenting classes.

Mary has worked tirelessly with Dr. Bill Kent and the Broward Chapter Florida Swimming Pool Association to launch the "Every Child a Swimmer" Scholarship. This is a \$500 scholarship for any person 3 months – 100 years old that wants to learn to swim. Mary is dedicated to making quality swimming lessons accessible and affordable!

Mary continues to give back to her community she is a proud member of the United States Swim School Association, National Drowning Prevention Alliance and the Florida Swimming Pool Association.

As you can see, Fort Lauderdale has played, and continues to play a major part in Mary Kilpatrick Jackson's story. It is only fitting that

Mary Kilpatrick Jackson be honored with a brick on the beach where her career and commitment to swimming and drowning prevention started!
Thank you for your consideration!



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Name of nominated honoree: Brewster Knott

Address: 400 SW 1st Avenue

City, State, Zip Code: Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301

Home Phone: 202-320-2203 Office: _____ Cell: 202-320-2203

Email: Brewster@yachtsalesinternational.com

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I have known Brewster for 8 years and I don't know another person who loves Fort Lauderdale more than him. His passion for Fort Lauderdale cannot be compared, his love for the community is unmatched and the effort he puts forth into highlighting the beauty of everything our 'Beach City' has to offer is unwavering. Ever since he was a property manager at New River Yacht Club until his current position now as Marketing Director for Yacht Sales International (based out of their New River office), Brewster has always given back to the community and brought outsiders in. Whether that was hosting gatherings for friends, families and local businesses at New River Yacht Club, his volunteering for the trash collection up at the beach or his latest feat in participating in a charity event paddling boarding from Bimini to Lake Worth. For Crossing For Cystic Fibrosis, Brewster has gathered small businesses in Fort Lauderdale to participate in sponsorship, he's planning fund-raising events to gathering support from the community and doing an amazing job marketing Yacht Sales International involvement with The Crossing on social media; Yacht Sales International is a Fort Lauderdale based company.

2. Why is the nominee deserving of this award?

Because Brewster has a passion for connecting people. He is by far, without a doubt the most gifted person I've come across when it comes to connecting people from different backgrounds and differing points of view. With that gift, all the networking and connecting he does is centered around his love for Fort Lauderdale and the community. There is no one more deserving of this award.

3. Please provide a brief biography, resume or any other background information about the nominee including contact information.

Brewster was the property manager at New River Yacht Club for many years. He is involved in several different volunteer opportunities in Fort Lauderdale and is currently the Marketing Director for Yacht Sales International.

Submitted by: Peter Mercatanti

Phone number: 954-504-7723 Email: Pmercatanti@gmail.com

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Walk of Fame 2021 Cover



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1. Name of nominated honoree

Juliette Lippman

2. Address

777 BAYSHORE DR

3. City, State, Zip Code

FORT LAUDERDALE

4. Home Phone

9545638796

5. Office Phone

9546172317

6. Cell Phone

9542421325

7. Email

jel@kblglaw.com

8. Please describe the nominee's accomplishments or contributions to the community, paying particular note to the Walk of Fame selection criteria. Provide any examples of civic responsibility, financial contributions, volunteer service, projects accomplished, or other achievements.

Juliette's accomplishments are from her time that she has been practicing law here in Fort Lauderdale to her being the President and Head Chair for the Children's Diagnostic & Treatment Center here in Fort Lauderdale. She has been in that position for many years and has devoted herself to serving thousands of families who are less fortunate than many. CDTC is just one of many. She has a star in front of the Broward County School board building and was inducted in to the Broward County Woman's Hall of Fame. She was also the past president for The Florida Bar Foundation and is currently active with other local clubs. Please review the link to her BIO from her firms website. <https://kblglaw.com/juliette-e-lippman-florida-family-law-attorney/>

9. Why is the nominee deserving of this award?

Her relentless efforts to make life better for everyone around her.

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<https://kblglaw.com/juliette-e-lippman-florida-family-law-attorney/>

11. Submitted by

Barry Abramowitz

12. Phone Number

(954) 465-3354

13. Email Address

barrysabramowitz@gmail.com

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Name: DEBORAH GREENBAUM NOMINATING JOHN D. MACDONALD

Address: 424 NE 12th AVE

City, State, Zip Code: FT. LAUDERDALE, FL 33301

Home Phone: 954-728-8757 Office: _____ Cell: _____

Email: DZUBEG@AOL.COM

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JOHN D. MACDONALD - AUTHOR

A PROLIFIC WRITER, WHO SOLD 70 MILLION BOOKS IN HIS CAREER. HE WROTE 21 NOVELS ABOUT TRAVIS MCGEE, SET IN FT. LAUDERDALE AND SURROUNDING AREAS. MACDONALD WAS AN ENVIRONMENTALIST WHO TRULY LOVED FLORIDA. HIS BOOKS BRING POSITIVE RECOGNITION TO FT. LAUDERDALE AND ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO VISIT, CERTAINLY AS MUCH, OR GREATER, THAN "WHERE THE BOYS ARE." HE DESERVES RECOGNITION.

2. Why is the nominee deserving of this award?

JOHN D. MACDONALD CREATED AN ICONIC FICTIONAL CHARACTER, TRAVIS MCGEE, WHO LIVED ON A HOUSEBOAT CALLED "THE BUSTED FLUSH," DOCKED AT THE BAHIA MAR MARINA, SLIP 18. FT. LAUDERDALE FEATURED PREMINANTLY IN HIS BOOKS, AS DOES HIS LOVE FOR FLORIDA'S ECOLOGY AND DEEP CONCERN FOR ITS ENVIRONMENT.

3. Please provide a brief biography, resume or any other background information about the nominee including contact information.

THIS WOULD BE A POST-HUMOUS RECOGNITION, AS MACDONALD DIED IN 1986.

BORN IN PENNSYLVANIA, MBA FROM HARVARD, SERVED IN WWII, MOVED TO FLORIDA IN 1949. HIS WRITINGS ARE STEEPED IN A LOVE OF FLORIDA. CARL HIAASEN WROTE "MOST READERS LOVED MACDONALD'S WORK BECAUSE HE TOLD A RIP-ROARING YARN. I LOVED IT BECAUSE HE WAS THE FIRST MODERN WRITER TO NAIL FLORIDA DEAD-CENTER..."

Submitted by: DEBORAH GREENBAUM

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To: [Angela Sabina](#); [Karen Newhart](#)
Cc: [Chaz Adams](#); [Tim McGovern](#)
Subject: FW: [-EXTERNAL-] Walk of Fame 2020
Date: Monday, March 09, 2020 11:37:31 AM

From: Tom Rumore <rumore@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 7, 2020 11:23 PM
To: Tim McGovern <TMcGovern@fortlauderdale.gov>
Subject: [-EXTERNAL-] Walk of Fame 2020

I was just told that John D. MacDonald has been nominated for a place on the Walk of Fame. As an avid fan of his, dating back to the 1960's, I would urge you to support his election to that great honor.

Many contemporary writers have credited much of their success to what they learned either directly from him, or from his many, many novels and non-fiction books.

I believe this son of Fort Lauderdale truly deserves to be recognized for his long and storied career.

Thank you for your consideration.



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Name: Barbara Markley

Address: 2416 Middle River Drive

City, State, Zip Code: Fort Lauderdale, FL 33305

Home Phone: (954)609-7928 Office: _____ Cell: _____

Email: barbaramarkley@bellsouth.net

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1. Please describe the nominee's accomplishments or contributions to the community. Examples include civic responsibility, financial contributions, volunteer service, projects accomplished, or other categories.

Accomplishments: 33 years as a Family Law attorney and Mediator; Mother of two accomplished adults; 13 years on the Board of Trustees for the Florida Children's Theatre. Barbara is one of Fort Lauderdale/Broward County's most accomplished citizen activists fighting gun violence through work with Moms Demand Action and as Co-Chair for the Gun Safety Committee of the League of Women Voters of Broward County. Barbara's numerous protests of the gun shows at the War Memorial undoubtedly helped bring attention and change - convincing the City Commission to bring more family friendly activities to Holiday Park.

The League of Women Voters Lock it Up! program, created by Barbara, is an effort to encourage safe storage of firearms by gun owners, thus hopefully decreasing the number of gun deaths and injuries. Lock it Up! has been adopted by 190 partners around Broward County, who have either agreed to distribute free gun locks, educational brochures, or both - including Fort Lauderdale City Commissioners, who have allowed Barbara to speak at their district meetings and have distributed the brochure through newsletters. To date, approximately 26,000 brochures and 11,000 gun locks have been given away.

2. Why is the nominee deserving of this award?

Extraordinary courage, perseverance and true grit are the reasons why Barbara Markley (lawyer/mom/wife/author/patron of the arts) transformed from a South Floridian we might not know or hear about to one who certainly deserves to be honored on the Walk of Fame. Fort Lauderdale has been her town for 32 years. Her push to make Fort Lauderdale a safer place to live, work, and play for everyone has led her to create some out of the box solutions which have translated from pipe dreams and possibilities to realities, in just a few years' time. Fort Lauderdale is on the map as a city which took the bold step to say no to gun shows and yes to family-friendly sports activities. It is on the map for saying yes to helping spread the word about keeping firearms locked and away from small children. And it's on the map for being a city that would listen to its citizens - Barbara and those she organized - when it was clear that creating family-friendly spaces in city parks made more sense than selling guns in those same parks. Through her commitment to civic responsibility and love for the city, Barbara has made her mark. She has helped to make Fort Lauderdale better, safer, and more attractive for generations to come.

3. Please provide a brief biography, resume or any other background information about the nominee including contact information.

Please see the attached resume for Barbara Markley.

Submitted by: Katy Syed (954)918-9944

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SUBMIT

Barbara Markley

954-609-7928 | barbaramarkley@bellsouth.net

Fort Lauderdale, FL 33305

Family Law Attorney/Certified Mediator/Award-winning Author with thirty-three years' experience. Excellent organizational, communication, administrative, writing, negotiating, and interpersonal skills.

Dynamic Community Organizer and Public Speaker with experience in organizing events/ outreach programs, writing program materials, networking, maximizing resources, grant-writing, developing partnerships, coordinating grassroots support, training staff, and presenting educational seminars to the public.

EXPERIENCE

Barbara Markley, P.A. | Fort Lauderdale, FL 2003 – Present
Self-Employed Attorney/Mediator

Broward County Support Enforcement Division | Fort Lauderdale, FL
1996-2002
Attorney III
1990-1994

Law Office of Robert J. Moraitis, P.A. | Fort Lauderdale, FL
1994-1996
Associate Attorney

EDUCATION

Juris Doctor (JD)
Tulane School of Law | New Orleans, LA

Bachelor of Arts with Honors (BA) English
Tulane University | New Orleans, LA

COMMUNITY

Co-Chair, League of Women Voters of Broward County, Gun Safety Committee 2017-present
Designed *Lock it Up!* program, a comprehensive, non-partisan gun safety campaign to encourage Broward County residents to lock up their guns to protect

children through distribution of free gun locks and educational brochures. In one year, acquired over 200 community partners, educated 6,000 people about gun safety, and distributed 26,000 brochures and 13,000 gun locks.

Board of Directors, Ex Officio Parent Member, FCAAP

July 2019-present

Board of Trustees, Florida Children's Theatre

2006-present

AWARDS/HONORS

2019 Florida Civic Advance, Honorable Mention for *Lock it Up!* Program

2019 LWV Florida Power of Women Award

2019 LWV Broward Excellence in Leadership Award

2019 Recognized in Congressional Record by Congressman Ted Deutch for *Lock it Up!* Program

2019 Recipient of Florida American Legion Grant for *Lock it Up!* Program (\$5,000.00)

PUBLISHED BOOKS

Accidental Activist: Justice for the Groveland Four, Co-Author

Jamie Quinn Mystery Series (Books 1-6)

Quirky Essays for Quirky People (Volumes 1-3)

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1. Name of nominated honoree

Charles F. McKirahan

2. Address

37 Isle Bahia, Charles McKirahan Residence. Last residence in 1964

3. City, State, Zip Code

Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316-232

4. Home Phone

Not answered

5. Office Phone

Not answered

6. Cell Phone

(000) 000-0000

7. Email

mckirahan.rob@gmail.com

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- Contributing to the quality of life for our citizens

Despite his short professional career, McKirahan caused a strong influence on other contemporary architects. For his brilliant but fleeting appearance, Randall Robinson, co-author of the book MiMo, calls Charles McKirahan the "Supernova of South Florida". one of the modern architects with unique, more productive, technically innovative and imaginative designs of the time.

- Bringing positive recognition to the City, locally, nationally and Internationally

Historians of modern American architecture of the mid-20th century characterize him as one of the modern architects with unique, more productive, technically innovative and imaginative designs of the time. With its license registered in 10 U.S. states, McKirahan designs almost all types: affordable and exclusive single-family residences, gas stations, public buildings, elementary schools, offices, shopping centers and doctors, restaurants, banks, hospitals, temples, automotive dealerships, golf and entertainment clubs, motels and hotels that transcend nearby counties: Miami-Dade, Miami, Tampa, Palm Beach; ten U.S. states have been able to do so. USA; until internationalization: Bahamas, Jamaica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Mexico, Honduras, Costa Rica, Brazil, and Ecuador.

- Making Fort Lauderdale a place to live, work, or play

In Broward County, prominent real estate firm Coral Ridge Properties hired McKirahan to design hundreds of single-family homes from prototypes and low- and high-rise apartment buildings, starting thus an immense and productive body of works. Even today, it is enough to be located at any point in the city of Fort Lauderdale and you can point in many directions to the hundreds of houses, apartments and cooperatives he designed.

- Encouraging people to visit Fort Lauderdale and Florida as a destination of choice.

McKirahan buildings with, or in the process of obtaining, Heritage Registration status: Charles Foster McKirahan Neighborhood in Vermont; Atlantic Bond Offices; Times Square Shopping Center; Blue Water Hotel; Manhattan Tower Hotel; Polynesian Restaurant Mai Kai; Bay Harbor Club Condos; Bay Harbor Continental; Birch Tower and Birch House; Hotel Quito in Quito Ecuador. With the exceptions noted, all of the other projects are in Fort Lauderdale and Broward County.

9. Why is the nominee deserving of this award?

McKirahan was a larger than life figure.

His architecture firm, headquartered in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, was active for only 11 years, being dismantled after its tragic disappearance in 1964 when it was 44 years old. However, that decade was enough time to create an impressive body of work that led him from being an architect who started with small residential works to become a project designer in 10 American States and 9 other countries.

In 1962 The Miami Herald stated that McKirahan's office was among the 100 highest-income architectural firms in the United States. On his death, McKirahan was "Florida's highest-paid architect and one of the best known." Its office had 104 people and satellite offices in the Bahamas, Brazil and Chicago.

Fort Lauderdale lamented his accidental death as a city-wide duel. He was the pride of his adopted city and was so popular that his obituary indicated "McKirahan died". You didn't even need to write your profession or full name.

It was McKirahan.

10. Please provide a brief biography, resume or any other background information about the nominee including contact information.

- 1919 Charles Foster McKirahan was born in March of 1919 in Tulsa, Oklahoma
- 1937-1939 studied at Oklahoma State University. Oklahoma A&M
- 1941 Married Lucille Woodland. They had two sons, Charles, Jr. and Robert
- 1943-1946 Service: During World War II, he served for three years as a U.S. Army Captain-Civil Engineer with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Hawaii, Guam, Japan, New Guinea y Biak-Indonesia, Cebu y Luzon-Filipinas, Australia.
- 1947. completed a B.S. degree in architecture from the University of Illinois University of Illinois, 1940, 1941, 1946.
- 1947-1948 Associate, Harrison & Gill,
- 1950 A member of the American Institute of Architects, Broward Chapter
- 1951-52 Began his career at the respected firm of Gamble, Pownall & Gilroy, employed as chief draftsman.
- 1947 Moved to Fort Lauderdale that same year, Lucille, also an architect, Lucille
- 1951 forming the partnership of Wimer & McKirahan
- 1953 solo practice opened his own highly lucrative firm in Fort Lauderdale Americans were looking squarely toward a brighter future. In Florida

- Registered FL, NY, MI, IL, OK, DC, MA, GA, MD, OH; NCARB Certified.
- 1958 his firm boasted 100-plus employees and satellite offices in the Bahamas, Brazil, and Chicago
- 1960? Married Marilou (Hodges?)
- 1962 US's 100 Top-money architectural firms (The Miami Herald, Sunday July 31, 1963)
- 1964 killed in a West Palm Beach auto accident Wednesday, February 12, 1964. Driving his Chrysler Station Wagon on the Florida Turnpike, , he lost control of the car, jumped a guardrail, and collided with a post supporting an overpass
- He was just 44 years old leaving behind "an astounding legacy of architectural masterpieces
- McKirahan was responsible for well over one hundred buildings
- Upon his death, McKirahan was "Florida's highest-paid architect and one of the best known, nationally and internationally.

NOTES:

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2. I entered Robert McKirahan's phone number as nominee phone number.
- 3.

11. Submitted by

Mauricio Luzuriaga

12. Phone Number

(000) 000-0000

13. Email Address

mluzuriaga@usfq.edu.ec

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Charles Foster McKirahan, deceased

2. Address

N/A

3. City, State, Zip Code

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N/A

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N/A

7. Email

N/A

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See attached.

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See attached.

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See attached.

11. Submitted by

Randall Robinson

12. Phone Number

(305) 506-7327

13. Email Address

thisisrr@gmail.com

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8. Nominee's accomplishments or contributions

• Contributing to the quality of life for our citizens

Charles F. McKirahan is one of the most productive, technically innovative and imaginative modern architects of post WWII era. Despite his short professional career, McKirahan left an indelible stamp on the regional architecture of the era. The book *MiMo, Miami Modern Revealed* calls Charles McKirahan the "South Florida South Supernova". His portentous work makes McKirahan one of the biggest representatives of a regional period that has come to be known Miami Modern or MiMo, the southern Florida regional variation of the postwar Modern era. As the region's response to the International Style it was often characterized by the employment utilitarian elements made whimsical, of buildings and interiors as glamorous movie set backdrops, all in the service of a cult of fun in the subtropics. It's high time the over 6-foot-tall redhead Charles McKirahan be inducted into the pantheon of esteemed South Florida mid-century architects that includes Morris Lapidus, Igor Polevitzky, Alfred Browning Parker, Robert Hansen, Bill Bigoney, and a host of others.

• Bringing positive recognition to the City, locally, nationally and internationally and Making Fort Lauderdale a place to live, work, or play

With his license registered in ten U.S. states, McKirahan designed almost all architectural typologies: affordable and exclusive single-family residences, gas stations, public buildings, elementary schools, offices, shopping centers and doctors, restaurants, banks, hospitals, temples, automotive dealerships, golf and entertainment clubs, motels and hotels that transcend nearby counties: Miami-Dade, Miami, Tampa, Palm Beach; ten U.S. states; until internationalization: Bahamas, Jamaica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Mexico, Honduras, Costa Rica, Brazil and Ecuador.

• Encouraging people to visit Fort Lauderdale as a destination of choice.

McKirahan buildings with or in the process of obtaining Heritage Registration status: Charles Foster McKirahan Neighborhood in Vermont; Atlantic Bond Offices; Times Square Shopping Center; Blue Water Hotel; Manhattan Tower Hotel; Polynesian Restaurant Mai Kai; Bay Harbor Club Condos; Bay Harbor Continental; Birch Tower and Birch House; Hotel Quito in Quito-Ecuador. With two exceptions, all other projects are in Broward County.

9. Why is the nominee deserving of this award?

He was bigger than life ...

His architectural firm, headquartered in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, was active for only 11 years, being dismantled after his tragic death in 1964 at 44 years old. However, that decade was enough time to create an impressive body of work that led him from being an architect who started with small residential works to become a project designer in 10 American states and 9 countries.

In 1962 The Miami Herald realized that McKirahan's office was among the 100 highest-income architectural firms in the United States. On his death, McKirahan was "Florida's highest-paid architect and one of the best known." Its office had 104 people and satellite offices in the Bahamas, Brazil and Chicago.

His passing was lamented city-wide. He was the pride of his adopted city and was so popular that his obituary simply indicated "McKirahan died".

10. Brief biography

- 1919 Charles Foster McKirahan was born in March of 1919 in Tulsa, Oklahoma.
- 1937-1939 studied at Oklahoma State University. Oklahoma A&M.
- 1941 Married Lucille Woodland. They had two sons, Charles, Jr. and Robert.
- 1943-1946 Service: During World War II, he served for three years as a U.S. Army Captain-Civil Engineer with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Hawaii, Guam, Japan, New Guinea y Biak-Indonesia, Cebu y Luzon-Filipinas, Australia
- 1947. completed a B.S. degree in architecture from the University of Illinois University of Illinois.
- 1947 Moved to Fort Lauderdale that same year, Lucille, also an architect, Lucille, was renowned for creating impressive renderings that would help clinch the job With WWII ended, development —both commercial and residential — was booming.
- 1947-1948 Architect Associate at Harrison & Gill.
- 1950 A member of the American Institute of Architects, Broward Chapter
- 1951-52 Began his career at the respected firm of Gamble, Pownall & Gilroy, employed as chief draftsman.
- 1951 Formed of Wimer & McKirahan partnership.
- 1953 solo practice opened his own firm in Fort Lauderdale. Americans were looking squarely toward a brighter future. In Florida, plenty of vacant land was ready to accommodate the droves of eager vacationers who needed places to stay and play, plus the masses of would-be homeowners anxious for a place to settle down. McKirahan was ready to oblige.
- Registered FL, NY, MI, IL, OK, DC, MA, GA, MD, OH; NCARB Certified.
- 1958 During major recession since the Great Depression. his firm boasted 100-plus employees and satellite offices in the Bahamas, Brazil, and Chicago
- 1960 Married Marilou (Hodges?)
- 1962 US's 100 Top-money architectural firms (The Miami Herald, Sunday July 31, 1963.
- 1964 killed in a West Palm Beach auto accident Wednesday, February 12, 1964, while driving his Chrysler Station Wagon on the Florida Turnpike, He was just 44 years old y his career was at its highest point.
McKirahan was responsible for well over one hundred buildings.
- He left behind "an astounding legacy of architectural masterpieces."



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Name: Amy Medolici

Address: 5100 N. Ocean Blvd #402

City, State, Zip Code: Lauderdale Sea FL 33308

Home Phone: _____ Office: _____ Cell: 678.294.1473

Email: amedolici@aol.com

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JoAnn Medake has been the eyes of the beach for the past 40 years. She resided on NE 17 St, on the finger streets for 20 years before moving to the Herborge Condominium in 2000. During all that time she has constantly been attempting to improve the beach area. She instituted the first sea oats planting on Ft. Lauderdale beach arranging for the Ft. Lauderdale High School Ecology Club to plant the first sea oats at NE 19th Street. JoAnn has constantly been in contact with the City Manager & Commissioners regarding improvements to the beach area. JoAnn served as an assistant to the city manager under Connie Hoffman. She has served on →

2. Why is the nominee deserving of this award?

JoAnn has worked for the past 40 plus years to improve Ft. Lauderdale Beach.

3. Please provide a brief biography, resume or any other background information about the nominee including contact information.

JoAnn has resided in Ft. Lauderdale since 1960 & has constantly been a civic activist attempting to improve the city. She was one of the leaders in the project to make the City of Ft. Lauderdale the best city in the nation.
Contact info: 3055 Herbor Dr #801 cell: 954-651-4627
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33314 email: beachmedake@aol.com

Submitted by: JoAnn Medake

Background material such as nominee biography, resume, media copy, etc. is highly recommended.

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the Parks & Recreation Committee of the City for many terms. She was instrumental in removing motorized scooters from the beach area. JoAnn has attempted for many years to have the pedestrian bridge at Bahia Mar restored & improved.



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Name of nominated honoree: Jo Ann Medalie

Address: 3055 Harbor Dr, 801

City, State, Zip Code: Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33316

Home Phone: 954-651-4627 Office: 954-522-5303 Cell: 954-651-4627

Email: beachmedali@aol.com

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2. Why is the nominee deserving of this award?

Jo Ann has, for the past 40 years, constantly been active in improving Ft. Lauderdale Beach and the community at large.

3. Please provide a brief biography, resume or any other background information about the nominee including contact information.

Jo Ann has resided in Ft. Lauderdale since 1960 and has constantly been a civic activist attempting to improve the City. She was one of the leaders in the project to make the City of Ft. Lauderdale the best city in the nation.

Her contact information is: 3055 Harbour Dr., 801, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33316; cell 954-651-4627; email beachmedalie@aol.com

Submitted by: Donald B. Medalie

Phone number: 954-522-5303 Email: dmedalie@medalielaw.com

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Name of nominated honoree: Angine Moss

Address: 5544 Pembroke Road,

City, State, Zip Code: West Park, FL 33023

Home Phone: _____ Office: (954) 300-1370 Cell: 954-687-4414

Email: hosanna4youth@gmail.com

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Angine Moss is the founder of a not-for-profit organization Hosanna Corporation. Hosanna Corporation was designed to make a positive impact on the lives of young people who are considered "at risk" through programs geared towards health, wellness, and personal development. Their goal is to change lives, reunite families, and rebuild communities. Hosanna4Youth is program under Hosanna Inc. that raise awareness about incest, molestation and rape. Angine Moss is a survivor of rape and molestation. She wants individuals who are impacted or affected by incest, molestation or rape that they should NO longer be silent.. SPEAK UP and IT ' S OK TO TELL! Hosanna Corporation provides programs to help the community. The program consist of EXPOSED The Conversation, Survivor Stroll, T.O.U.C.H.E.D. (women support group), H.U.G.S. LGBTG+ youth support group and Maximized Fitness. These programs are created to connect and support the diversity and those affected within our communities. Hosanna Corporation was been nominated for various award and honors within Broward County for over a few years. They have volunteered and dedicated their time and services to within communities, companies, & nonprofits.

2. Why is the nominee deserving of this award?

Angine Moss goes out into the communities motivating, inspiring, educating, raising awareness, providing resources, praying and advocating for victims and families who are affected by incest, molestation and rape, a " touchy topic " that people choose not to talk about. She provides individuals with love, hope, and support ensuring them that they are no longer " victim " but they are now SURVIVORS. Angine is respected and admired for her transparency, strength and boldness. She has touch the lives of so many people. She encourage individuals to SPEAK UP & SPEAK OUT. Angine has hosted and spoke at numerous events, conferences, seminars, schools, and meetings across Florida and several other states. Angine Moss is the face of Hosanna Corporation and "voice" for the " voiceless! " She is making a positive impact in the lives of the individuals who are hurting within our community.

3. Please provide a brief biography, resume or any other background information about the nominee including contact information.

Angine Moss is a female entrepreneur in the Broward County. She is the owner of ACM Group Inc. and founder of a not-for-profit organization Hosanna Corporation. She has previous worked for Broward County. She was hosted and became a motivational speaker for various companies and non profits. She hold a plethora or honors, awards , and acknowledgements.

Office number: (954) 300-1370

hosanna4youth@gmail.com

Submitted by: Toccara Foster

Phone number: 954-226-2815 Email: fostetl@gmail.com

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Name of nominated honoree: Hon. Frank A. Orlando (retired)

Address: 2500 East Las Olas Blvd., #806

City, State, Zip Code: Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

Home Phone: _____ Office: _____ Cell: 954-294-0158

Email: forlando2500@gmail.com, mjopa@aol.com

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Since his appointment to the juvenile court in 1968 within the city of Fort Lauderdale and eventually his ascension to the Circuit Court of Broward county, Judge Frank A. Orlando has been a tireless advocate for the at-risk youth of Fort Lauderdale. He not only was a voice for detention reform and more scientific methods of addressing delinquency but also started a non-profit program initially called FOSI (Florida Oceans and Sciences Institute) and now, AMI Kids of Greater Fort Lauderdale. For over 50 years this day treatment program has been partnered with Florida's Department of Juvenile Justice and situated in District IV of Fort Lauderdale. For over 50 years this program has helped transform the lives of at-risk youth to productive members of society. He successfully wove the idea of bringing the local marine industries in to the lives of the youth thereby paving their way to a brighter future and opening their eyes to the world. Part of the curriculum involved introducing these youth to many community leaders but also scuba diving the reefs of our coast. The youth have also volunteered on many local initiatives planting mangrove saplings in our port to beach and reef clean up events. Along the way Judge Frank Orlando became a nationally recognized and distinguished expert in the field of youth policy. In short, he has made Fort Lauderdale a better place.

2. Why is the nominee deserving of this award?

Judge Orlando's efforts have brought about change for the better of our community by tirelessly advocating for better and more effective ways to address juvenile delinquency. He helped bring about detention reform and more effective means of addressing the issue of juvenile crime, thus making our city more safe. His methods brought community and marine industry leaders onto the board which helped steer the program for over 50 years. This blending of bringing mandated consequences by the court together with community leaders provided the youth with and education and opened their eyes to the many resources the city has to offer away from crime and thus, a better way of life.

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Frank Orlando is a pioneer in many ways. His family moved to Broward county in 1942 and, with the exception of college and his work in Tallahassee as an assistant attorney general, he has been a life long resident. He is an army veteran having served in the Korean War. He is a Graduate of S. Broward High School and the University of Florida and its College of Law. He was appointed to the Juvenile Court in 1968 and has been a resident of the City ever since. Following his retirement as a judge in 1988 he joined the Anne E. Cassey Foundation and became a nationally recognized policy expert on juvenile policy.

Submitted by: Michael and Kristine Orlando, his children

Phone number: 9543838555 Email: mjopa@aol.com

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1. Name of nominated honoree

Brittany Poitier

2. Address

5281 NE 14TH AVE

3. City, State, Zip Code

Pompano Beach, FL, 33064

4. Home Phone

(561) 572-5605

5. Office Phone

Not answered

6. Cell Phone

(561) 572-5605

7. Email

brittanypracingllc@gmail.com

8. Please describe the nominee's accomplishments or contributions to the community, paying particular note to the Walk of Fame selection criteria. Provide any examples of civic responsibility, financial contributions, volunteer service, projects accomplished, or other achievements.

Ms. Brittany Poitier truly has a heart for people. She has dedicated her entire life giving back to the Communities of Broward County and does her best to ensure that every person she encounters, have his or her Social, Emotional, and Environmental needs met.

Ms. Poitier currently works for the Broward County Public School District as a Community Liaison, an Equity Liaison, a Youth Mental Health First Aider, a Broward County Public Schools Trauma Support Stakeholder, a Student Support SAFE Personnel, Broadview Elementary S.H.I.N.E Mentorship Coordinator, Broadview Elementary Equity Youth Leadership Coordinator, a member of Broadview Elementary Student, Family, and Community Support Team, and a Title I Read and Rise Literacy Facilitator. In 2013 Ms. Poitier received her Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from the University of Phoenix, on May 15th, 2021 she is receiving her Master's Degree in Human Services Counseling with a concentration in Marriage and Family Therapy from Liberty University, and in July of 2021 she will begin her journey at Andersonville Theological Seminary working towards a Doctoral Degree in Christian Counseling.

Ms. Poitier, a mother of three amazing children, has a passion for educating the public surrounding Autism and ADHD Awareness, Youth Mental Health Awareness, Depression Awareness, Self-Care, Literacy Awareness, and Equity and Diversity for all. Ms. Poitier has been a member of the National Autism Society since 2012, and proudly dedicates her time Advocating for individuals with Special Needs. Additionally, in November of 2016 Ms. Poitier received her Certificate of Ordination from the National Association of Christian Ministers and is now an Internationally Recognized Ordained Minister.

Aside from being the President of a Non-Profit Organization called Do It From The Heart Inc. where she makes it her priority to get involved in the South Florida Communities by donating school supplies to children and local school, hosting and speaking at events geared to educate the youth surrounding the important of investing in one's physical, social, emotional, and mental stability, and providing resources to help local families in need; Ms. Poitier is also the CEO of Brittany P. Racing LLC which is a Drag Racing Performance Company, and she is one of the elite few of African American Women Race Car Diver's who Drag Race in both the International Hot Rod Association (IHRA) and the National Hot Rod Association (NHRA).

Ms. Poitier uses her Drag Racing to spread awareness everywhere she goes. She visits various schools and community events with her race car and a fun interactive presentation that teaches children about literacy awareness while incorporating a fun STEM Lesson geared towards the science behind Drag Racing. She allow the children to try on her helmet and equipment, provide fun science activities, and maker it her priority to encourage the students and let them know that they can be anything they want to be in life. Each of them are special and have a unique gift that must be spread to the world

Mrs. Poitier was the 2019-2020 Broward County Public Schools Non-Instructional Employee of the Year, and she was one of five Finalist for the 2020 State of Florida Department of Education Non Instructional Employee of The Year Award. Ms. Poitier is a true believer that, "All Things are Possible if You Believe in Yourself, and Never Lose Sight of Your Goals."

9. Why is the nominee deserving of this award?

Brittany is so selfless. She is a single mother with 3 special needs children, however she does not let that stop her from being a staple in the lives of her children and others. She treats everyone she come into contact with as her family and she is always eager to give back in any form she can. She never looks for public recognition, however God always find a way to make her light shine. She's so humble, and she always say that she loves helping people because she feel as though this is why God placed her on this earth. She is a gem and truly deserve to be recognized for all that she do for the children, families, and communities of Broward County!

10. Please provide a brief biography, resume or any other background information about the nominee including contact information.

Please visit her websites to read her biography, see pictures of Brittany giving back to the community, and to learn more about her efforts

<https://www.brittanypracing.com/>

<https://www.doitfromtheheartinc.com/>

also feel free to view her Instagram account at

brittanyp.racing

11. Submitted by

Ella Poitier

12. Phone Number

(954) 427-6610

13. Email Address

ellapoitier49@gmail.com

14. Background material such as nominee biography, resume, media copy, etc. is highly recommended. Please feel free to attach additional sheets here.

Thank you,

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Name of nominated honoree: Bruce A. Quailey

Address: 3696 N. Federal Hwy Ste 200

City, State, Zip Code: Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33308

Home Phone: _____ Office: 954-566-7485 Cell: 954-980-8037

Email: www.flbandmtg.com/

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1. On the board of Parks and Recreation in Fort Lauderdale for many, many years.
2. On the board of the Coral Ridge Homeowners Ass. for over 20 years still present.
3. Volunteered for Bruce Roberts + George Moriatis elections.
4. Little League coach for over 6 years.

2. Why is the nominee deserving of this award?

He is extremely dedicated and hardworking in his field (Mortgage Broker). and his seats on multiple boards here in Fort Lauderdale. Always sets an exemplary example for others by his passion, friendliness and willing to help others.

3. Please provide a brief biography, resume or any other background information about the nominee including contact information.

Florida Bond and Mortgage Vice-President.
On the Home Owners Board of Coral Ridge Country Club Estates
Was on the Board of Parks + Recreation for the City of Ft Lauderdale for many years.

Submitted by: Anonymous

Phone number: _____ Email: _____

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1. Name of nominated honoree

Steven Savor

2. Address

600 Isle of Palms

3. City, State, Zip Code

Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

4. Home Phone

Not answered

5. Office Phone

Not answered

6. Cell Phone

954-881-0702

7. Email

stevensavor@bellsouth.net

8. Please describe the nominee's accomplishments or contributions to the community, paying particular note to the Walk of Fame selection criteria. Provide any examples of civic responsibility, financial contributions, volunteer service, projects accomplished, or other achievements.

It was with great honor that I nominate Steve Savor to the Ft. Lauderdale Walk of Fame for 2021. Mr. Savor has donated hundreds of hours of time, in addition to charitable donations over the last two decades planning, sponsoring and advising on numerous events that benefit the citizens of this city and those who come to visit. His donation of time and funds and creative ideas has improved the quality of life for Ft. Lauderdale's citizens and its visitors not only with the entertainment aspect, but preserving the history of the city and improving the lives of so many who are the beneficiaries of the his charity work. Notably he has been a board member of the Winterfest Boat Parade for 15 years and has been a major sponsor year after year. In addition, he has been a Executive Board Member of Fort Lauderdale International Film Festival (FLIFF) and the namesake of Savor Cinema which was updated with his direction and financial donation a few years ago. The historical aspect of Savor Cinema was preserved and is now a popular theater venue hosting many events that are enjoyed by not only the citizens of Fort Lauderdale, but also the residents of surrounding areas. He has an open door to people from all over the world for them to enjoy events hosted at his home and they return year after year for his gracious and generous hospitality. He was honored in 2018 and was the recipient of the Marti Huizenga Humanitarian Award and recognized for being a compassionate leader and on-going contributor to the quality of life in Broward County.

9. Why is the nominee deserving of this award?

Mr. Savor couldn't be more deserving of this award. He has made a positive impact improving the quality of life in Ft. Lauderdale through his involvement as a board member of Winterfest and FLIFF and the namesake of Savor Cinema, but also through his generosity in hosting, planning and underwriting many charity events that benefits those in need, including but not limited to the following:

Winterfest Boat Parade
Fort Lauderdale International Film Festival
Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation
Victory Living
Habitat for Humanity
Smiling for Life
PGA Foundation
Prom to Remember
Leukemia and Lymphoma Society
H.O.P.E.
Pinion
American Heart Association

He has generously and graciously opened his home to host and sponsor many events for the above.

Through his involvement and generosity with multiple charities and organizations have benefited including the Broward Chapter of Alzheimer's Association, Outshine Film Festival, United Community Options-Broward Cerebral Palsy, and more.

10. Please provide a brief biography, resume or any other background information about the nominee including contact information.

Mr. Savor was born and raised in Pittsburgh, PA and has an undergraduate degree from University of Maryland, College Park and a law degree from Duquesne University. He is a businessman and lawyer, but most notably a philanthropist in the city of Fort Lauderdale. More details on his resume regarding his business history can be provided if needed.

Please feel free to contact me with any other questions regarding this nomination. I can be reached at the number provided 714-337-8333 or by e-mail lisagcab@gmail.com

11. Submitted by

Lisa Grigorian

12. Phone Number

(714) 337-8333

13. Email Address

lisagcab@gmail.com

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Address: 1919 SW 24th Terrace

City, State, Zip Code: Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33312

Home Phone: 954-792-0717 Office: 954-767-0686 Cell: 954-562-7021

Email: lisa@winterfestparade.com

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Submitted by: David Founds

Phone number: 954-326-1954 Email: dfounds1@yahoo.com

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It would be wonderful and very appropriate that she and her passion and years of work for the Fort Lauderdale community be permanently celebrated as the 2021 Walk Of Fame Honoree!!

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Submitted by: David Founds

Phone Number: 954-326-1954

E-mail: dfounds1@yahoo.com

LISA SCOTT-FOUND

1919 SW 24th Terrace
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33312

(954) 792-0717
lisa@winterfestparade.com

SUMMARY

I am a high energy, self motivated executive. Over the past 27 years with Winterfest, I have guided the event to its current standing as "The World's Most Watched Boat Parade." The Parade is the seventh largest one-day live spectator event in the country, listed in *Reader's Digest* as one of America's 100 Best, the largest one-day spectator event in Florida and it has been named one of the 20th Best Parades in the World (out of over 50,000) by the International Festival and Events Association and the *USA Today*. As director of a not-for-profit organization, I have attracted and closed such significant sponsors as Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino, Nokia, Verizon, Coca-Cola, Ralston Purina, Nestle, Sprint, Robert Mondavi Wines, Southwest Airlines, Sara Lee, Publix Supermarkets and many more. Having both creative and analytical balance, I readily operate from the 'big picture.' As a previous owner/operator of two companies, I have strength in the disciplines of day-to-day profitable operations. I revel in challenge and enthusiastically approach those challenges every day.

JOB EXPERIENCE

PRESIDENT/CEO

March 2006 - present

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

April 1996-March 2006

The Winterfest Celebration, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

Producer of The Winterfest Boat Parade ("The World's Most Watched Boat Parade"), Black Tie Ball, Golf Tournament, Intracoastal Decorating Competition and other Winterfest events. Duties include budget preparation, parade production, national talent negotiation, television syndication and production coordination, sponsorship sales, communications, and supervision of employees and over 350 volunteers. Primary spokesperson and oversee the corporate relationship with our advertising and public relations firms.

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS MANAGER

July 1995-April 1996

The Winterfest Celebration, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

Responsible for acquiring and maintaining major corporate sponsors. Organized promotion and publicity efforts for all annual events related to the Winterfest Celebration. Assisted in the coordination of the Boat Parade television show and facilitate many of the event arrangements and staffing.

DIRECTOR OF ADVERTISING

March 1994 - July 1995

Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

Coordinated and directed all phases of account activity, including sales, production and media. Responsible for implementation and design of first Official Visitor's Welcome Center, Official Tourism Map and other innovative programs new to the Chamber. Staff liaison with government, hospitality industry and media representatives.

PRESIDENT & OWNER

August 1991 - January 1994

Haagen Dazs Ice Cream Store, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

Responsible for all aspects of management and operations, including advertising, purchasing, personnel and accounting of ice cream store with \$250,000 annual gross sales.

PRESIDENT & OWNER

August 1989-June 1993

Lauderdale Canvas, Inc., Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

Responsible for overall management and operations. Established and maintained accounts throughout South Florida for the sale of marine services and products.

PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR

February 1986-April 1989

Global Foundation, Inc. Coral Gables, Florida

Global Foundation, Inc., was a scientific organization headed by physicist Dr. B. Kursunoglu, founder of the Center for Theoretical Studies at the University of Miami and a contemporary of Albert Einstein and Robert Oppenheimer. As Public Relations Director for Global: organized and participated in international conferences on world issues. Responsibilities included liaison with dignitaries and institutional benefactors, writing and delivering speeches, preparation of promotional and educational materials for international distribution, and all media relations. Participated in several radio and television interviews. Attended and organized several White House functions and a conference in Moscow.

DISTINCTIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Gubernatorial appointee to the Florida Film & Entertainment Advisory Council 2020 -
International Swimming Hall of Fame Board Member, 2020-
International Swimming Hall of Fame Steering Committee, 2018 - 2020
Broward Education Foundation 2017 Hall of Fame Award Recipient
South Florida Business Journal "2017 Top 25 Most Influential Business Women in South Florida"
Fifth Third Bank Florida Board of Directors, 2015 to present
Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale, 2014 Tribute Honoree
Leadership Broward Foundation, 2013 Profiles in Leadership Award
Leadership Florida Foundation Gold Coast Regional Council, 2013 - present
Symphony of the Americas Board Member and Luncheon co-chair, 2013 - present
Junior Achievement Circle of Wise Women, 2013 - present
Broward College Hall of Distinction Committee, 2012
Junior Achievement Uncorked Committee, 2012 to 2013
Riverwalk Trust Board Member, 2011/2012
Marine Industry Cares Board of Directors, 2011/2013
City of Fort Lauderdale 2011 Centennial *Citizen of the Year*
American Cancer Society 1000 Plus Club, Woman of the Year, 2011
Broward College, 2010 Distinguished Alumnae Recipient
Miss Florida USA, Judge, 2005 and 2010
Art Institute of Fort Lauderdale Board of Directors, 2009 - 2018
Woman of Style and Substance, Symphony of the Americas, 2009
City of Fort Lauderdale Centennial Board, appointed 2009
March of Dimes, Woman of Distinction, 2008
Florida Festival and Events Association Seminar Presenter, 2008
City of Fort Lauderdale Marine Advisory Board, appointed 2008 to 2013
Valley Bank Board of Directors, appointed 2008 -2014
Greater Ft. Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce, Board of Trustees 2007 to 2009
Circle of Excellence Award, Greater Ft. Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce, 2007
Fort Lauderdale Art Institute Commencement Address Keynote Speaker, 2007
Women's Way (United Way) Annual Luncheon Co-chair 2006 to 2009
Fort Lauderdale's Finest Couple, Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, 2006
In Focus Magazine Women's Power Caucus, Quiet Storm Award for Business and Entrepreneurship, 2005
Star Award, Puerto Rican/Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, 2005
Woman of the Year, Ms. Latina International, 2004
The Herald Silver Knight Awards Judge, 2004
Beaux Arts, President, 2004/2005
Ms. Latina International Judge, 2004
Beaux Arts, (Fundraising arm for the Museum of Art/Fort Lauderdale) First Vice President 2003 to 2004
Leadership Broward, Fun Lunch Co-chairperson, 2003
SPARK Board of Directors (Fundraising arm for the Museum of Discovery and Science), 2001 to 2004
PINION Board of Directors, (Fundraising arm for Special Olympics), 1999 - 2019
Winner/ Public Relations category, South Florida Business Journal/Maroon Tri-County Up & Comers, 2002
Olympic Torch Committee, City of Fort Lauderdale, 2001

Promenade in the Park Co-chairperson, 2001
Museum of Discovery and Science Gala Co-chairperson, 2001
Nova Southeastern University Ambassador USA Mentor, 1999 to 2001
Mayor's Millennium Committee, City of Fort Lauderdale, 1999
Greater Fort Lauderdale's Finest Honoree, Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, 1997
Whitbread Committee, 1998
International Association of Business Communicators Treasurer, 1996 to 2000
South Florida Business Journal/Price Waterhouse Up & Comers Finalist, 1996

MEMBERSHIPS

Broward Women's Alliance, 2013 to present
Leadership Florida Foundation (Class XXX), 2011 to present
Fort Lauderdale Mariner's Club, 2011 to present
United States Superyacht Association, 2011 to present
Florida Yacht Brokers Association, 2011 to present
Fort Lauderdale Women's Club, 2008 to present
Women's Way (United Way) steering committee, 2004 to 2009
A Child Is Missing Women's Auxiliary, 2004 to 2006
The Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale, 2001 to present
Sister Cities International, 2001 to 2010
Beaux Arts, (Fundraising arm for the Fort Lauderdale Museum of Art), 1998 to present
Leadership Broward Foundation (Class XVI), 1997 - present
Broward Navy Days Honorary Member, 1996 to present
International Festival and Events Association, 1996 to present
Florida Festival and Events Association, 1995 to present
Junior League of Greater Fort Lauderdale, 1990 - 1996
Greater Ft. Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce, 1989 to present
Marine Industries Association of South Florida, 1989 to present

EDUCATION

Florida State University - Bachelor of Science, Communications 1985
Broward College - Associates Degree, 1983

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512 NE 3rd Avenue

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Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

4. Home Phone

954 562 7021

5. Office Phone

954 767 0686

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7. Email

lisa@winterfestparade.com

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Top 20th Parade in the World...

Generates 50 million dollars for the local economy

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Lisa successfully moved the start point of the Winterfest Boat Parade to Downtown Fort Lauderdale. A major accomplishment. Lisa showed courage, demonstrated tact and despite the odds, achieved a beneficial result.

Meet Lisa Scott-Founds of Winterfest in Broward County

<http://voyagemia.com/interview/meet-lisa-scott-founds-winterfest-inc-broward-county/>

This article is worth reading as it makes many points that support the criteria for this award.

"Every year there are challenges; however, one was a real game change and her greatest challenge and achievement After 37 years of staging the parade in Port Everglades, Lisa made a decision to move the

Parade to start in Downtown Ft. Lauderdale. This very controversial parade route shift allowed over 300,000 new spectators to be able to see and enjoy the parade for free, added life and excitement to downtown and made the event available to over 1 million spectators. It also showed successfully showing all the nay-sayers that fought her that it could be done. Lisa and the amazing staff of 2 are so proud of this legacy as it truly changed the dynamics and popularity of the event."

Lisa secured the Seminole Hard Rock Casino & Hotel as the anchor Sponsor for Winterfest and has managed to get that support renewed through changing times.

Please see Lisa's bio for a range of Civic involvements.

For the many invisible acts and initiatives such as welcoming the Mayor of Toronto, Ontario, Canada to the Winterfest Parade. Fort Lauderdale had a tourism office in Toronto, a major source of tourists to Florida and Fort Lauderdale. Lisa attended Toronto's famous Santa Claus Parade with a view to improving Winterfest.

Aside from sitting on the Waterfront Council, Lisa has recently been appointed by Governor Ron DeSantis to the Florida Office of Film & Entertainment Advisory Council.

9. Why is the nominee deserving of this award?

Leading with heart based thoughtfulness Lisa's caring dedication to the well being of Fort Lauderdale's residents, businesses and nonprofits has produced results.

Please see Lisa's bio below.

A couple of examples

Sun Sentinel, Mar 16, 2011

Fort Lauderdale honors top civic activists - Lisa Scott-Founds of Winterfest was named citizen of the year
https://www.sun-sentinel.com/sfl-mtblog-2011-03-fort_lauderdale_honors_top_civ-story.html

Riverwalk 2014 Tribute Honoree - Lisa Scott-Founds, April 21, 2014

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zWRrMZyt-kM>

"Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale announces the honoree for the 2014 Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale Tribute: Lisa Scott-Founds, President and CEO of the Winterfest, Inc. Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale will honor Lisa Scott-Founds for her role in the growth and development of Riverwalk Park and Downtown Fort Lauderdale at the Riverwalk Annual Tribute in the spring of 2014.

"Through the growing success of the Seminole Hard Rock Winterfest Boat Parade and her personal contributions of time and leadership to both civic and charitable organizations, Lisa Scott-Founds has ensured that Fort Lauderdale is known as a great city, and by extension, our Riverwalk and Downtown have been showcased," said Courtney Callahan Crush, chairman of the Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale board of directors. "She leads by example and we are most fortunate to be able to honor her at our 14th Annual Riverwalk Tribute."

Genia Duncan Ellis, President and CEO of Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale, added: "Lisa's contributions to the Riverwalk District and to Downtown Fort Lauderdale span the past two decades and her commitment to the City is demonstrated through her tireless advocacy and leadership on behalf of the Winterfest Boat Parade, as well as her involvement in numerous civic and charitable organizations. Lisa's passion for our City and its betterment is unparalleled and we are a better City for her involvement."

The evening will begin with honored guests, sponsors and special ticket holders gathering for a VIP cocktail reception. Following the VIP reception, cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and a special presentation will be held along with live entertainment, silent auction, raffles and prizes.

Lisa Scott-Founds began her career with Winterfest in 1995 as their Corporate and Community Relations Manager. She was named Executive Director in April, 1996. Her love of Winterfest was nurtured by childhood parade memories with her family and by volunteering after her college years. As a Fort Lauderdale native, Lisa's holiday connection with Winterfest catapulted her desire to produce this South Florida tradition.

Under her direction, Winterfest has grown into an internationally recognized event, which has earned the title "The World's Most Watched Boat Parade."

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Lisa's love for Winterfest developed when she watched the parades as a child. She is now in her 25th year as President and CEO. Lisa is committed to creating a quality, high profile event for the community that brings family and friends together. Winterfest, celebrating 48 years, has grown into an internationally recognized event & The Seminole Hard Rock Winterfest Boat Parade has earned the title "The World's Most Watched Boat Parade." With over a million cheering spectators, the Parade is the largest one-day in Florida, and the seventh largest one-day spectator event in the country! Lisa is very proud that this Fort Lauderdale holiday tradition not only contributes to the aesthetic, cultural, and tourist development of the area, but it makes an economic impact of almost \$50 million per year on her hometown!

Lisa has chaired many events through the years and served on a variety of boards, including: PINION, Riverwalk, FTL Chamber, Marine Industry Cares and is Past-Pres of Beaux Arts. She serves on the Boards of the Art Institute, Fifth Third Bank, and the Symphony of the Americas. She is a member of Rotary, FTL Women's Club, JA Circle of Wise Women, Leadership Broward, Leadership Florida, Beaux Arts Associates, Broward Women's Alliance and various Marine Assoc.'s.

Lisa's distinctions include Am. Cancer Society Woman of the Year, Symphony Woman of Style and Substance, Cystic Fibrosis Fort Lauderdale's Finest, amongst others from In Focus Magazine and the Hispanic Chamber. Lisa served on the Fort Lauderdale Marine Advisory and Centennial Boards. She was named the 2011 Broward College Distinguished Alumnae, City of FTL 2011 Citizen of the Year and received the 2013 Leadership Broward Profiles in Leadership Award, 2014 Historical Society Founders Award & was the 2014 Riverwalk FTL Tribute Honoree & 2015 PINION Hall of Fame Honoree.

Lisa is a Ft. Laud. native, a graduate of Florida State and lives life to its fullest with her husband, family, friends and pups.

11. Submitted by

John Muir

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13. Email Address

johnbmuir@gmail.com

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Address: 2825 NE 26th Street

City, State, Zip Code: Fort Lauderdale, FL 33305

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Email: jaclynstrauss@gmail.com

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2. Why is the nominee deserving of this award?

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Submitted by: SCOTT R STRAUSS

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Email: jaclynstrauss@gmail.com

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Bayview Elementary services more than 500 students in grades K - 5 with the tremendous support of our Parent-Teacher Association (PTA). Mrs. Strauss has served as Treasurer for the Bayview Elementary PTA for 4 years. Our school hosts many events, and thus the record keeping for all of them is massive. Mrs. Strauss continuously keeps her finger on the pulse of our organization's funds and has never received an audit exception on our annual reports. he has organized major events for our school, such as our annual Fun Run, which provides 2 weeks of motivational, self-esteem activities for our students and raises funds to purchase instructional materials. She solicited community financial support to provide our students with a hardcourt surface for PE and recreational activities. She also solicited community support through financial and service donations to renovate our school's media center which has provided a modern, healthier heart for our school. She even coordinates recycling used uniforms that are cleaned by the voluntary services of a local dry cleaner, She manages these massive projects while still volunteering in her own children's classrooms and working 2 jobs. Mrs. Strauss has worked on so many projects - all strictly as a volunteer - that the company by whom she is employed has donated several in-kind checks in the amount of \$2000 to the school.

2. Why is the nominee deserving of this award?

Mrs. Jaclyn Strauss absolutely deserves this award. She is the model of community involvement and support for public education. She is an ordinary citizen who accomplishes extraordinary tasks for the good of the group. Her work is never self-serving or limited to her own children; it benefits every child and teacher in our school. She is an unassuming presence with an unwavering work ethic, and she uses her "help the kids" mentality to involve so many people and organizations that would not traditionally consider supporting a public school. Her work supports the physical, emotional, social, and educational needs of all our students. There is no one more deserving of such a recognition. Mrs. Strauss definitely deserve a place in the Fort Lauderdale Walk of Fame!

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Jaclyn Strauss is a long-time resident of Fort Lauderdale and currently resides in the Coral Ridge community. She is married to Scott Strauss, and they have 2 children: Jordan, grade 3, and Leah, kindergarten. She is employed at Merck Pharmaceuticals as a certified public accountant, as well as an adjunct professor at Broward College.

Submitted by: Tonya E. Frost

Phone number: 754-322-5400 Email: tonya.frost@browardschools.com

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Submitted by: Mary Donovan

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Name of nominated honoree: LaRhonda Ware

Address: 417 NW 16th Ave

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2. Why is the nominee deserving of this award?

Every since Larhonda Ware has the opportunity to give back she took that opportunity and made the most of it. Ms.Ware wants to make sure every has access to resources and professional connections to help them grow. Larhonda Ware does not look at her community as a burden and that is why I believe she is very deserving of this award.

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Larhonda Ware has spent 31 years with the City of Fort.Lauderdale. She is the mother of Jacqueline, Nathalie, Robert and Jarrett. She graduated from Florida Metropolitan University with a Business Science degree (AA). She has worked for the City of Fort.Lauderdale for 31 years. She started her career with the City of Fort.Lauderdale in utilities after a couple years she moved to the sanitation department and she now works for the Park and Rec. department while working heavily and devoted to the union she began with the American Federation of State and County and Municipality Union and is now the shop steward for the Teamsters. LaRhonda Ware in her free time is very active in light sports. Currently, she volunteers and privately takes care of

Submitted by: Nyla Lennon

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Nominee Information

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Email: kelvinwatson@broward.org

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Dynamic, focused and visionary, Broward County Library Director Kelvin Watson is a leader whose accomplishments positively impact the quality of life in Fort Lauderdale and help make it an amazing place to work, play, live and visit. Whether expanding library services to air, land and sea or spearheading exciting technological, educational and recreational opportunities for local youth, Kelvin's contributions to Fort Lauderdale help open doors to success, change lives and prove that libraries have a crucial role in the today's 21st-century city.

Under Kelvin's leadership, Broward County Library (BCL) is going places it has never been before! BCL is now offering library services by air, land and sea to people who live, work, study or play in Fort Lauderdale. This includes the new FLLibrary, a one-of-a-kind library "lounge" in the Fort Lauderdale Hollywood International Airport that lets travelers access and stream free movies, music and TV. Opened in 2019, it provides a welcoming respite for travelers, offering visitors to our airport and city a taste of the tech-savvy, forward-focused services we enjoy in Fort Lauderdale. On land, anyone riding a local transit bus or visiting select parks can now access free music they can download and keep, while guests at select local businesses, health-care facilities and government offices can use "Pop-Up" libraries to download free eBooks – no library card needed. Free library services at sea will soon be available to cruise ship employees through a pilot program launching this year at Port Everglades.

Kelvin has also enhanced library services that enhance the city's quality of life by encouraging and catering to entrepreneurs and small businesses. At Main Library in downtown Fort Lauderdale, Creation Station Lab offers a free community center equipped with tools such as state-of-the-art computers and robotics as well as public access to the latest virtual reality equipment, while the Creation Station Business Coworking Hub provides free work and meeting spaces and expert assistance, and resources for creating and growing businesses.

Other notable accomplishments include expanding BCL's role as a community hub and meeting place by launching exciting new festivals, programs series and events that position BCL and Fort Lauderdale as dynamic, culturally inclusive and diverse. BCL's first live art/literary festival, ChalkLit/ArtLit, held in 2018 at the Main Library in downtown Fort Lauderdale, attracted over 5,000 guests, leading to the event's expansion in 2019. Other large-scale community events include Vet Fest, a free expo held annually in Fort Lauderdale; Moonlight Tales, an adult song-and-story cabaret held outdoors in the center of downtown; and Cultural Conversations at the Center, a program series at the African American Research Library and Cultural Center that discusses important issues of the day in open community forums. Additionally, under Kelvin's leadership, BCL has launched inclusive initiatives that assist those in our community who need it most. These include the award-winning Coffee and Conversation with a Librarian program, a public discussion series for people experiencing homelessness, Reach Out Reach Up, a partnership with Broward County Sheriff's Office that provides career assistance to people re-entering the community after incarceration and the nationally recognized Veterans Connect Program, which uses library resources to assist veterans' transition to civilian life.

Kelvin Watson has also focused on creating and providing services, resources and programs to inspire, educate and enrich the lives of our community's children and teens and help prepare them for the workforce of the future. At the Main Library, small children can visit the nationally recognized Active Learning Center, a free educational play space that promotes school readiness. The Studio, a creative safe space for anyone ages 13 to 19, is also located at Main Library and provides teens with access to video production gear, musical instruments, state-of-the-art computers and video games as well as workshops on social media, performance art and more, giving them the valuable hands-on tech experience needed in the

21st century workforce. Youth of all ages can check out the Creation Station Lab workspace to use advanced design software, virtual reality equipment and more. Initiatives such as Ready for College offer teens free SAT/ACT test prep and workshops on applying for and affording college while programs such as the annual Teen Empowerment Summit provides central Broward and Fort Lauderdale teens with a full day of inspiring speakers – including an address by Kelvin – and activities.

Additionally, initiatives such as “Your ID is Your Key” give all Broward County Public School students a free digital library card that uses their student ID number to give them access to all of BCL’s digital resources. A partnership with the Broward Municipal Services District provided free tablets and technology training for individuals living in underserved areas of Fort Lauderdale. Other lending programs provide take-home access to virtual reality headsets and gear, children’s Playaway tablets, read-along embedded audiobooks and portable Internet hotspots.

2. Why is the nominee deserving of this award?

Kelvin Watson is deserving of a place on the City of Fort Lauderdale’s 2020 Walk of Fame because, while he may be a relative newcomer to Fort Lauderdale, Kelvin has made outstanding contributions to Fort Lauderdale in the form of library services and programs that inspire and enrich. Under his leadership, Broward County Library has launched award-winning initiatives that bring music to the streets and parks of the city, free books to readers of Fort Lauderdale and programs that motivate and educate our community’s youth.

As a visionary community leader, dedicated library professional, Kelvin is an exemplary candidate for the City of Fort Lauderdale’s 2020 Walk of Fame. His accomplishments have been recognized locally, statewide and nationally. He has received the Friends of African American Research Library and Cultural Center’s 2019 Community Service & Distinguished Achievement Award, the Friends of the Stirling Road Library’s 2019 “Favorite Friend” Award, the Florida Library Association’s 2019 Librarian of the Year and the American Libraries Association’s 2017 Black Caucus Award for Excellence in Librarianship. He was also a Top

Finalist for a 2018 Route Fifty Navigator Award, which celebrates excellence in public sector services. Additionally, under his leadership, Broward County Library has received numerous awards and recognitions including:

- Three 2018 National Association of Counties (NACo) Achievement Awards for Veterans Connect Program; The Active Learning Center at Main Library; and “Free Music – Right Here, Right Now” Partnership with Broward County Transit and Parks
- 2018 NACIO (National Association of County Information Officers) Awards of Excellence for the Veterans Connect Program and the Your ID is Your Key Digital Library Card Campaign
- 2018 Florida Library Association Awards’ Betty Davis Miller Youth Services Award for Outstanding Programs of Direct Service to Youth - The Active Learning Center at Main Library.

3. Please provide a brief biography, resume or any other background information about the nominee including contact information.

Kelvin Watson started his career as an officer in the United States Army then transitioned into the private sector as an executive with Ingram Library Services, Borders Group and The Library Corporation (TLC). These positions fueled his passion for the field of library science and he joined the USDA National Agricultural Library and then the Queens Borough Public Library in Queens, New York. In Queens, he was instrumental in the creation of QL Virtual Library, the Flexible Standard for E-content NISO (FASTEN) pilot project and a groundbreaking community mobile tablet lending program post-Hurricane Sandy. Throughout his career, Mr. Watson has remained active and involved in professional associations, has been a frequent speaker and panelist at conferences, has been published in national library literature, and has been recognized numerous times for his work. Mr. Watson is a Past President of Black Caucus of American Library Association and currently serves on the Board of Directors for Book Industry Study Group, a member of the Public Library Association Board of Directors, and Board of Directors for the Southeast Florida Library Information Network. Mr. Watson was the 2016 inaugural winner of the American Library Association’s Ernest A. DiMattia Award for Innovation and Service to Community and Profession, and recipient of the 2017 DEMCO/ALA Black Caucus Award for Excellence in

Librarianship and was named 2019 Librarian of the Year by the Florida Library Association. Mr. Watson is a member of the Ft. Lauderdale Alumni and Southaven Mississippi Alumni Chapters of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc.



Broward County Library Director Kelvin Watson seeks to expand access

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Broward County Library Director Kelvin Watson seeks to expand access

By Nichole Richards

Broward County's new Libraries Director, Kelvin Watson, brings to South Florida a valuable skillset acquired over a lengthy career centered on books. A native of Saint Louis, MO, Watson has developed an interesting reimagining of libraries that shatters the rigid concept of "library as a place" and replaces it with library holding digital space.

"I am not only interested in bringing people in the library," Watson told me, "But I want to bring the library out to people."

This is his vision for Broward County. As the former Chief Operating Officer and Senior Vice President for Queens Library in New York City, a library system that serves millions, Watson is passionate about the idea of easy access digital libraries. Through the incorporation of innovation and new technologies, "the library" has the opportunity to reestablish itself as a much needed community pillar.

Under his leadership, the Broward County libraries system has already begun the transformation. Online digital library card applications are quickly replacing the antiquated paper application. Tablets are being distributed to local libraries in preparation for a tablet loaning initiative. Digital content is expanding rapidly. As a personal nod to his years of service in the Army, Watson has also led the creation of the Veterans Connect Hotspot program, a free mobile internet service for Veterans and Active Military. Already within his first three months, Watson has set the trajectory for a revolutionized library experience in Broward County.

In addition to modernization, Watson also aims to expand Broward's libraries reach through the establishment of strategic partnerships with the county's important institutions, particularly Broward County Public Schools.

"We want to support our schools and build stronger relationships," Watson explained, "We would like to be a trusted resource for students, teachers, and administrators."

As one of very few African Americans in the profession, Watson feels honored to follow in the footsteps of his mentor Samuel Morrison, former Director of the Broward County Library System. With a passion for teaching and educating, Watson considers his new position as a mixture of personal passions and servant leadership within the Black community.

"There are not many African American men embarking upon this career path," Watson said, "But I see it as an opportunity to be a role model."

Watson admits he has not established special projects directed towards Broward's Black community, but emphasized the new partnerships and initiatives will have a direct impact on the county's most marginalized communities.

"My job is to serve everybody," Watson said, "I will leave special initiatives in those communities to the branch managers who are doing a great job and have a more intimate knowledge of community needs. But I am going to these places and I am meeting with the community and asking them what they want from Broward's libraries."



Broward County Library Pilot Tackles Digital Divide

by Matt Enis

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As part of an effort to bridge the digital divide, Broward County Library(BCL), FL, in partnership with T-Mobile, the county's Enterprise Technology Services division, CareerSource Broward, and the School Board of Broward County, has launched a two-year pilot program that will provide 300 tablet computers and data access plans to eligible residents of the Broward Municipal Services District (BMSD). Broward County Mayor Barbara Sharief requested the development of the pilot, noting that many families do not have sufficient income to afford computer equipment or Internet access, and that this poses barriers to education and, ultimately, income growth. "For some families in our community, it is more important to put dinner on the table than to have Internet access," she said. "But studies show conclusively that a lack of access to the digital world can adversely affect income and level of education achieved. It's important for every family to be able to connect to the same information

resources that many of us take for granted." Targeting households with incomes less than \$36,273 that include K–12 students, the program aims to connect BMSD residents with online resources available through BCL, CareerSource Broward, and other local institutions. T-Mobile will donate the tablets, valued at \$115,000, and the county will invest \$93,600 to fund the data access plans for the duration of the program. At the conclusion of the two-year pilot, the program's success will be evaluated in hopes of continuing it, according to a press announcement. The timing is opportune. Kelvin Watson, former COO and senior VP of Queens Library, NY (QL), just took the reins as BCL's new director on February 26. Although the pilot began taking shape prior to his appointment, the project's contours are similar to a successful tablet lending program that Watson launched in Queens, beginning with a pilot test in 2013. "We're going to follow a similar model," at BCL, Watson told *LJ*. Unlike QL, Broward does not currently have plans to design a custom interface for the tablets, and many of the details are still being finalized. But, similar to the program in Queens, BCL will preload the tablets with a curated selection of apps and other content. In addition, "we plan on tying the tablets to library programming," encouraging program participants to make regular visits to their local branch, Watson said. Mobile device management (MDM) software will be used to configure and maintain the devices, and possibly to restrict what types of additional apps and content can be downloaded onto them. MDM can also remotely lock tablets that are not returned on time or are reported lost. Rather than publicizing the program to patrons, BCL will work with the schools to identify students and families that meet the program's eligibility requirements, Watson said. BMSD "is a low-income area. We only have 300 [tablets] but there are going to be a lot of people who fit the criteria—the audience that we are trying to reach," he explained. Participants will be required to attend an orientation to learn the basics of using the tablets. Although the checkout period has not yet been finalized, Watson said that terms ranging from six months to an entire school year were under consideration. These relatively lengthy checkout terms are expected to help families and students to become more familiar with the tablets and online resources over time. "The goal is to provide continued access to these resources to help improve digital literacy," Watson said. "Our motto in the BMSD is 'Investing in our future, improving our community,' and that is exactly what the Digital Divide program helps us do," Sharief said in an announcement.



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Kelvin Watson

In this sponsored interview, we talk to a librarian intent on "inviting the uninvited"

Interviewed by Megan Labrise on October 15, 2018

After Kelvin Watson's family finished watching the 1984 miniseries *Master of the Game*, the St. Louis, Missouri, native marched right to the nearest library, checked out the Sydney Sheldon novel it was based on, and read that 400-page book cover to cover. He was 8 years old.

"I felt very accomplished. That thing was bigger than me!" says Watson, who vividly remembers the experience 42 years later. "Reading that book made me recognize that what you check out from the library can transport you to the places you read about—I was *transported* to the diamond mines of Africa—and it didn't deter me from checking out other books after that."

Watson remained a voracious reader through middle school, college, and officer training. He served as a commissioned officer in the Army and worked in leadership roles in sales and marketing, for Ingram Book Group and Borders Group, Inc., before pivoting to a decorated career in public library service. Eighteen months ago, he transitioned from director of e-content services and strategy at Queens Library in New York City to the highest administrative position

at the 11th-largest public library in the nation: director of Broward County Libraries in southern Florida.

“The theme we’ve embraced over the past year and a half is ‘inviting the uninvited,’ ” says Watson, who is one of two recently named directors at large of the Public Library Association. “The greatest value we can give the community is continuing to launch initiatives for everybody, even those who can’t, for whatever reason, make it to our physical locations.

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“What that has meant to Broward County is turning the library into a place that is both physical and digital,” he says of the 36-branch system, which serves approximately 1.9 million Floridians. “Most people are now equipped with a cellphone, so, essentially, the library is wherever you want the library to be.”

This fall the library can be found at 10 new Broward County locations—including a coffee shop, a health care center, and the Pompano Beach City Hall—courtesy of Pop Up Library, a pilot program forged in partnership with Baker & Taylor, a Charlotte-based distributor of books and entertainment. The system is one of the first in the nation to offer full access to its e-book collection, via Baker & Taylor’s Axis 360 platform, through a device that functions like a hotspot and doesn’t require additional staff to run.

Just plug in Pop Up Library and “you immediately are able to gain access to our Axis 360 database of e-books, and you can start getting access to those library materials without the need for a library card,” Watson says. “It’s mobile, so we can choose and move the locations. The way I envision it, we now have 10 new [digital] locations to add to the number of [brick-and-mortar] locations we have. We’re bringing more awareness of the library and extending our reach in the community.”

Broward County is already experiencing great success with a similar program launched last year: Community Share provides e-collection access to students in Broward County Public Schools, allowing them to view library resources during the school day, right at their desks, with digital library cards the key to a kingdom of knowledge. 30,000 students are registered, and they’re already looking to expand the program, which has the added benefit of strengthening the relationship between the library and school district, Watson says.

“Baker & Taylor are excellent partners for us because they continue to innovate,” he says. “It’s good to have partners that are adapting to our changing needs and the needs of the communities

we serve. They're always responsive, willing to hear from the customers, willing to listen to their



customers, and I appreciate that.”

Always striving with an eye toward the next accomplishment, Watson and his team have big plans to bring Broward County customers the maximum value a modern library can provide, no matter who—or where—they are.

“As a library system, we’re constantly evolving, we’re adapting,” Watson says. “That’s what the library has to do, just like any other organization or company that serves the public.

“We’ve done projects like working with our buses,” he says, “advertising the library and also connecting people to our electronic resources on the bus, because the buses are equipped with Wi-Fi. We did a similar thing with our parks. It’s always warm here in South Florida, so we have a lot of those outside gyms. We launched a pilot last fall for people to connect to music while they walk the trails or exercise.

“You have to stay relevant,” he says. “There are so many other things that people could be doing versus going to the library. I’m trying to make sure they’re always coming back.”

Megan Labrise is a staff writer and co-host of the Fully Booked podcast.



Libraries Director Kelvin Watson elected as a PLA Director-at-Large

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Will begin serving three-year term in late June 2018

BROWARD COUNTY, FL – Broward County Libraries Division Director Kelvin Watson has been elected as one of two new directors-at-large of the Public Libraries Association (PLA). His three-year term will begin immediately after the American Library Association's 2018 Annual Conference, which takes place in New Orleans from June 21-26, 2018.

"It is an honor to have been selected by my peers to serve as one of the PLA's directors-at-large," says Watson. "I'm looking forward to working within the PLA to further explore ways to expand the reach of libraries in the communities they serve and to broaden access to the vast educational, technological, and recreational resources and services public libraries provide."

Watson was named Director of Broward County Libraries Division in February 2017. Since then he has led ambitious and innovative initiatives that have made the Library a force in bridging the community's digital divide and strengthened the Library's connection to the communities it serves.

His initiatives include the Veterans Connect Program, which provides free portable Internet service to veterans, active-duty military, and their dependents as well as events and outreach targeted specifically to veterans; the "Your ID Is Your Key" service that makes digital library cards available to all Broward County public school students; and the launch of the GoChip, a device preloaded with a season of a premiere TV show that customers can check out. He's also overseen the launch of the Library's new "Reach Out, Reach Up!" program to assist formerly incarcerated

individuals in reintegrating into society by offering participants services that provide job readiness training, technology skills, literacy, and educational programs.

Additionally, Watson spearheaded partnerships that offer access to Broward County Library's collection of free downloadable and streaming music to Broward County Transit bus riders and visitors to Broward County parks and forged a collaborative partnership with T-Mobile that provides underserved members of the community with technological access and training that increase educational and vocational opportunities. Under his leadership, the library's collection management system has been decentralized and staff at all 38 locations are now empowered to select materials that best serve their communities.

Throughout his career he has remained active and involved in professional associations and, in addition to recent election to the PLA Board of Directors, is currently the immediate past President of the Black Caucus of the American Library Association. Watson is a frequent speaker and panelist at conferences and the recipient of numerous awards; including the 2017 DEMCO/ALA Black Caucus Award for Excellence in Librarianship. He has worked tirelessly to evolve the library's role in the community as "the inviter of the uninvited."

Watson is one of six PLA directors-at-large serving on the PLA Board of Directors, and the first director-at-large from Broward County.

The PLA, which is headquartered in Chicago, is the largest association dedicated to supporting the unique and evolving needs of public library professionals. Founded in 1944, PLA serves nearly 9,000 members in public libraries large and small in communities across the United States and Canada, with a growing presence around the world. PLA strives to help its members shape the essential institution of public libraries by serving as an indispensable ally for public library leaders.

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This library offers online books, videos and music for free — no matter where you live



By **Larry Barszewski** South Florida Sun Sentinel | Sep 20, 2019 | 4:47 PM



Travelers pass the FLLibrary between Terminals 3 and 4 at Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport, where visitors can download free music, videos and books from the Broward County library system. (Amy Beth Bennett / South Florida Sun Sentinel)

You now can download a bestselling book, a hit song or a video at no charge. A plan to make people feel welcome in Broward has opened up the county's online library collections to the world.

The free access is available to anyone who logs onto the county's website at broward.org/Library and applies for an Instant eCard.

Access is also offered to airline passengers passing through Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport and to people using county parks, who can scan a Quick Response (QR) code to apply for an online library access card and immediately begin making downloads.

The online cards are offered to anyone who lives, works or attends school in Broward County, or who is just visiting the county or who was born in the county. But they are set up so anyone can take advantage of them.

“I’d like to see as many people reading from anywhere in the world as possible. Anybody who’s reading, who’s coming through Broward, is a benefit to us,” Commissioner **Michael Udine** said. **“I have no problem if we’re subsidizing a small amount, somebody who’s reading a book who is not from Broward County.”**

Once an application is made, the library quickly sends an email with a library card number and pin, which allows users to connect to a variety of online services paid for by the county. Mobile users can also download free apps for the different services to make it easier to access those collections.

Some of the online resources are:

- OverDrive, which provides eBooks, eAudiobooks and videos, and includes New York Times best sellers.
- Freegal, a music service that allows cardholders to download up to six free songs a week — and keep them forever. Unlimited streaming of music also is possible.
- Hoopla, which has movies, music, eAudiobooks, eBooks, comics and TV shows that can be streamed or downloaded.
- Axix 360, which has eBooks for children and young adults.
- RBdigital Magazines, which includes hundreds of popular publications.
- Rosetta Stone, which can be used to learn foreign languages.

“Another reason we’re doing this is not just to provide a service to visitors, it also raises awareness of what libraries offer,” library spokesman **Stephen Grubb** said.

A cost to taxpayers

Rita Lipof, a library worker, said the open-access policy is not fair to county taxpayers, who are footing the bill for the nonresidents using the collections. It means longer wait lists for the most popular books, forcing the county to buy more copies to meet the demand, she said, and it gives nonresidents access to other music, books and videos that the county pays a fee per download.

“I do not think it is the goal of Broward County Library to provide online resources for non-Broward County residents,” Lipof told county commissioners. **“It’s great if you’re at the airport and you’re coming from another place and now you can get all these free eBooks, but it also would be great if we handed out \$20 bills. People would like that, too.”**

Some of the online services charge the county an annual fee, while others charge by the download. OverDrive costs the county \$1.2 million annually, Freegal \$170,000 and Hoopla \$230,000, officials said.

Palm Beach and Miami-Dade counties don’t offer any similar nonresident access to their online collections, officials with those programs said.

Nonresidents can purchase regular library cards that are good at each county’s libraries and online. Palm Beach County’s cost \$95 for a year or \$55 for a half year, while Miami-Dade’s costs \$65 for a year.

Leila Khalil, a Miami-Dade library spokeswoman, said most nonresidents can access free digital services through the library systems where they live.

Growing popular

There is a rising demand in Broward for the digital resources. The library **system’s total** digital circulation went from 1.75 million in the first 10 months

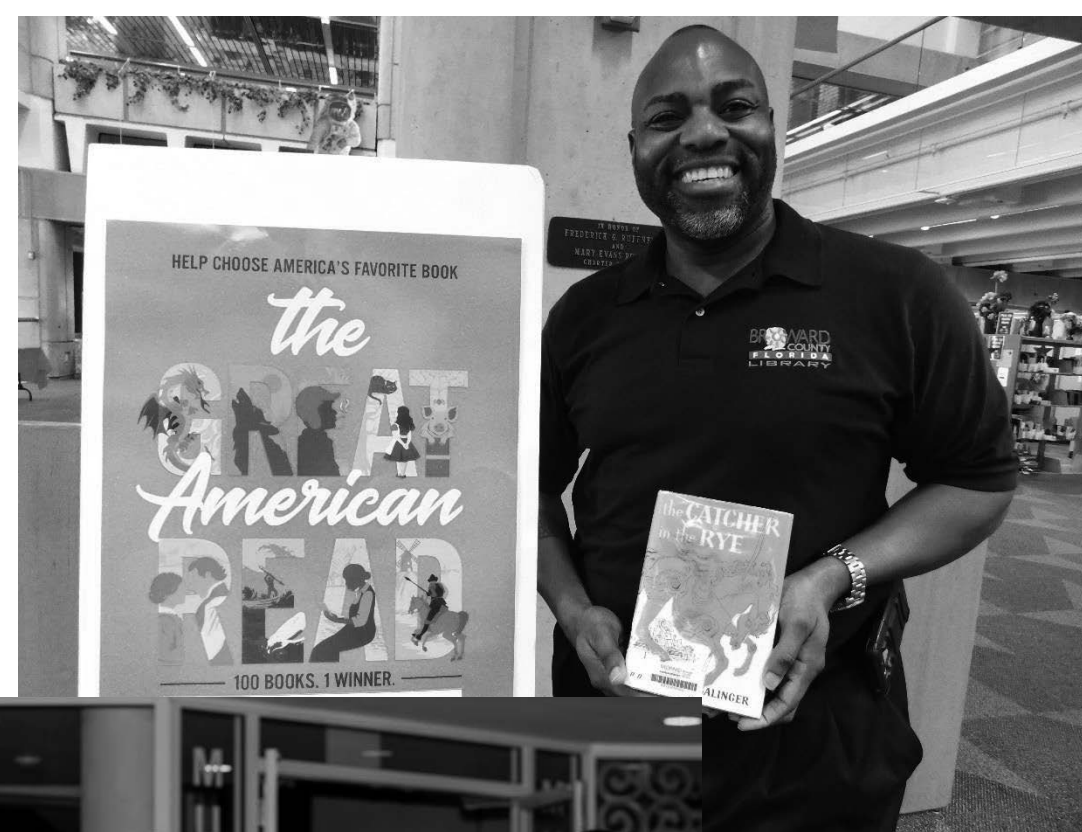
of Fiscal Year 2018 to 2.12 million for the first 10 months of Fiscal Year 2019, a 22 percent increase.

So far, Broward County officials aren't worried that nonresidents will bankrupt its online programs. Nonresidents make up only a small portion of all cardholders, said Broward Library Division Director Kelvin Watson. Any increase in wait lists for the most popular items is due more to the rising number of county residents having library cards than to outsiders, he said.

In the past three years, nonresidents made up only 10 percent of the eCards issued, or 5,796 of 56,978, officials said. The nonresident portion drops to 2 percent when you include the 205,974 Broward residents who have received regular library cards that can also be used to access the online services.

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County Administrator Bertha Henry said the county will gather more statistics about the program so it can gauge the impact out-of-county residents are having on **the system. "It's expected that we're going to have people who do** not live here access those readers, but it was just one more addition to how do **we make our visitors feel welcome," Henry said.**



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To: [Karen Newhart](#)
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Resume attached for Irma Wesley. Sorry I said Westbrook.

Tracy Roach

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Please submit Irma Westbrook's name. I will email the resume next week.

Have a great weekend!

Tracy Roach

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Irma Hunter Wesley of Fort Lauderdale is noted for her passion and dedication to early learning. In the Broward County early care and education community, Mrs. Irma, as she is affectionately called, is an engaging early learning professional with a heart focused on the futures of all children. She is the Executive Director of the Irma Hunter Wesley Fort Lauderdale Child Development Center located in the heart of the Sistrunk Community.

She received a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from Nova Southeastern University and a Certification in Early Childhood from Florida Atlantic University. She is the wife of the late Sylvester G. Wesley and has raised six children, who all have college degrees. She began working in the field of early learning in 1969, and has continued this focus of guiding children to be good citizens and lifetime learners. She has cared for thousands of children during her illustrious career.

As an early care and education provider, Mrs. Irma makes a daily impact on the educational futures of Broward County's children. Children attending Irma Hunter Wesley Fort Lauderdale Child Development Center experience her enthusiasm for learning every day.

Mrs. Irma believes that developing a child is different from just keeping or looking after a child. Mrs. Irma has stated many times: "I believe in tender loving care. Research has found that the first three years of a child's life are the most crucial and since I get them when they are six weeks old, I can work to build a good self-concept, to make them think they can do anything." Mrs. Irma has clearly made the distinction between a childcare facility and a babysitting facility. In fact, she is the only black woman to design a city building; namely the Ft. Lauderdale Child Development Center. She collaborated with the architects and had her office placed in the middle of all the classrooms so she could look into each one.

Breaking down the barriers to early education cannot be accomplished without a dedicated staff. Perhaps the most important aspect of Mrs. Irma's career is her ability to surround herself with loyal and dedicated people. Many of her staff have been with her for over 10, 15, 20, 35 and 42 years. The center has a special magic in the workplace that keeps her staff coming to work each day. There is a saying, "Do what you love, and love will be your reward."

Mrs. Irma has always been at the forefront of early learning in Broward County. She works with young parents and grandparents to create a community that celebrates learning. Her legacy in the early care community will continue, as she is highly respected by her colleagues and serve as a role model for others in early childhood education. Mrs. Irma has been recognized for her many contributions to Broward County. She has been honored by the 100 Black Men of Broward County and was selected for best exemplifying the principles of Kwanzaa, and Humanitarian Award from the Vanguard Chronicle for her outstanding work. In addition, she has served as Board Member for the Early Learning Coalition of Broward County, Inc. She was a recipient of the Jim Moran Foundation Award for 2004 for Lifetime Achievement and Community Service as well as recipient in 2000 of the JM Family's American-American Achiever Award in the Health and Family Services category.

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The City established the Walk of Fame in 2010 at the inaugural Great American Beach Party to pay tribute to the legendary Connie Francis on the 50th Anniversary of "Where the Boys Are," the 1960 film which made Fort Lauderdale an overnight sensation and a "must see" destination for visitors.

Walk of Fame Honorees are recognized by making sustained, positive impacts in one or more of the areas listed below but not limited to:

- Providing a positive outlook for the future of our youth,
- Contributing to the quality of life for our citizens,
- Fostering the spirit of our community,
- Bringing positive recognition to the City, locally or nationally,
- Making Fort Lauderdale a place to live, work, or play,
- Encouraging people to visit Fort Lauderdale as a destination of choice.

As part of the awards program, each honoree receives a commemorative paver that is placed in the Walk of Fame to memorialize their outstanding accomplishments. The Fort Lauderdale Walk of Fame is located on the beach along the east side of A1A at Las Olas Boulevard. Walk of Fame Honorees are announced at the Great American Beach Party, which is tentatively scheduled to take place on the Saturday of Memorial Day Weekend.

If you would like to submit a nomination for the 2021 Great American Beach Party Walk of Fame,

please complete the information below. Please feel free to attach additional sheets. The deadline for the 2021 Great American Beach Party Walk of Fame nomination is Friday, February 26.

If you have any questions, please call 954-828-5085 or email sspurlock@fortlauderdale.gov.

1. Name of nominated honoree

Gaylord "Jay" Wood

2. Address

626 S.W.11th. Court

3. City, State, Zip Code

Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33315-1251

4. Home Phone

(954) 396-1140

5. Office Phone

(386) 643-7211

6. Cell Phone

(954) 396-2240

7. Email

gaylord.wood@alumni.duke.edu

8. Please describe the nominee's accomplishments or contributions to the community, paying particular note to the Walk of Fame selection criteria. Provide any examples of civic responsibility, financial contributions, volunteer service, projects accomplished, or other achievements.

Gaylord A. "Jay" Wood, Jr.'s. most accomplishments and contribution to the community were his General Counsel for the Broward County Tax Assessor (now Property Appraiser), William "Bill" Markham, from 1968 - 2004. Bill died office in 2004. Jay's office always first for the taxpayers.

City, civic responsibility, financial contributions, volunteer service, leadership, projects accomplished, or other ways Jay has improved the quality of life in Fort Lauderdale are: (* current)

First Chairman, City of Fort Lauderdale Community Services and Facilities Board.

Member, Broward County Marine Advisory Committee, 2002-2005. (This Committee accomplished the floating docks on New River. This important the Committee awarding boat fees to Ft. Lauderdale and others.)

Gaylord's wife, Garie Blackwell, is the sculptor of Lt. Alexander "Sandy" Nininger located on Riverwalk on the north side of New River, adjacent to the Performing Arts Center. Garie's concept was beautifully cast in bronze by Enzo Gallo.

Founder, Croissant Park Civic Association Member, Croissant Park Civic Association and Tarpon Civic

Association *

Member, Board of Directors, Broward County Metropolitan YMCA

Member, Board of Directors and Treasurer, Broward Art Colony

Member, Board, Ft. Lauderdale Symphony Orchestra Association

Vice President, C. Robert Markham Foundation *

Officer and Board Member, Atlantic Foundation for the Performing Arts

Member, Board of Governors, Westminster Manor (retirement home)

Member, Waterfront Property Owners' Association (WPOA)

Deacon and Trustee, First Presbyterian Church, Ft. Lauderdale

Parliamentarian, Broward County Political Party Executive Committee

Precinct Committeeman, Precinct 47

Past President, Early Bird Toastmasters Club, Ft. Lauderdale

Life Member, Hollywood West B.P.O. Elks (2007) *

Past Commodore, Gulfstream Sailing Club, Ft. Lauderdale *

Certified Regional Race Officer, U.S. Sailing, Newport, R.I. *

Spouse Member, Coconut Grove Sailing Club, Miami

Senior Member, Lake Beresford Yacht Club, DeLand, Florida

Board Member, Performance Handicap Racing Fleet of South Florida

Board, Trust Hospice Regatta *

Advisory Board, First Bank of Oakland Park

Life Member, Broward County Bar Association, 2008 *

Member, Volusia, Flagler and Flagler County Bar Associations

Regular member of the International Association of Assessing Officers

Regular Member of the Florida and Maine Associations of Assessing Officers

Award, Life Achievement (2020) Florida Association of Assessing Officers

Certified Maine Assessor designation from Maine Revenue Services. *

Serves on a special committee of the IAAO which investigated the tax treatment of intangible properties.

Chair of the Legal Committee of the IAAO, which presents the annual Legal Seminar and the biennial

Preparation and Trial Seminar, Chapel Hill, N.C. Mr. Wood presented at both seminars.

F.A.A. holding Airline Transport Pilot, highest pilot category. *

9. Why is the nominee deserving of this award?

Jay never sought in the limelight. He joked that he had an P.R. person whose job was to keep him out of the news. Jay's handled hundreds of circuit cases. His 138 cases in the State and Federal appellate courts, primarily in the area of ad valorem taxation. The cases for the Property Appraiser's office saved millions to the taxpayers against such as FP&L, Southern Bell, Donald Trump (Mar-a-Lago) and the tenants at Port Everglades. Many of his were important tax cases, such as the Federal Court House in Fort Lauderdale (most people didn't know it was on the rolls). In a nutshell, whenever needed it, Jay is there for it. For example, recently Jay with the City's Business Tax Receipts to show for Veterans the incorrect information.

10. Please provide a brief biography, resume or any other background information about the nominee including contact information.

Gaylord "Jay" was born in Indianapolis in 1938. He and his sisters, Evelyn and Marjorie, moved to Idlewyld Fort Lauderdale in 1946 because of Marjorie's health. Evelyn was the City's co-ordinator of the "Winter Young Visitors" and after polio, was Barry in the health services. Gaylord Sr. and Laura were life members of the Realtor Board. Their friends were City Commissioner "Jack" Humphries on Idlewyld. Laura was active in such encouraging Florence Tustison a first woman as a Fort Lauderdale Commissioner, attorney H. Martin Harold which bought Holiday Park with and "Scotty" Wilson, M.D., helped the War Memorial Auditorium.

Jay lived the Rio Vista home 1922 Abreu by Hon. George Tedder Sr., in Broward County Circuit Judge, and his daughter, Flora Tedder. Jay built a hapsichord and keyboard/ancient/choral music with his wife, Vicki DeLys Hyde.

Jay was a "Double Dukie," Duke in 1959 and 1962 for Duke Law School. Jay was a broadcaster WFTL-1400 (Ft. Lauderdale) and for WSSB-1490 and WDNC-620 in Durham, NC. the Announcer of the DUMB (Duke Marching Band) and Duke Basketball for WDBS. He was to the Bar in 1962 and the United States Marine as an officer until 1965 and ten years. Jay's a "dinger" shot Expert as Marine both rifle and pistol. Jay was an attorney with Rogers, Morris & Ziegler until when he became his office on Davie from 1980 until today. Gaylord is a shareholder of Wood & Stuart, P.A. Among his many associates in his office were Andy DeGraffenreidt, Esquire.

Jay's Bar Admissions to the Bar:

The Florida Bar (State Courts) - 1962, U. S. District Courts, Northern District, Middle District and Southern District of Florida, U. S. Bankruptcy Court, Middle District of Florida, U. S. Court of Appeals, Fifth (New Orleans) and Eleventh (Atlanta) Circuits, U. S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces (formerly Court of Military Appeals), U. S. Tax Court and the United States Supreme Court.

Jay often with connect with "The Sixth Commissioner," Attorney Dean Andrews. He also often tax questions with City Attorneys Donald H. Norman, Ronald Sladon, and "Woody" Elwood Obrig - none of whom you have probably still know but were important to the City being what it is now.

Jay was an Eagle Scout. Jay was a swimmer with the old Casino of Fort Lauderdale High School for Coach Tom Lamar, twice in the salt water and cold water. Jay traveled his boat every day from across US-1 to the Himarshnee to Ft. Lauderdale High School. He jokes that he was a dropout because his friend Jim Knight (his dad was Charlie Knight of Lauderdale Beach Hotel) a Plebe at USNA and Jay he one year graduate at Asheville School for Boys in one year. (FLHS gave Jim an Honor Diploma to FLHS for Jim.) Gaylord is married to Garie Blackwell, a commercial artist.

Gaylord's daughter's equines and music teacher Jack his son-in-law resides in Ocala. Jay is an avid racing sailor and frequently serves as Principal Race Officer for sailing regattas throughout the United States.

Should Gaylord honored of this award ask them to the beach, he and his wife at age 82 and 82 will swim their boat to the Great American Beach Party!

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14. Background material such as nominee biography, resume, media copy, etc. is highly recommended. Please feel free to attach additional sheets here.

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City of Fort Lauderdale, FL

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