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**Save the Dates
2018**

Events Calendar

June 11th - Scholarship
Awards

June 19th - Social -
Good Spirits

*Speakers and topic's subject to
change without notice

President's Message

"Yesterday's the past, tomorrow's the future,
but today is a gift. That's why it's called the
present."

Bill Keane

Once again, I am reminded
how fast time flies as we come
to the end of our 2017-2018
BWA year! Upon reviewing
and reflecting on the past 10
months, several notable items
deserve mentioning.



The Board of Directors
deserves kudos for their
service, input, commitment,
and enthusiasm as they
worked to meet the networking and scholarship goals
of the BWA mission. Our social objectives were
enhanced with several successful events thanks to
the efforts of Elisa Stone. The scholarship funding
raffles surpassed all expectations (year to date,
nearly \$6,000) with the diligent work of Tracy Carroll.
Jillian Krueger-Prinz and her tireless Scholarship
committee once again have chosen 10 scholarship
recipients who will be presented at our June 11th
meeting. Be sure to sign up and show support of
this important event. Many thanks to all the officers
who made this year so successful.

A new website is up and running! Debbi Hartman
worked many hours with Mad4Marketing to create a
user-friendly BWA website. Please take the time to

log-in and confirm your profile. Let Debbi know if you have any questions or suggestions. If you have any photos from BWA events, please forward to Debbi for inclusion on the site.

Last month I was honored to represent BWA at a fund-raising event for Pace Center for Girls, held at Allied Kitchen, along with WEC and the Chamber of Commerce Women's Council. Many thanks to the coordinated efforts of member Pam Moskowitz. It was a huge success and demonstrated the power of grass-roots efforts working to change the lives of females at all stages of life. It reinforced the importance of our BWA mission to support women in their quest for improving their own professional and personal lives.

Mark June 19th on your calendar for our year end spring social night at Good Spirits! See below for sign-up information. A drink and appetizers will be provided. Please join us and bring your friends!

Have a safe and happy summer,

Diana Plucienkowski

President 2017-2018

2018-2019 Proposed Slate of Officers

President-Diana Plucienkowski

President Elect-Patricia Zeiler

Past President-Holly Moody

Secretary-Holly Moody

Treasurer-Michele Singer Tobin

VP-Program-Vivian Fazio

VP-Membership-Lindsey Rubio

At-Large-Jillian Krueger Printz (scholarship)

At-Large-Elisa Stone (social)

At-Large-Tracy Carroll (raffles)

VP-Communications-TBD (Deb Hartman in interim)

Meeting Information

This year 28 hopeful scholars applied for the BWA \$1000 higher education scholarship.

From these 28 applicants, we were able to award ten scholarships because of the generosity which our membership, and in some instances our guests, have so graciously provided. The process was rigorous, and the application pool was outstanding.

The lowest GPA among the recipients was a 3.85 and the highest was a weighted 4.8. Two will be attending FAU, one at Florida Polytechnic University, one at FSU, one at McFatter Technical College, two at Nova Southeastern, one at the University of Florida, one at the University of South Florida, and finally one who has been accepted at NSU, FIU and FAU and at the time of the award had not made up her mind. All of them are degree seeking – six are going for their Bachelors' degree, one for her Doctorate of Osteopathic Medicine, one for her Masters' in Public Administration, one for her Masters' in Fine Arts and one for her Associate of Science degree in Dental Laboratory Technology. Two of our previous awardees are continuing their education with the help of our scholarship.

Here is a brief story of just one of successful applicants. She is in her mid-fifties, was widowed four years ago, and is raising an autistic son on her own. She received her high school degree through the GED program. The department at which she worked for nine years was dismantled this year and she lost her source of income. She decided to return to university for her masters' degree to increase her value in the job market. She maintains a 4.0 GPA. After Hurricane Irma, with the help of family and friends, she put together five large plastic bins filled with feminine products and delivered them to Samuels House in Key West as soon as US 1 re-opened. In addition, she has volunteered at the Pace Center for Girls, been a member of the Pompano Beach High School Booster Club where she assisted with fundraising efforts and has co-curated a Black History Month art exhibit as well as an LGBTQ+ exhibition. This recipient's gumption and accomplishments are

typical of the women who are receiving the scholarships that BWA awards.

All ten award recipients have been invited to attend our June meeting, where you will be able to meet them personally and hear more about their plans for the future. The Scholarship Committee is proud to present the 2018 Award Recipients to our members.

Catalina Avalos

Tracy Carroll

Holly Moody

Ivette Sanchez

Barbara Van Voast

Jillian Krueger Printz, Chair

[Register](#)



BROWARD WOMEN'S ALLIANCE

SUMMER SOCIAL



Join members & their guests as we
begin the summer season!
Enjoy a complimentary drink and
small bites while relaxing with friends



Tuesday, June 19th, 2018
5:30pm - 7:30pm

Members Prepay \$20 by 6/15
\$25 at the Door
FREE to Member Guests



476 N. Federal Hwy., Fort Lauderdale

Register

Member Spotlight



Ivette Sanchez, CPA

Ivette Sanchez is a Certified Public Accountant and a Principal of Kasbar, Sanchez & DeLucia in Hollywood, Florida.

She started her accounting career over 20 years ago after receiving a B.S. in Accounting from Rutgers University.

Prior to joining KSD in 2013, she managed her CPA firm, SYG Accounting & Consulting, LLC. She also served as a Senior Auditor for Ernst & Young, LLP in New Jersey and Florida.

Her experience includes tax, audits, IRS representation and diverse accounting services of public and private companies. In her pursuit to better serve her clients, she also became a Certified QuickBooks Pro Advisor. She is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, Broward Women's Alliance, and a volunteer at various nonprofit organizations in the community.

On a personal note, she has been married 26 years, and is the proud mother of three teenagers.

Ivette Sanchez, CPA

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Member News

Florida Children's Theatre is gearing up for a wild and wonderful summer, with the world's best summer camps and an all-ages mainstage production. Camps run at the Galleria Mall for children 4 years old through high school, with camp productions of *Madagascar* and *Seussical* to be performed at Bailey Hall. Somehow your very own **Janet Erlick** got roped into playing the role of the Killer Queen in the musical *We Will Rock You*, to be performed at Lauderhill Performing Arts Center in July. The show has all Queen music, so it should be great for a few laughs and time to sing along. Hope to see you there!

For more information www.FLCT.org



FULL MOON PARTY

Thursday, June 28th, 2018

HONORING

GENIA DUNCAN ELLIS RIVERWALK FORT LAUDERDALE
KATIE TORRES CATO INSURANCE
JOHN HALEY HALEY ENGINEERING

6:00PM - 10:00PM
THE ATLANTIC HOTEL POOL
601 N. FORT LAUDERDALE BEACH BLVD.
FORT LAUDERDALE

\$100 INCLUDES DINNER AND 2 DRINKS
ARE YOU IN? RSVP:
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VALET - \$5
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Upcoming events:

On June 28, Lenox on the Lake in Lauderhill, FL will host their 'Death By Chocolate' bake contest from 5:30PM-7:30PM. Admission is \$25 and proceeds go to Women In Distress. For more information or to RSVP please contact Lenox on the Lake Director of Sales and Marketing, Kinisha Ambrose, (954) 741-6700.

On August 2, from 5:00PM-7:00PM, Oceans 234 will host a Back to School drive benefiting Women In Distress. The drive will collect school supplies including backpacks, pens, pencils, paper. For more information please contact Matthew Williams at mwilliams@womenindistress.org.

Past Events:

The 12TH Annual Women In Distress Starfish Luncheon Presented by JM Family Enterprises / Southeast Toyota Distributors and Premier Sponsor Lorraine Thomas was held on May 2 at Signature Grand. More than 500 community and business leaders joined us as we honored those who have made a significant impact in the lives of domestic violence survivors. We also honored courageous survivors of domestic violence who shared their stories of how Women In Distress impacted their lives and helped them to lead lives free of violence and abuse.

On May 11, The South Florida Business Journal hosted the 2018 Influential Business Women Awards at Pier 66 in Fort Lauderdale. Women In Distress held a raffle at the event and proceeds went to support the services Women In Distress provides at no cost to domestic violence survivors and their families.

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