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Participants toss color powder bombs prior to the start of the Color Me Fed 5K Race May 28 at River City Brewing Company. **SEE MORE, PAGE 22.**



BREAKFAST WITH CHAMPIONS

Jacksonville Jaguars starting quarterback Blake Bortles and some of his teammates joined Taylor Belshouse, Ronald McDonald House Executive Director Diane Boyle, Rebecca Briones, and Angie Horsley in serving up breakfast for children at the Ronald McDonald House in San Marco in June. Read more, page 26.



MATH WIZARDS

Hendricks Avenue Elementary School's James Brandler, Lucas Repper, Leighton Yates, Katherine Chesire and Chace Caven had a strong showing in the 2016 District Mathematics Competition with Caven named Grand Champion in the county for his grade level. Read more, page 38.

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LEGIONNAIRES RIDE FOR HOMELESS



American Legion Post 88 presents \$16,200 check to Sulzbacher Center.

"Riding for the Cause, Not the Applause" was the motivation behind the 2016 fundraising record set by the American Legion Riders of Post 88, 3662 Spring Park Road, in support of the Sulzbacher Center.

Led by Chapter Director Bill Tosca, the legion presented a check for \$16,200 on June 4 to Linda Hemphill, Sulzbacher's donor relations coordinator, surpassing their \$15,000 goal as well as their 2015 donation of \$10,000.

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Changes made to The District's master plan

By Marcia Hodgson
Resident Community News

Although significant changes have been made to the master plan for The District – Life Well Lived, the new Southbank community will still retain its emphasis on healthy living, said developer Peter Rummell.

“The revised master plan continues to build on the health, wellness and multi-generations theme while focusing heavily on a variety of housing opportunities with a strong emphasis on river access and activation,” said Rummell.

In a new renderings released in late June, Rummell and his partner, Michael Munz, have rearranged elements from previous plans, while including a large cinema and townhomes on the southern edge of the 30-acre property.

The new drawings show a 16-story riverfront hotel, a 12-story office building, several apartment buildings, and 11-story/ seven-story luxury condominiums. Retail space includes a 25,800-foot cinema and at least five dining facilities, including two riverfront restaurants situated on either side of a riverfront public park.

“The idea of bookending each end of the four-acre riverfront park with restaurants as opposed to having them all along the riverfront opens up the public space and makes the action on each end exciting,” explained Munz.

Also changed is the location of the office tower, which had been situated away from the river, to Riverside Drive, a new street, which separates the park from the buildings. In the new plan the office tower will sit adjacent to two apartment buildings, which previously had been centered on the property. Prudential Drive will extend the length of the development, separating the loftier residential buildings from the townhomes and the cinema. Saunter Lane, a pedestrian walkway, now divides the two apartment buildings, where a road had been designated on previous renderings.

Also included will be a 57-slip marina, a



The newest plan for The District includes townhome condos, a 4.5-acre park, a 16-story riverfront hotel and a 25,800-square-foot cinema. For more renderings, visit residentnews.net.

kayak/canoe rental and a riverfront club.

Rummell's development group intends to purchase the property for more than \$17 million, but has yet to close on the land. JEA extended the due diligence period to Nov. 30, 2016 with closing by the end of December, said JEA spokesperson Gerri Boyce.

In December 2015, Equity Resources LLC of Birmingham, Alabama, announced plans to develop a high-end luxury apartment community within The District, but dropped out of the project a few months ago, said Munz. “We are working with our new development partners but are not ready to announce that yet,” he said.

Munz also said Rummell's group has had “preliminary conversations but nothing

concrete” with the Duval County School Board about acquiring its riverfront building adjacent to The District.

The new master plan calls for approximately 1,100 residential units. Retail establishments wrap around the ground

floors of most structures. Parking garages are incorporated within the lower and mid-levels of most buildings. The two-story townhomes, deemed “City Homes,” by the developers, will number between 45 and 65, each with its own garage, said Munz.

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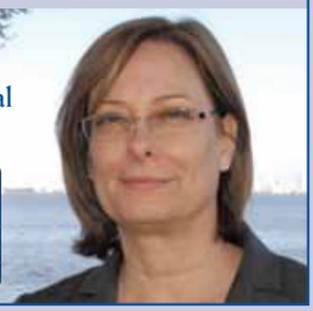
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Restaurant application raises parking issues in San Marco Square

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Free parking in the lot behind San Marco Square, which is owned by Southside Baptist Church, may become a thing of the past if the city approves an application for a new 150-seat restaurant to occupy a space near the church on San Marco Square.

Al Mansur, of Al's Pizza, who is also owner of the Flying Iguana restaurant in Neptune Beach, has a contract to purchase the building at 1409 Atlantic Blvd., now occupied by Stellers Gallery, said building owner Victor Zambetti, adding Mansur plans to put a Flying Iguana restaurant in the space. "It's under contract, but is still going through the permitting process," Zambetti said. "It's not a done deal," he said.

Mansur has applied to the city for a liquor license and a waiver to reduce the required distance from a church from 500 feet to 111. He is also working to acquire parking from a nearby church and office building for the spaces, while requesting a deviation to reduce the minimum number of required off-street parking spaces from 43 to zero, according to city documents.

But there's the rub. Although some stakeholders, including the San Marco Preservation Society and the San Marco Merchants Association, welcome the prospect of having a new business inhabit that space, the prospect of having patrons from a 150-restaurant so close by flood into its parking lot alarms officials from Southside Baptist Church.

A routine public hearing has been scheduled by the city's Planning Commission for Thursday, July 21, but may be postponed at Mansur's request, said District 5 Councilwoman Lori Boyer.

Understanding that many San Marco residents and merchants are concerned about parking, in mid-July, the San Marco Preservation Society plans to hold a special town hall meeting to discuss the parking issue, Boyer said. No date or time had been set by press time. Attorney Paul Harden, who represents Mansur, has requested the Planning Commission public hearing be postponed until after the town hall meeting has taken place, Boyer said.

In a letter written to Folks Huxford of the City Planning Department, Southside Baptist Senior Pastor Gary Lee Webber expressed his concerns about Mansur's



Southside Baptist Church may hire a parking lot manager and charge for parking if the city approves the zoning application for a 150-restaurant at 1409 Atlantic Boulevard, where Stellers Gallery now resides.

request to reduce the required 43 parking spaces to zero, stating the exception depends largely on the availability of Southside Baptist Church's parking lot, located in close proximity to the proposed restaurant, behind the north side of the shops on San Marco Square.

"According to the church's PUD (ordinance 1999-1245-E) the official hours of operation for the parking lot are from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. at the insistence of the nearest residents as an effort to keep the noise level down," wrote Webber in his letter. "Regardless of the original intent, these hours of operation are not conducive to the kind of business being proposed. The PUD also grants the church exclusive use of this lot on Sundays (all day), Wednesdays (after 5 p.m.) and for special events (funerals, weddings, church activities). We believe any exception must include a plan that demonstrates what the Flying Iguana plans to do during the hours that the church lot is unavailable for their customers," he wrote.

In a phone interview, Webber said the church wants to be "a good neighbor" to San Marco and its merchants. "In 20 years we have never closed the lot, but water seeks the lowest level and we don't want to monitor whether it is a shopper or someone going to church who is parking there on Sundays and Wednesday nights," he said noting the church has already given easements to other businesses and those with seniority should have priority to its spaces. "We want to provide parking for the businesses that already are here," he said, adding when the lot fills up, "customers will park along neighborhood

streets in the area."

The same PUD restrictions also apply to the Demetree parking lot at 1950 Thacker Avenue, said Webber in a telephone interview. According to documents obtained by *The Resident* from the city, Mansur has been in negotiations to lease 8,407 square feet of parking lot from The Demetree Brothers, Inc. upon the opening of the Flying Iguana. Webber said when Southside Baptist sold the parking lot to Demetree Brothers, Inc. years ago, it retained a 99-year-easement to use the lot on Sundays, Wednesday nights and for special occasions.

Concerned the conditions of the PUD governing the church-owned parking lot might not be upheld by the city, the church is considering contracting with a parking lot management company in order to enforce the terms and conditions of the PUD, including the hours of operation and the exclusive use of the lot by the church on Sundays and Wednesday evenings after 5 p.m.

"This will most likely result in the parking lot management company charging for parking through the week," said Webber in an email to *The Resident*. "This is not an ideal option for us. We have appreciated the spirit of cooperation that has existed between the church and the San Marco merchants. It is not our desire to charge the merchants' customers to park in the church lot through the week, something that could have an adverse effect on their business, but it appears as if we may be left with no other option," he wrote.

In his letter to Huxford, Webber said *continued on page 5 >>>*



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it was his understanding the planning commission's final parking exception regarding the church's parking lot had been issued to Taverna. "I have been told that the planning commission stated the exception granted for Taverna was the last parking exception they would grant to a business on San Marco Square because the area has reached its parking capacity," he wrote. "I know another establishment requesting an exception to reduce the required number of parking spaces from six to zero was recently denied. It would seem that this current request would warrant the same decision."

In the phone interview Webber said, "We have no intention of not being cooperative, but the Al's Pizza group only reached out to us this week even though they said in the papers they had made arrangements with the church."

Also no arrangement by Harden or Mansur has been made with neighboring South Jacksonville Presbyterian Church, which recently agreed to lease 11 spaces in its church parking lot for use by the Matthews brothers' new Rue St. Marc restaurant, Webber said.

Liquor license a concern

Also of concern to Southside Baptist Church is Mansur's request to reduce the distance required between an establishment selling liquor and the church, from 500 feet to 111 feet.

"While it is true that a number of liquor licenses have been issued within 500 feet of Southside Baptist Church, those establishments have all been on the south end of the square. This means

that the church has had the benefit of two busy roads and a city park as a natural buffer between our congregation and the establishments serving liquor," Webber wrote to Huxford. "We believe that issuing a liquor license on the north end of the square sets a new and dangerous precedent and completely eliminates any barriers the city ordinance intended."

SMPS President LeAnna Cumber said the Society wants to be proactive on seeking a solution to parking congestion in San Marco, and plans make the issue its highest priority this year.

"Parking is always a challenge in San Marco. We need to work on how we can fix this globally so businesses don't need to apply for deviations all the time," Cumber said, adding that the Society intends to attack the parking issue in a similar premeditated fashion to the way it resolved the San Marco Neighborhood Plan, which provides a roadmap for ongoing development in San Marco. The town hall meeting will kick off the process, she said, adding she hopes to have some general results by the end of the year. "How to resolve parking in San Marco so we can have greater business in the square is important so we can have a plan when somebody comes and we don't have to do it piecemeal," she said.

Meanwhile, Stellers Gallery owner Scott Riley, who has rented the location for more than 20 years, said although he is thinking about it, he has no plans yet to move his business to another location. "We've been down this road twice before," he said, adding in the past other contracts on the building have fallen through when the prospective buyers could not secure parking.

Millers Creek board to hear, vote on tax assessment

By Marcia Hodgson
Resident Community News

The Millers Creek Special Tax District (MCSD) Board of Directors voted unanimously to set its proposed yearly assessment at \$3,000 during a meeting at Cuba Libre Dance Club in St. Nicholas June 20.

The proposed annual assessment will be officially voted on during a Non-Ad Valorem Public Hearing scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Monday, July 18 at Cuba Libre. During the hearing, members of the public are invited to comment on the amount of the proposed assessment before the board votes to make it official.

Homeowners unable to attend the meeting are welcome to submit written comments to the board in advance, said Sharon Johnson, board secretary. Comments should be sent to the MCSD at Post Office Box 47375, Jacksonville, Florida, 32247 prior to Friday, July 15, she said.

During a meeting June 20, the board was informed in an email from MCSD Treasurer Chris Rose that it had \$10,065 in cash on hand and that 21 of the 28 Millers Creek households had contributed.

District 5 Councilwoman Lori Boyer informed the board during the meeting June 20 that City Council had unanimously approved the MCSD budget. The board also decided unanimously to approve the survey it had commissioned

during its May 16 meeting from ARC Surveying & Mapping at a cost of \$6,000. With the survey done, the board will turn its attention to studying engineering costs and reviewing proposals from various firms that might bid to take up the dredging work.

Johnson announced that Millers Creek's Clean-up Day would tentatively be held at 8 a.m., Saturday, August 13, because the board decided at a previous meeting to hold its clean-up day in conjunction with the city's clean-up of the St. Nicholas area, which is sponsored by the city's Environmental Quality Division and the community blight clean-up initiative. "This way we can do it in conjunction with a lot of other people," she said.

Residents participating in the neighborhood clean-up will meet in Southgate Plaza, said Johnson, but those interested in cleaning up Millers Creek will gather at a satellite location in a lot owned by Rene and Danny Pulido at 3434 Atlantic Boulevard, next to the Fire Station No. 12 in St. Nicholas. "The Pulidos have donated use of a large dumpster there so we won't have to take our trash anywhere else," Johnson said. "It will be a fantastic help."

After the clean-up event, Millers Creek homeowners are invited to a party sponsored by the city at Riverside Arts Market, Johnson said.



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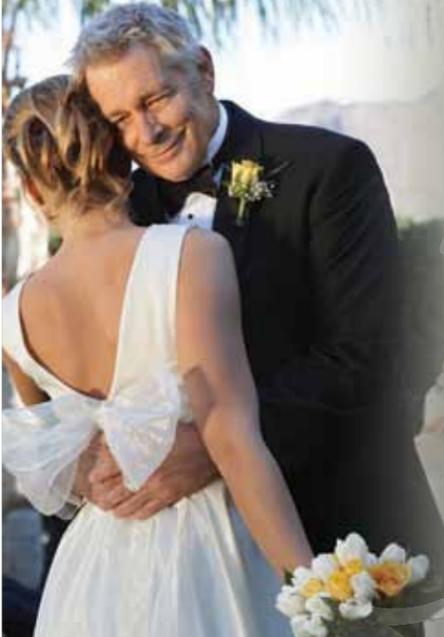
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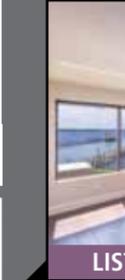
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Medure brothers to bring French-American diner to San Marco Square

By Marcia Hodgson
Resident Community News

David and Matthew Medure, well-known for their upscale Matthew's Restaurant on Hendricks Avenue, are planning to create another dining venue at the fork where Hendricks Avenue meets San Marco Boulevard.

Rue St. Marc, a French-American diner which will serve breakfast, lunch and dinner, will be located at 2103 San Marco Blvd., the current site of their catering operation. Meanwhile, the catering operation, M Hospitality's Provisions, will move to 4446 Hendricks Ave. in the Miramar Shopping Center.

The new Rue St. Marc dining venue has already been approved by the city. It will open in October 2016, Matthew Medure said.

"We are designing a hip neighborhood dining spot serving French-American cuisine, along with a lively artisanal craft cocktail scene locals can savor," said Medure. "San Marco is a place where everyone knows everyone. Rue St. Marc will bring the neighbors together for communal dining under our covered patio," he said.

"It will be a cool place to come and eat or to get take-out to bring to the workplace if you want," said Medure, adding the atmosphere will be "very casual."

Although his new 150-seat restaurant will



The new Rue St. Marc diner will be located at the intersection of Hendricks Avenue and San Marco Boulevard at the head of the square where the catering operation for M Hospitality Restaurant and Catering Group is currently located.



The catering operation for M Hospitality Restaurant and Catering Group is moving to the end of a row of stores in Miramar Plaza.

be located at the head of San Marco Square, parking will not be a problem, Medure said. Already zoned for a restaurant, his location was grandfathered in such a way requiring Medure to obtain a deviation from 115 seats to 150, said LeAnna Cumber, president of the San Marco Preservation Society.

To make his parking plan work, Medure only needed to secure nine more parking spaces, which he obtained by working out a deal with South Jacksonville Presbyterian Church to use 11 spaces in its lot.

"Our parking won't be any extra burden on the community," Medure said, noting in

addition to South Jacksonville Presbyterian's spaces, he has 21 available through on-street parking and spaces on the property. Any overflow will be welcome in Matthew's parking lot, which is fairly empty during breakfast and lunch hours. If the restaurant is jammed and requires more, valet parking will also be made available as it is for Matthew's Restaurant, he said.

"Our main concern was parking," said Cumber. "As long as he has solved that issue, we're excited about the new business. He's a wonderful neighbor and has done so much with Matthew's, we're excited to see

that space be put to good use. All that he does is of high quality, and we know what he does will work with the neighborhood."

Medure said he is looking forward to setting up his catering operation in the Miramar Plaza, where his restaurant group has leased an end unit next to the cleaners. It will be a place where the M Hospitality, Restaurant and Catering Group grinds meat, bakes pastries and organizes provisions for its restaurant venues throughout Jacksonville. "That building is set up better (than their current location) for what we are trying to accomplish and will help our operations," he said.

Ronald McDonald House renovations progressing nicely

By Marcia Hodgson
Resident Community News

From the outside it looks nearly complete, but there is still work to be done on the new addition to Ronald McDonald House in San Marco. A ribbon cutting is expected to be held later this summer.

So far, the facelift for the family kitchen, community room and board room, with a "farm-to-table" design, including a rustic wall made of reclaimed wood, the foyer and part of the dining area have been completed, but more work is needed to finish the new addition, which will add 24 family suites to the residential nonprofit. The facility provides a home away from home for families with children undergoing medical treatment in Jacksonville.

In addition to more bedrooms, the entire existing facility has been under renovation. A beautifully refreshed modern kitchen reopened in November 2015, and recently



Rendering of the new rooftop garden that will sit atop the new addition to San Marco's Ronald McDonald House.

accommodated a portion of the Jaguar's football team, who stopped by to make pancakes for Ronald McDonald guests.

Also under renovation is an expanded dining room and playroom with a "Jaguars" section, volunteer kitchen and rooftop garden, which will include an arbor with benches, a health and wellness area and a

fountain, that will be available to families when the project is complete later this year.

On the ground floor beneath the new three-story wing, a car garage will allow for plenty of undercover parking. The 24 family suites in the new addition are beautifully appointed with sitting rooms, two double beds, flat-screen TVs and a breakfast area with refrigerator. Soothing colors will be painted on the walls and each room boasts large windows to allow in plenty of natural light. "We want it to have a homey feeling," said RMH Executive Director Diane Boyle.

As a convenience to parents, a coffee bar will be included on each floor of the new addition making it easy for families to meet, Boyle said.

A fitness center will allow parents to exercise and do yoga. The building will also accommodate a learning center for Ronald McDonald's expanded health and wellness program. "We want to make the environment rich and stimulating for children," said Boyle, noting the house has been collaborating with Apple and the University of North Florida to bring more informal learning opportunities to the children who stay at Ronald McDonald House. Included in the learning center will be new iPads and other digital technology to assist tutors who come to the house to help keep the children mentally engaged and connected with their families at home.

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Homeowner files request to subdivide historic St. Nicholas property

By Marcia Hodgson
Resident Community News

Orange zoning signs line the fence in front of the historic McIver House at 1108 Palmer Terrace, as owner Mitchell W. Legler requests two zoning waivers from the city's Land Use and Zoning Committee. Legler hopes to subdivide his nearly three-acre property into five home sites. The signs cropped up during the second week of June. At press time last month, LUZ had not yet scheduled a public hearing to discuss the waivers.

Legler, who has lived at the address for 36 years, said his property was listed on the real estate market for a year with no takers. "I tried to sell it, but there is not much of a market for large old estates," said Legler, noting it is very expensive to maintain a property the size of the McIver estate. "We were advised that the market today favors smaller properties. This will create a real opportunity for five families to enjoy the beautiful St. Johns River with deep water dockage and terrific views of downtown," he said.

The McIver house, which Legler said he has deliberately not listed on the National Register, is featured in Jacksonville Historian Wayne Wood's book, "Jacksonville's Architectural Heritage, Landmarks for the Future." It was first built in 1916 and later enlarged to double its size in 1930, said Legler. (This differs from Wood's book which lists the date the house was built at 1930 with the addition constructed in 1937.)

According to Wood's book, the property was part of a Spanish land grant awarded to Francis Bagley. When he died, the land passed to his widow, Anna Hogans. In 1839 the property was divided into five 80- to 90-acre lots and given to Hogans' five children, one of whom was Eliza Miller. Five grandchildren of Eliza and her husband, David Palmer, were members of the Holmes family and inherited Lot #2 of the original grant. The addition made to the original riverfront house came by way of renowned Jacksonville urologist Dr. Robert McIver and his wife, Ida Holmes McIver, who was the great, great



Rendering of Mitchell Legler's plan for building additional homes at 1108 Palmer Terrace. The home in the center is the historic McIver House, painted white. For more renderings, visit residentnews.net.

granddaughter of Anna Hogans, said Legler. Prior to Legler's purchase of the property from Ida McIver in 1980, the property had only transferred through inheritance, he said.

"The house itself is a beautiful part of St. Nicholas, and my objective is to preserve the main house," Legler said. "It's an old, honored neighborhood, and there is a lot of good in the old. My intent is to incorporate all the good of the old structure with the new concepts and do it harmoniously with a new development."

When Legler first consulted with architects and engineers, he was told he could fit a cul-de-sac with 10 house lots – five of which would be riverfront lots – onto his nearly three-acre estate as a way "to maximize its value" but chose to reject the idea.

"This would not have been consistent with the neighborhood," he said. "I wanted to preserve the historical house so I looked to find a way to develop it in a manner that would enhance the community instead of detracting from it."

In the city's property records, the riverfront estate is actually three 125-foot by approximately 330-foot parcels, with the historic house residing on the middle parcel. Legler's plan is to subdivide the two on either side of the main house so that each will have a riverfront lot connected to Palmer Terrace by

a 20-foot-wide driveway.

On the west side of the historic house, a 90-foot by 190-foot lot will border the street with a 20-foot-wide driveway running alongside it toward the river. The western riverfront lot behind it will be a large, trapezoid-shaped lot 110 feet wide, 198 feet long on one side and 142 feet long on the other with 122 feet of river frontage.

One the eastern side of the historic house will be a 90-foot by 120-foot front lot with a 20-foot-wide driveway alongside. The trapezoid-shaped riverfront lot behind it will measure 110 feet wide, 152 feet long on one side and 94 feet on the side bordering Palmer Terrace Park.

Each house will reside on approximately half an acre, Legler said.

Legler said the back lots are big enough and the front lots have enough frontage on Palmer Terrace so that the project does not require rezoning. "All five lots will meet zoning requirements for the area," he said, noting a waiver is required because with driveways only 20 feet, the two back lots do not have enough direct road frontage specified for the area.

Legler plans that four "Charleston Low Country Estate homes" will be built on the lots adjacent to the McIver house, each

ranging in size from 4,000 to 5,000 square feet. "My intent is to restrict them so that all the views are protected. No opaque fences will be allowed. The back will have the look of an open park," he said. "Legally I can control the architecture and the openness of the area. I hate fences that cut off people's views. I will have it carefully restricted so (future) owners cannot build something on the riverside and block the view of everybody else.

"My intent is for all the houses to have access to the river and to build a community dock," he continued. "It is better to have one pier going out for all the people to put their boats on," he said, adding a benefit to the location is the depth of the river near his shoreline. "It's eight feet deep at low tide. You could take an aircraft carrier from my dock to China without having to stop," he said.

In subdividing the property, Legler plans to preserve the 6,500-square-foot McIver House while tearing down an adjacent detached garage, which was built in 1940, and a detached artist's studio, built in 1952, which was formerly used by McIver's son, John, a well-known painter who currently lives in Asheville, North Carolina. He also plans to convert the back porch attached to the historic house, which faces on the street side, into a garage once the property is subdivided.

Legler said he has no immediate plans to move from the McIver house and will continue to live in it until someone "offers the right amount" for it. His daughter, Dorothy Fasbinder, and her family live down the street on Palmer Terrace.

Although he did not say so explicitly, Legler indicated his Palmer Terrace neighbors are not happy with his plans. "People are afraid of the unknown. People get upset, but this is actually a very nice solution as opposed to a few old deteriorating buildings," he said. "There is always resistance to change in the world. This change will be a benefit to the entire area. I think it is going to be beautiful. When people understand what's going on, they will be in favor of it."



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Vigil for Orlando tragedy held at HAB

OneJax, a University of North Florida nonprofit organization that seeks to promote diversity as the foundation for a strong community, held a vigil June 15 at Hendricks Avenue Baptist Church in the wake of the Orlando tragedy. In an act of domestic terrorism, 49 people, lost their lives and 53 were severely injured after a deranged gunman fired an assault weapon indiscriminately into the crowd at a gay bar in Orlando June 11.

“It is important that we show love to those who suffer from this act of hatred, that we stand together for peace, and that we embrace the opportunity to comfort and strengthen one another,” said OneJax in an email announcing the vigil.

Members of the community had been invited to drop by the church any time between noon and 2 p.m. for individual reflection and prayer. More than 150 people took the opportunity to sign a “Statement of Solidarity” after the attack on the LGBT community stating that acts of hatred, bigotry or violence would not be tolerated in the Jacksonville community.

“We call upon our better nature to remind us that the only divide is between those who hate and those who refuse to hate. We will not return hate with hate but rather confront hate with love. We must safeguard America’s soul by refusing to sanction bigotry against others simply because of whom they love or how they pray,” read a portion of the Statement of Solidarity.

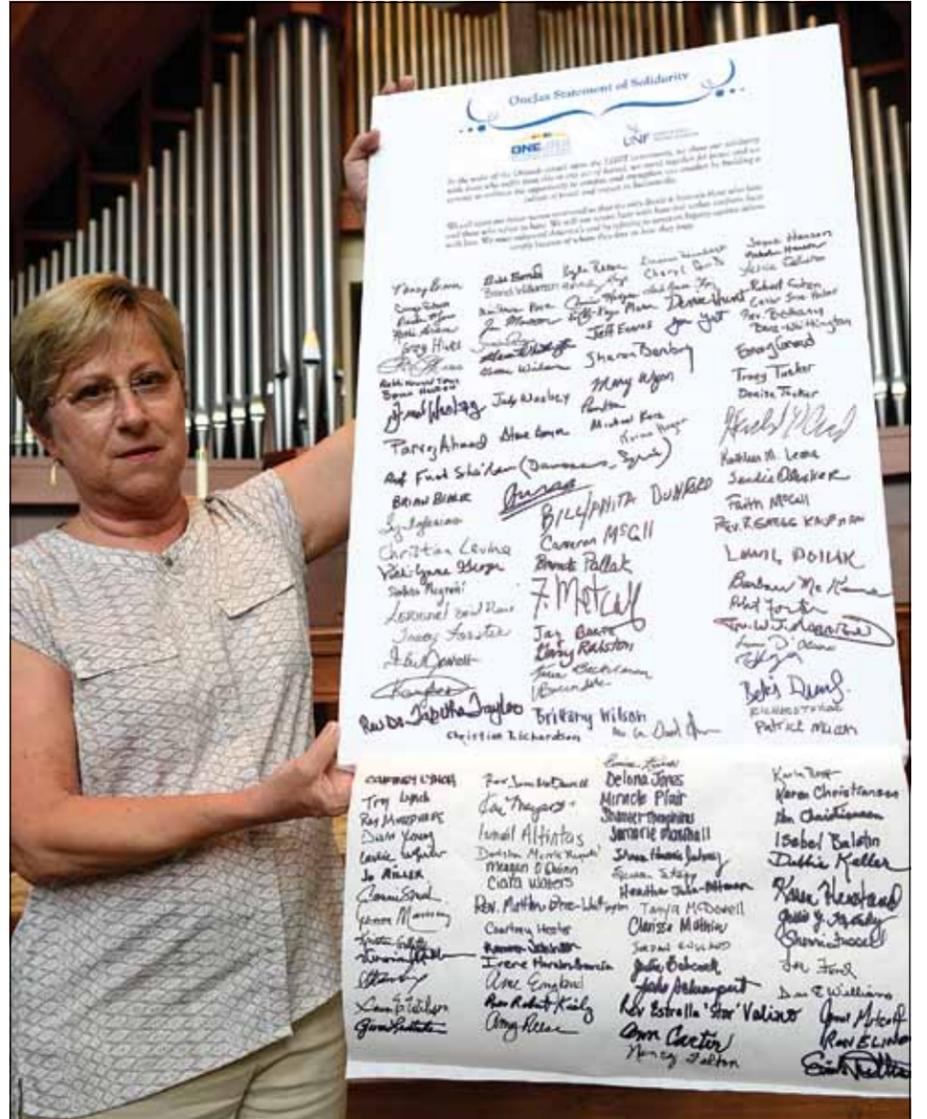
“I’m glad that they (Hendricks Avenue Baptist Church) opened the doors for us to be here...peace, not war...God opens the door,” said Erick Dittus, a member of



Reverend Canon David Erickson from St. John’s Cathedral downtown took time to connect with the initiative.

Congregation Ahavath Chesed.

Reverend Canon David Erickson of St. John’s Cathedral in downtown Jacksonville agreed. “I love the fact that there was an interfaith communal opportunity,” he said, after taking the time to pause and pray at Hendricks Avenue Baptist Church.



Nancy Broner, executive director with OneJax, holds the signed statement with over 150 signatures from members of the Jacksonville community.

Avoid lines, make blood donation appointment

In light of the tremendous response by blood donors in the wake of the Orlando mass shooting, OneBlood, the local blood center, is urging blood donors to make an appointment.

People who would like to donate are requested to call 1-888-9-Donate or visit OneBlood.org to arrange a session.

Right now the blood center team is working diligently to test and process the thousands of units of blood that have been donated.

Having a ready blood supply is vital to our community. OneBlood encourages people to become regular blood donors to ensure a safe and available blood supply 365 days a year.

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3. The best sources of protein include: eggs, fish, lean meats, and whey isolate protein. Whey protein is the best for building and preserving lean muscle mass. Most of your food must be eaten through whole foods!
4. The average person cannot absorb more than 20 grams of protein at one time. This means you need to eat 5 to 8 small meals per day. This also stabilizes insulin levels, which is vital to weight loss and lean muscle gain. If you learn to control your blood sugar, your body will release stored body fat. If your insulin levels spike, you remain fat.
5. Having a protein shake immediately after your workout is the best time for absorption. There is a 40 minute window post workout. Include protein with healthy fruits that are super bright. The brighter the fruit the greater the anti-oxidant. Fresh berries are fantastic!

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JTA named outstanding public transportation system

Beach Boulevard top safety project on priority list

By *Kate A. Hallock*
Resident Community News

The Jacksonville Transportation Authority (JTA) has been named the 2016 “Outstanding Public Transportation System” by the American Public Transportation Association (APTA), and will receive the achievement award at the association’s annual meeting in Los Angeles, California, September 11-14, 2016.

The news was announced on May 18 at the JTA’s State of the Authority luncheon for city leaders.

The JTA operates Jacksonville’s public bus service, ferry service, downtown automated Skyway and paratransit service. The Authority also plans, designs and builds roads and bridges.

With a total of 874 square miles, Jacksonville has the distinction of being the largest city by land mass in the United States. The JTA has played a pivotal role in Jacksonville’s growth and economic development by providing critical service to thousands of public transit dependent residents in Florida’s largest city by population.

The JTA encompasses 850 employees, 200 buses and trolleys, 26 community shuttles, 97 paratransit vehicles, and an

automated people-mover with an annual \$230 million budget.

Mobility Corridors initiatives announced

Also announced at the luncheon was the Tier 1 Keystone projects for the JTA’s Mobility Corridors / Complete Streets initiative and the Tier 1 Operational/Safety projects.

Keystone projects would showcase “complete streets,” while Operational/Safety projects represent “quick fixes” that can provide immediate safety and operational improvements at a lower cost. The projects are tiered based on the available \$9 million in MobilityWorks funding to be allocated between “Keystone” projects (\$7 million) and “Operational & Safety” enhancements projects (\$2 million), according to the JTA.

Of the 14 Tier 1 projects selected for preliminary engineering and design work, the Beach Boulevard corridor, for which a community charrette was held in January 2016, was listed as number one out of nine on the Operational/Safety projects priority list. The recommendation includes mid-block crossings and pedestrian safety enhancements in the St. Nicholas area.

Beach Boulevard was also listed as number five out of six Tier 2 Keystone projects. If funds become available, the recommendation includes a traffic study in St. Nicholas to determine future lane requirements with lane reduction/on-street parking between Kingman and Carmichael Avenues and/or a “square-about” concept at the Beach and

Atlantic interchange, including removal of the overpass.

According to the JTA, each of the priority projects have been selected based on a variety of factors including contribution to safety and multimodal access, support of ongoing neighborhood planning initiatives,

public health and community livability, economic development, and the potential for leveraging other funding sources for future implementation.

The JTA Board of Directors met May 20 and approved the Complete Streets report and priority recommendations.



The San Marco Preservation Society hopes to raise money to convert the “static” playground equipment at Southside Park with a more “European-style” play area so it will become a destination playground.

SMPS planning destination playground for Southside Park

By *Marcia Hodgson*
Resident Community News

Inspired by Avondale’s Boone Park, which will soon install new state-of-the-art playground equipment, the San Marco Preservation Society (SMPS) is looking to rehabilitate the playground in San Marco’s Southside Park with new recreational apparatus.

The park, which resides behind the Southside Branch Library and is adjacent to the Southside Tennis Complex, was refurbished in 2004, when the Preservation Society and the city came together to help build a new community center alongside the library as well as a new outdoor park and refurbished tennis courts. The grassy park area, which borders Lasalle Street, currently has a small children’s playground and three picnic areas on its site.

The Society intends to build a “destination” playground, which it hopes will not only be used by San Marco residents but also by children from other neighborhoods throughout the city. In the plan is the installation of exercise equipment and play structures that can be used by all children including

those with physical, developmental and intellectual disabilities.

“We want to make the park accessible to all children regardless of height, age or ability,” said LeAnna Cumber, president of SMPS. “We hope to have something for everyone.”

People throughout the United States are starting to redesign playgrounds with different goals than in the past, Cumber said. Instead of the traditional swings, slides and monkey bars, which offer a “static” play experience, playgrounds are veering more toward a “European-style” of play areas where there are web-like rope structures instead of bars, allowing children of differing ages and athletic abilities to have fun using the same equipment while working on balance and other forms of exercise. “We want a playground that is less static, with exercise equipment that will enhance the idea of getting kids moving,” she said.

Cumber said she is currently working to appoint an SMPS committee to start planning the playground project. “We feel Southside Park is not used as well as it could be. It’s an underutilized park for the area. The more it is used, the safer and nicer it will be,” she said.

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To promote children's literacy in Duval County, Children's Home Society of Florida's Early Head Start program will incorporate Nemours BrightStart! Early Literacy Program modules into its curriculum beginning this summer.

The Nemours BrightStart! initiative provides educational programs for at-risk four-to-five-year-old children so they can get a jumpstart on reading success. The 20-lesson, highly-interactive curriculum is based on the premise that the foundation for literacy is built in a child's early years, when the brain is more responsive, adaptable and attuned to learning language.

"Early childhood education is vital to a child's growth," said Kymberly Cook, executive director of Children's Home Society of Florida, based in St. Nicholas. "We look forward to helping more children along the First Coast meet and exceed early learning literacy milestones through Nemours BrightStart!."

First female hospital president named at Baptist Health

Nicole Thomas, a Southbank resident, has been named hospital president of Baptist Medical Center South, Baptist Health's second-largest hospital with 269 beds. It is the first time a female has been named a hospital president in the Baptist Health system.

Thomas will replace Ron Robinson, who is retiring this fall after 11 years of serving at Baptist Medical Center South, which opened in 2005 as the health system's first all-digital hospital.

"It is a real honor to be part of the healing experience to improve lives of patients and their families here in Jacksonville," said Thomas. "What we do every day is a ministry and service to our neighbors. I'm grateful for the opportunity to lead an organization that is going to be remembered by patients for touching their lives in a special way."

A native of Houston, Texas, Thomas is a fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives. She graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Science in Public Health Administration from Dillard University in New Orleans. She also holds a Master of Healthcare Administration from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where she was a Minority Merit Scholar and Institute



Nicole Thomas

to St. Luke's Episcopal Health System, where she led the surgical services line and developed its primary care network, including opening the first St. Luke's Medical Clinic.

Thomas joined Baptist Health in 2011 as vice president of operations and specialty services. She was promoted in 2014 to senior vice president of specialty services with oversight over neurosciences, orthopedics and oncology. Most recently she had primary executive responsibility for Baptist MD Anderson Cancer Center. Also under her leadership the neurosciences program experienced significant growth including the creation of the Stroke & Cerebrovascular Center at Baptist Medical Center Jacksonville; primary stroke center certification at Baptist's community hospitals; comprehensive stroke center designation for Baptist Jacksonville; and the launch of the Baptist Neurological Institute. In orthopedics, she led the program and introduction of robot-assisted partial knee replacement surgery.

"In addition to being a strong, effective leader, Nicole Thomas is a special person with a deep commitment to health care," said Hugh Greene of San Jose, president and CEO of Baptist Health. "Her fit with our culture and ability to make an impact were evident from the beginning."

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Dr. Loren Clayman trained at Harvard University where he was an All-American athlete. He graduated from Tufts Medical School, interned at the University of Pennsylvania and did his surgical training at St. Elizabeth's Medical Center. He completed his Otolaryngology residency at Jefferson Medical Center and a second residency in Plastic Surgery at the University of Florida

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Torres co-authors book to help businesses



Manny Torres

San Marco resident Manny Torres has co-authored a book, "Amplify Your Business: A Rockstar Professional's Guide to Marketing Success Vol. 1," as part one of a three-part series to help fledgling companies market their business. His partners are Jen DeVore Richter and Kenny Harper. Torres will hold a book signing Saturday, July 9, 10 a.m. to noon at the San Marco Bookstore.

"Our goal is to provide business owners with insights that are actionable. We've seen many businesses go under due to factors completely in their control. They could have been successful had they been armed with the right marketing knowledge and applied it," said Torres, creative director and co-founder at Rock My Image, an Authority Marketing Agency.

Residents honored with city Preservation awards

Representatives from St. Nicholas and San Marco were honored at the 2016 Jacksonville Historic Preservation Awards under the theme "This Place Matters," at the Jacksonville Main Library May 12.

Winning the Historic Preservation Project award for the second consecutive year were Lyn and Ted Corley of St. Nicholas for oral histories on the Cosmo community, Old Arlington and Cleve Powell. Also, for the Cosmo project, the Corleys again won the Florida Historical Society's Samuel Proctor Oral History Award for the second straight year.

"It's quite an honor," said Lyn Corley. "When you get an award like that, it brings attention to the work you've done."

Last year, the Corleys won the Proctor Award for their oral history "Conversations from the Village of Mayport" and the city's Historical Preservation award for an event that cheered the French Huguenots on the 450th anniversary of the founding of La Caroline.

Also honored was Leigh Burdett, who received the city's Preservation Service award for her work with E2ride Bike Tours of San Marco, and the late Robert Broward, a renowned architect who formerly lived in St. Nicholas, with a memorial tribute.

Burdett, who operates a bike-touring company through the historic neighborhoods of Jacksonville, said winning the Preservation Service Award was like receiving an Oscar award. It is "a confirmation of what I do and that these historical places matter," she said.



Leigh Burdett



Ted and Lyn Corley

"Winning this award is like having my dad, my biggest cheerleader, whisper down with pride saying, 'I knew you

could do this baby,'" said Burdett, noting her father passed away a week after she opened her business seven years ago.

A party at the Palazzo, owners gather

A mid-morning mimosa and light hors d'oeuvres greeted special guests at the Palazzo on St. Johns. The lanai and pool patio area, complete with summer kitchen, was the perfect location for the gathering of homeowners who call the waterfront community home. Management threw the party June 12 for the residents and welcomed visitors to the condo community along the banks of Goodby's Creek.



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Greek bakery finds sweet new location

YaYa Sweets, formerly sharing space with another bakery on Old Kings Road, recently moved to San Jose Square, 5041 San Jose Blvd., into the nearly turn-key location of the former Cookie Momsters.

Jackie Biles, Greek by heritage on both sides of her family, left Florida Blue in 2010 to create authentic Greek desserts based on family recipes, first selling at local markets, including Riverside Arts Market.

"I always wanted my own storefront, but expenses limited me and I wanted to be sure that the public liked my goodies," said Biles, who named her business after the Greek nickname for "grandmother." "I'm teaching my seven grandchildren the business so that they can keep it going, if they desire."

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David Clark, Bobbi Doggett, Beth Mixson, Susan Bunnell, Donna Cooper; back: Gerri Boyce, Dennis Stouse. All, except Cooper, were past presidents of the Jacksonville Chapter of the Florida Public Relations Association.

Jacksonville PR chapter celebrates 60th anniversary

Twenty past presidents of the Jacksonville Chapter of the Florida Public Relations Association (FPRA) gathered with many other chapter members and guests at the Riverside home of Dr. Wayne Wood May 17 to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the chapter's charter.

Originally named the Gator Chapter, on May 10, 1956, S.E. Lorimier was elected general chairman and Walter A. Ketcham vice chairman at the chapter's first organizational meeting. The FPRA, established in 1938, is one of the oldest public relations organizations in the United States. The statewide organization has nearly 1,500 professional and student members, which make up 15 professional and 11 student chapters.

A portion of the proceeds from the celebratory event will fund scholarships for FPRA First Coast student members at Jacksonville University.



Francine Walker and Karen Everett, both former presidents of the Jacksonville Chapter of the Florida Public Relations Association



Tukz and Carrie Taaca

San Jose man celebrates 25 years in aquatics, water safety

San Jose resident Tukz Taaca, owner of Safety First CPR & Safety Training, is celebrating 25 years in the water safety industry and his company is marking its fifth anniversary.

"The core of my aquatics training came from The Walt Disney World Company in Orlando starting in the mid-1990s," said Taaca. "I worked there for nine years in all 13 resorts and three waterparks, including Disney's River Country, one of the first waterparks in

Florida. In my entire career, I've only had to perform CPR once and, unfortunately, the lady did not live. This ultimately changed my life, and I am dedicated to the promotion of safety classes like CPR, First Aid, Swim Lessons, Child & Babysitting Safety, and Lifeguarding in the Northeast Florida area."

Taaca, along with his wife, Carrie, teach water safety and CPR at schools, such as The Bolles School and San Jose Episcopal Day School,

and at other venues, such as the San Jose Country Club and the Florida Yacht Club.

"My proudest achievement is being the Aquatics Coordinator at the First Coast Kids Triathlon. For eight years, I've led teams of lifeguards to guard the safety of over 10,000 kid triathletes during the swim portion of the race. To be entrusted with their aquatic safety is a huge honor!" said Taaca.



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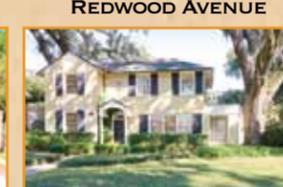
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"My goal is to find out the truth regarding a person's mental state, and that truth can at times bring clarity to a legal issue," explained Worsham. "I'm not a concierge doctor. My practice is geared for specific psychiatric evaluations for legal purposes.

"I come in when a legal problem and mental illness intersect," she continued. "I provide psychiatric evaluations and expert witness testimony regarding civil and criminal law. God forbid someone may need my services because that usually means something really serious has happened in their life."

Worsham is uniquely qualified to assist when serious legal situations arise. In addition to being a medical doctor, her expertise goes beyond that of a social worker or psychologist, both of which are unable to prescribe medications or admit patients to a hospital.

"I'm the highest level professional you can retain to evaluate your condition for a legal issue. Because I am a physician, I have the medical background to evaluate the whole body. Mental illness is a medical problem. Your brain is just as much an organ as your heart or lungs, and your brain is susceptible to medications, trauma,

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Elizabeth Worsham, Forensic Psychiatrist

and other diseases," she said, noting she can review diet, medications, and a person's physical condition. "When a person has a mental issue and a co-existing legal problem, they deserve a physician to fully evaluate it in order to receive due process."

Worsham holds credentials as a medical physician with nine years of post-collegiate education. She graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Science in Education from Baylor University, before attending the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine in Oklahoma City. After receiving her Doctor of Medicine degree, she spent the next four years at Washington University in St. Louis in psychiatry residency training before heading to the University of Florida in Gainesville for a year's forensic psychiatry

fellowship. During her time at Washington University, she was named "Resident of the Year" by the graduating medical student class for excellence in teaching.

With medical licenses in Florida, Missouri, and the Drug Enforcement Administration, Worsham is available to work on cases throughout the United States. She is unique among forensic psychiatrists in that she gives equal time to both clinical and forensic work. Furthermore, she maintains board certification in General Psychiatry and Forensic Psychiatry through the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology.

She currently serves on the Duval and Nassau County Guardianship Examining Committee. Worsham also is available to provide competency to proceed evaluations in numerous counties in north Florida. She is quali-

fied to provide psychiatric evaluations and expert witness testimony in the civil law areas of guardianship, malpractice, professional ethics, personal injury, worker's compensation, fitness for duty, civil commitment, independent medical evaluations, and testamentary capacity. On the criminal side of the law her expertise lies in competency to proceed, sanity at the time of the alleged offense, aggravating and mitigating factors, death penalty evaluations, and psychosexual evaluations.

In her two years since graduating from Washington University, Worsham has worked on 57 forensic cases, including a murder case to determine whether the accused was "malingering" or feigning a mental illness to avoid prosecution.

For her clinical practice, Worsham works part-time for the Department of Veterans Affairs providing outpatient psychiatric care to Jacksonville's veterans. In a partnership between the VA and UF Health, she lectures, supervises, and mentors psychiatry residents from UF Health Jacksonville.

Although she stands just over 5 feet tall and looks young for her 32 years, she has no qualms about working in jails or prisons having done independent contract work at the maximum-security Florida Women's Reception Center in Ocala.

As one of approximately 2,000 forensic psychiatrists nationwide, Worsham offers a rare combination of knowledge and skill in the mental health arena and is certainly someone you want your legal team to contact should a need arise.

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San Marco Merchants hires Martin as executive director

Diane Martin, a familiar face in San Marco Preservation Society circles, has been hired as executive director of the San Marco Merchants Association.

Martin, who will take over for George Foote, began her duties June 1. Foote will continue on the SMM A board and will work with committee members as well as maintain and grow SMMA's "My San Marco" website.

"I'm thrilled about Diane Martin coming on the board with SMMA," said SMMA President Anita Vining. "While serving in the paid position as executive director, she will be contributing a lot of time to enhance and grow the membership of SMMA and also make sure communication to the membership is strengthened."

Martin brings plenty of business experience to her new role. A native of Texas, she holds a degree in marketing from the University of Texas in Austin. Her work experience includes selling industrial supplies (pipes, valves and fittings) as well as designer jeans and clothes as a sales representative for Levi Strauss Dockers and Polo Ralph Lauren.



Diane Martin

When her husband, Tim, served as president of the San Marco Preservation Society in 2004-2005, Martin was appointed chairman of the 2005 Patrons Party. "I had recently quit my job as a traveling sales rep for Polo Ralph Lauren and apparently needed

something to do," she said. The next year she joined the SMPS board as events chair. In the following six years, she organized the twice-a-year Concert in the Park, the Bark in the Park, the Raingutter Regatta, a Pop-up Party, and the 2011 Patrons Party.

During her tenure as SMPS president in 2012-2013, Balis Park expanded, creating roadwork changes and the roundabouts in the center of San Marco Square. In the following years she served as past president of the society and as membership chair, putting her focus on business memberships.

"I enjoyed getting neighbors together and making sure everyone had a great time, while also helping protect, preserve and promote San Marco," Martin said.

"As the executive director of the San Marco Merchant's Association, I hope to help the merchants improve their business by making San Marco a destination for shopping, dining and living," she said. "As a resident since 1997, I have gotten to know many of the shop owners and couldn't be more excited to work with them!"

River Garden tops in Florida

River Garden Hebrew Home for the Aged will be recognized with an eighth Florida Governor's Gold Seal Award for Excellence in Long-Term Care. Of the more than 680 nursing homes in Florida, River Garden Hebrew Home has continuously held this recognition since it was created in 2002 by the Florida Legislature.

The Gold Seal Award recognizes the Florida nursing homes that "demonstrate excellence in long-term care over a sustained period, promotes the stability of the field and facilitates the physical, social, and emotional well-being of nursing home facility residents."

'Million Dollar' volunteers celebrated



Volunteers receiving awards for 1,000 hours of volunteer service were Ellen Balanky, R.N., of San Jose, and Tocca Chester, joined by Board Chair Helen Morse.



Volunteers recognized for completing 500 hours of volunteer service included Anita Dunsford of San Jose and Dr. Parita Patel, with Volunteers in Medicine co-founder Dottie Dorion.

The time and expertise donated by active volunteers to provide free healthcare for Jacksonville's hand-working, uninsured populace was honored April 15 at Volunteers in Medicine's annual "Evening of Heartfelt Thanks."

Among the volunteers recognized at the service awards reception and dinner were San Jose residents Anita Dunsford, who received a 500 Hour Cumulative Award, and Ellen Balanky, R.N., who received a 1,000 Hour Cumulative Award. In all, the 230 volunteers donated services valued at more than \$1 million, and the event served to recognize these professionals for their commitment and dedication.

"Our volunteers perform a variety of functions in our downtown clinic," said Mary Pat Corrigan, CEO of Volunteers in Medicine. "These caring physicians, registered nurses, advanced nurse practitioners, pharmacists, licensed mental health counselors, and many non-clinical volunteers, including healthcare students from local universities and colleges, provide an essential service throughout our organization. This evening is dedicated exclusively to them and to thank them for their dedication and service to our patients and the community."

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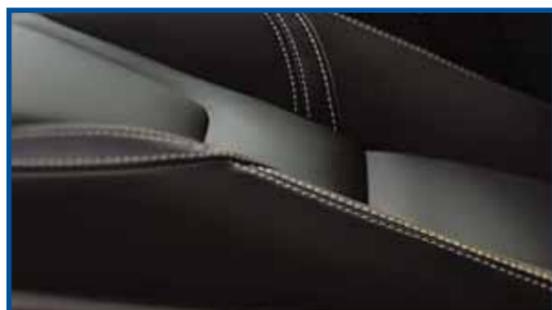
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Healthcare systems join forces to open new MOSH exhibit

New core showcase celebrates museum's diamond anniversary

By Marcia Hodgson
Resident Community News

In a rare collaboration, five of Jacksonville's leading healthcare systems joined the Museum of Science & History (MOSH) to present a new interactive exhibit that explores personal and community health.

The exhibit, *Health in Motion: Discover what MOVES You* opened with CEOs and board members of the five healthcare systems on hand to "throw the switch" and ignite a large green EKG display, which monitored the beat of the new exhibit during a VIP reception June 13.

The display opened to the public June 14 and is part of the celebration of MOSH's 75-year milestone. As a "core" exhibit, it will be part of MOSH's collection for the next decade.

MOSH has been celebrating its diamond anniversary this year with special programming, events and exhibitions, of which *Health in Motion* is one. Throughout the year, MOSH will host a variety of programs and exhibits that will reflect on the past, celebrate the present and plan for the future. A special celebratory event will be held in November 2016.

Health in Motion was the first time Baptist Health and Wolfson Children's Hospital, Brooks Rehabilitation Hospital, Mayo Clinic Florida, St. Vincent's Health Care and UF Health Jacksonville have joined forces to collectively fund and act as expert resources in shaping and designing an exhibit with MOSH.

Taking an active role in opening the exhibit at the VIP reception were Hugh Greene, president and CEO of Baptist Health, Doug Baer, CEO of Brooks Rehabilitation, Dr. Gianrico Farrugia, CEO of the Mayo Clinic's campus in Jacksonville, Dr. Mike Schatzlein, president and CEO of St. Vincent's HealthCare, and Russ Armistead, CEO of UF Health Jacksonville.

"UF Health Jacksonville is proud to be a part of the unique collaboration between MOSH and five other healthcare institutions throughout Jacksonville," said Russ Armistead, CEO of UF Health. "We all share a common commitment to providing accurate information in order to expand



Christina Zorn, chief administrative officer, Mayo Clinic, Jacksonville; Doug Baer, CEO, Brooks Rehabilitation Hospital; Hugh Greene, president and CEO, Baptist Health; Maria Hane, executive director, MOSH; Russ Armistead, CEO, UF Health Jacksonville; Dabney Ware, chairman of board of trustees, MOSH, Tom Vanosdol, system CO, St. Vincent's HealthCare; Huson Gilbertstadt, chief clinical officer, St. Vincent's HealthCare.

the knowledge and improve the health of the people within our community. The new *Health in Motion* exhibit showcases the importance of presenting a unified voice across the communities we serve in Northeast Florida and beyond."

The nonprofit healthcare systems worked with the curatorial team at MOSH for more than a year interpreting how environment and lifestyle can impact both individual and community health in the five counties that comprise Northeast Florida. The new exhibit is a vibrant, interactive guest experience that explores their findings, utilizing data gathered from the 2012 Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA), which is a joint effort between the nonprofit health systems. (The 2015 CHNA results were released this spring.)

In the 725-square-foot, state-of-the-art exhibit, visitors explore the body systems to better understand the importance of individual choices, external factors and movement on their personal health and the overall health of the region.

Movement is a central theme of *Health in Motion*, and the exhibit illustrates several aspects of movement including the movement of body systems, the movement of community factors that impact health, the movement of light and sounds within the exhibit space, and physical movement through games and interactive components.

"St. Vincent's HealthCare and the Museum of Science and History have always been organizations on the move," said Dr.

Mike Schatzlein, president and CEO of St. Vincent's. "As MOSH celebrates 75 years of educating our community, we celebrate 100 years of healing it. Our organizations are both thriving today with strong community support because we understand the importance of movement – of moving forward and staying at the forefront of our respective fields. This exhibit creatively explains how movement impacts all aspects of our lives – from how movements inside of our bodies keep us alive to how moving our bodies keeps us healthy. We are honored to

join with MOSH and colleagues from other local health organizations to help make our community a healthier place to live."

Hugh Greene, president and CEO of Baptist Health said his health system's mission is broader than caring only for those with illness and injury. "We are committed to promoting the good health of those in our community," he said. "We are pleased to partner with the Museum of Science and History in the exhibit in order to have an even greater impact to help people live well – stay well."

"We all share a common commitment to providing accurate information in order to expand the knowledge and improve the health of the people within our community."

*–Russ Armistead,
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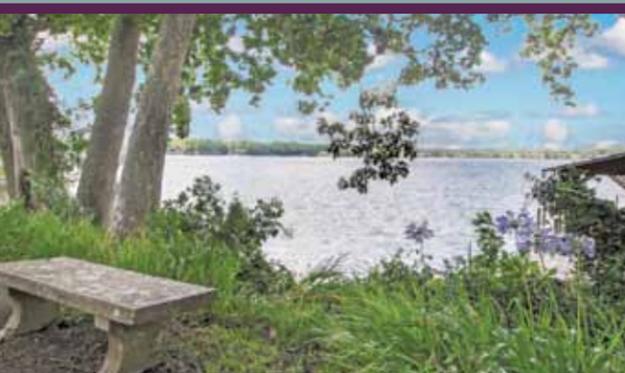


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Residents meet top Baptist physicians during San Marco parlor event

By Marcia Hodgson
Resident Community News

More than 30 residents took the opportunity to meet three of Baptist Health's top physicians during a parlor event hosted by Baptist Health President Emeritus Bill Mason and his wife, Julie, at their San Marco home June 9.

The event was sponsored by the Development Board of Baptist Medical Center, Jacksonville, with the goal to educate and engage members of the community who may have an inclination towards supporting the work of the hospital, said Julie Mason.

During the "working social gathering" guests met neurovascular surgeons Ricardo Hanel, M.D. and Ph.D. and Eric Sauvageau, M.D. of Ortega, as well as hemotologist/oncologist Edward Gorak, D.O., M.B.A., M.S., F.A.C.P.

Guests also learned from Baptist Health President and CEO Hugh Greene about initiatives Baptist Health is conducting in the community, including its \$100 million capital campaign, its role in the Coastal Community Health Alliance, a regional network of eight hospitals from Brunswick, Georgia to St. Augustine, and the new Baptist North Medical campus, an emergency outpatient center and medical office building, which is under construction in North Jacksonville near Dunn Avenue and Interstate 295. The new North Jacksonville Baptist/Wolfson's Children's Emergency Center is slated to open in fall 2016.

Labeled by Greene as Baptist's "dynamic duo," Hanel and Sauvageau have a global reputation as two of the premier neurovascular surgeons throughout the world. A native of Brazil, Hanel is director of Baptist's Neurological Institute, while Sauvageau, a Canadian, is director of the Stroke & Cerebrovascular Center at Baptist Medical Center, Jacksonville. Both men shared information on ground-breaking minimally invasive procedures they have helped develop in the treatment of aneurysms, including flow diverter technology, stenting and coiling. "They are taking our stroke program to a different level," Greene said.

Sauvageau and Hanel, who have known each other since their days doing an endovascular clinical fellowship at State University of New York, Buffalo, are conducting clinical trials for strokes and aneurysms to expand the window for interventional treatment to those suffering from acute neurovascular blockage.

Currently, the standard of care for



Karen Farrell and Susan Greene



Some of the top brain surgeons in the world stopped by Bill and Julie Mason's home in Miramar to share insights into their work during a Baptist Foundation parlor event in June. Attending the "working" social event were Baptist Health Trustee Richard Sisisky, Dr. Ricardo Hanel, Baptist Health President and CEO Hugh Greene, Dr. Edward Gorak, Dr. Eric Sauvageau, Baptist Health Chief Operating Officer John Willbanks, and former Baptist Health President Emeritus and host Bill Mason.



Donnie Horner with Tammy Daniel



Bill Mason, John and Carol Fryer and Ted Powell



Leigh Mangus, Gartrell Milam, Paul Farrell and Leslie Redd

interventional treatment is within six hours after the start of stroke symptoms. One trial at Baptist allows the physicians to use a stent retriever device, a hollow metal tube made of Nitinol wire mesh that serves as a stent, to remove the blood clot. Instead of opening up the skull, the device can go into the blood vessel through the groin up to the brain to unblock the vessel. Another trial uses devices and medications approved by the FDA for opening clotted blood vessels, but looks to going up to 12 hours after symptoms first began. Patients are selected based on special new advanced imaging that shows how much of the brain is still viable.

Hanel said because of these trials, Baptist is the only hospital in the city that extends the stroke treatment period up to 24 hours, while other facilities rely on clot buster medication, which must be provided within 4.5 hours of the occurrence of symptoms to be effective.

Gorak, who left a prestigious position at Geisinger Medical Center in Danville, Penn., to join the team at the new Baptist MD Anderson

Cancer last October, specializes in blood cancers and focuses on immune-deficiencies and bone-marrow transplantation. He said Baptist hired five medical oncologists/hematologists, a neuro oncologist and three radiation oncologists when the center opened and will add two more medical oncologists by Labor Day.

By hiring doctors who are known throughout the nation in their specialties,

Baptist MD Anderson is rapidly becoming a destination cancer center drawing patients from throughout the southeast including Tampa, Alabama, Atlanta, Charleston, and as far away as Indiana, Gorak said. He also noted it is the patient-focused "MD Anderson model of care" – one which allows for everything a cancer sufferer requires for treatment to be in one location and for multiple doctors to be seen in a single day – that is the attraction.

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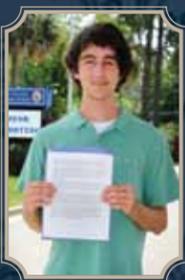


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 Michael Pajcic, a Stanton Prep alum, congratulates Micah Conrad.

in our country, leading to thousands of deaths each year. We hope this campaign helped raise awareness of this growing problem that impacts so many teenage drivers.



Arissa Cushnie of Western High School is our first place selection. She will receive a \$10,000 Pajcic scholarship and will attend Florida State University.



Micah Conrad of Stanton College Prep is our second place finisher, receiving a \$5,000 scholarship when he attends Flagler College this fall.



Annie Phifer of Berkeley Prep in Tampa was awarded a \$2,000 scholarship as a third place finisher. She is attending Dartmouth.



Daniel Bernadez of Somerset Academy is our other first place winner. He will also receive \$10,000 and will attend Full Sail University.



Aravind Byju of Pine View School in Sarasota is our other second place finisher. His \$5,000 scholarship will go towards furthering his education at Harvard.



Sean Reilly of St. John Newmann Catholic in Naples is our other third place recipient and his \$2,000 scholarship will be used at Belmont Abbey College.



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Colorful run helps put food into hungry stomachs

Since Hunger Fight began three years ago, over 2.3 million meals have been packaged for distribution to food pantries in Northeast Florida. The 2nd Annual Color Me Fed 5K Walk/Run held May 28 helped move the needle on the number of meals.

"We raised over \$15,000 and that equates to 60,000 meals," said Dean Porter, founder of Hunger Fight, a local nonprofit which helps feed food insecure individuals and households.

Billed as the "Race Against Hunger," the event began and ended at River City Brewing Company, taking approximately 525 participants over the Main Street bridge, along the Northbank Riverwalk, into Brooklyn and back.

This month, Hunger Fight presents the 1st Annual "Chip Away Hunger" golf tournament, Thursday, July 14 at Windsor Parke Golf Club. Details can be found at <http://hungerfight.org/pack-food/event-registration>.



Mirella Perez and Samuel Luna give the race a thumbs up.



Sherri and Dean Porter, founders of Hunger Fight organize the annual race to raise funds for their food ministry.



Susan Mattox presents Seth Williams, publisher of *The Resident*, with an award for his contribution of public awareness of Vision Is Priceless's mission.



Vision is Priceless Secretary Dr. Brian Schwam, Board Member Dharmesh Dubey, Chairman Dr. Jeffrey Levenson, Board Member Lisa McIntosh, Greg Hofmann



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"Cheers to 20 Years" was the theme of the annual meeting and awards presentation for Vision Is Priceless. The nonprofit, based at St. Vincent's HealthCare, Riverside, shared its major accomplishments for the past year with board members, volunteers and donors June 9 at the Haskell Building.

The Children's Program screened over 36,000 children at 462 schools during 2015-2016, and held vision education and screenings at three locations in a partnership with

the Jacksonville Jaguars. The partners also held Jaguars Vision Days at Clara White Mission; the Adult Program provided nearly 3,000 screenings for low-income adults and referred over 2,400 eye exams. Vision care services were also provided for 509 low-income and uninsured children and adults, including 19 surgeries.

Eight awards were presented, recognizing individuals and organizations for participation in sight-saving programs, leadership, volunteerism and public awareness.

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Corbin Lowe with his junior angler winning 5.02 lb. redfish.



Jesse Rain (left) raises his catch with his fishing partner Lance Partridge, Captain Rain won the top tournament winnings with a 12.90 lb. aggregate.



Scholarship awardee Natalie Hart, with her parents Tim and Sue Hart.

Clay Roberts Tournament delivers a memorable day

It was a great day for fishing, as the wind gusts and occasional spotty rain were held at bay long enough to have an outstanding day on the water. The Clay Roberts Memorial Inshore Slam and Key Auto Junior Angler fishing tournament celebrated nine years and 35 boats weighing in fish this year.

The tournament has been held on Father's Day weekend every year and is hosted at the Beach Boulevard Marina on the Intracoastal Waterway. This year, top honors were awarded to Ortega resident Jesse Rain with a slam aggregate of 12.90 lbs. Chris Kellem placed second in the slam with a

total of 11.09 lbs. Eddie Cabler placed third with an aggregate of 10.16 lbs. This year's Key Auto Junior Angler Tournament was Corbin Lowe who caught a 5.02 lb. redfish.

In River Or Ocean, the nonprofit behind the tournament, also announced May 19 that the ninth Clay Roberts Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Natalie Hart, a graduating senior at Bishop Kenny. Hart was selected by the Scholarship Committee as the student who best emulated Clay's spirit and values. She has been accepted to and will enter Georgia Southern in the fall.



Allen Sr., Tracie, Ashley and Allen Robinson



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Jaguars trade footballs for aprons at inaugural benefit

Jacksonville Jaguars Wide Receiver Allen Robinson hosted his first Celebrity Surf & Turf event June 13 at Epping Forest Yacht and Country Club to benefit his foundation, Within Reach. The foundation seeks to provide Jacksonville's low-income and inner-city youth with educational opportunities and resources.

Planning to make it an annual event, Robinson was joined by many of his teammates, including Rasheed Bailey, Blake Bortles, Allen Hurns, Rashad Lawrence, Marqise Lee, Allen Robinson, Bryan Walters and Tony Washington. Also in attendance were Head Coach Gus Bradley, Assistant Wide Receivers Coach Tony Sorrentino, Voice of the Jaguars J.P. Shadrick, and Jacksonville Mayor Lenny Curry.

At the event, emceed by Seth Harp of Harp on Sports, players traded footballs for aprons and served the three-course meal to over 100 guests, raising \$90,000 for the foundation.

"As proud as I am of my work on the football field, I am equally as proud of what we're accomplishing off the field through my Within Reach Foundation," said Robinson. "I know first-hand about the struggles many local Jacksonville kids are facing, and I also understand the importance of having mentors and people that care."

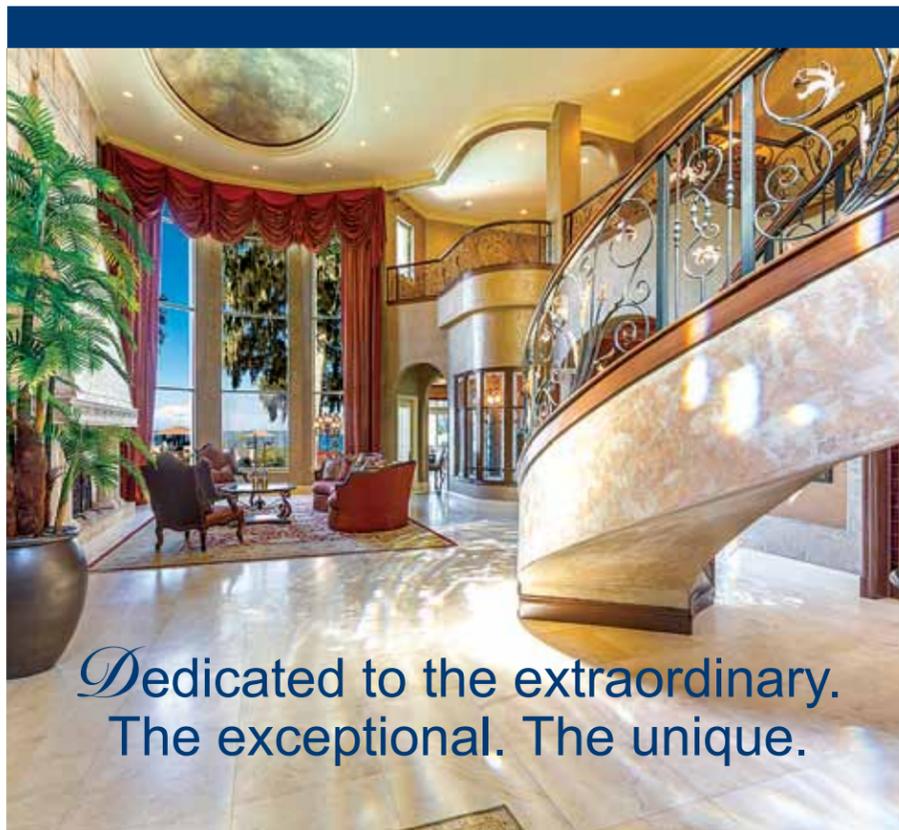


Jack and Debbie Hanania with Within Reach Executive Director, Jeff Ginn



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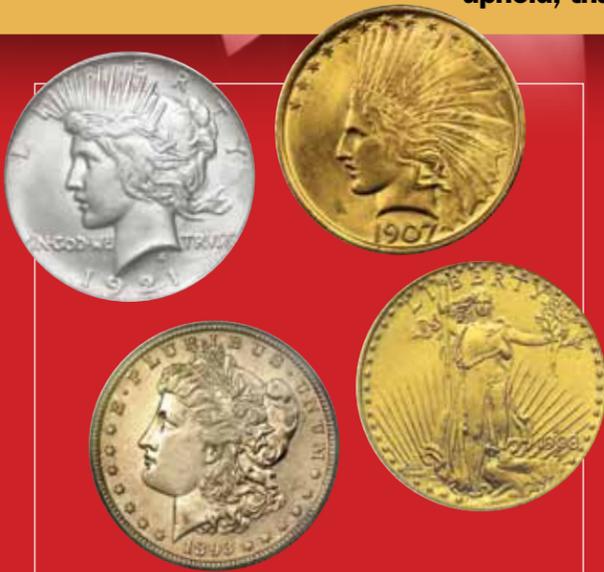
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New cancer center breaks ground in San Marco

By Marcia Hodgson
Resident Community News

Jacksonville political dignitaries and highly placed members of the Baptist Health Medical community were among the celebrants joining in a groundbreaking ceremony June 23 to kick off construction of a 330,000-square-foot addition to the current Baptist MD Anderson Cancer Center in San Marco.

The \$150 million-plus addition will comprise nine stories and be constructed on a two-block tract of land directly across San Marco Boulevard from the current Baptist MD Anderson Cancer Center. With the new edifice, Baptist MD Anderson will be able to dramatically expand the comprehensive state-of-the-art cancer care making it a destination medical center for patients with the disease throughout Jacksonville and the United States.

“This place will be known for bringing new hope to patients and families – and the jobs we create will have a positive ripple effect in the economic health of the community as well,” said Cerec Harden, board chairman of Baptist Medical Center Jacksonville. “In addition to making our new cancer center a reality, the total economic impact over the next 10 years is projected to exceed \$2.5 billion,” he said.

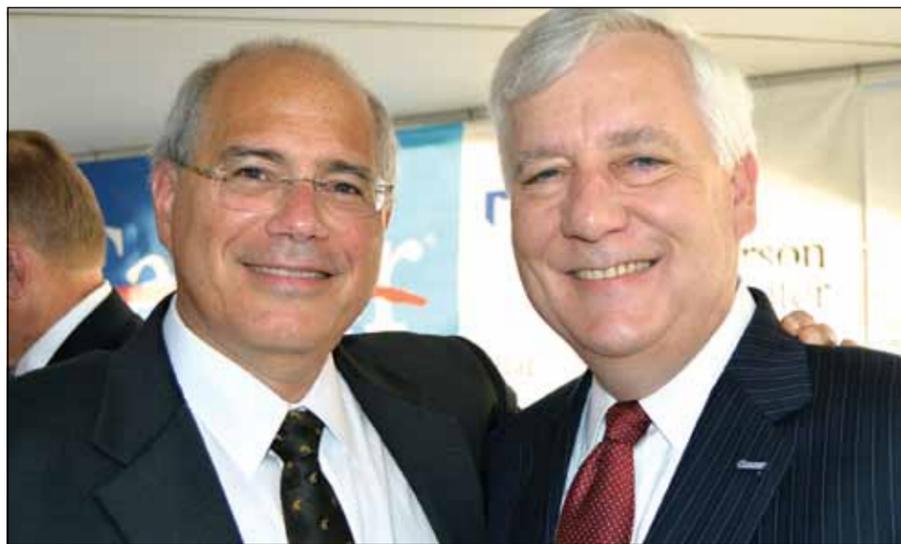
In addition to Harden, several important members of the Baptist Health community and city government spoke prior to the actual groundbreaking ceremony. Taking the rostrum were Baptist Health President and CEO Hugh Greene of San Jose, District 5 Councilwoman Lori Boyer of San Marco, Nicole Thomas of the Southbank, senior vice president of specialty services for Baptist Health, Dr. Joe B. Putnam of San Marco, medical director of the Baptist MD Anderson Cancer Center, John Wilbanks, executive vice president and chief operating officer of Baptist Health and Courtney Hester, a Baptist Health chaplain, who said a prayer before the actual groundbreaking began.

Thomas introduced a video tour of the facility. “This new state-of-the-art cancer center will be built to focus on the patient’s needs from the moment of arrival. “Patients will find inspiration throughout the building with nature, light and art,” Thomas said. “An open courtyard in the center of the building will provide a beautiful garden and sculpture for patients and their families to enjoy.”

Many were recognized for their support of the project and their assistance in making it become a reality including Pam Onstead of San Jose, who was credited by Greene with helping make the idea become reality, and the San Marco Preservation Society, which helped insure the design of the new center would fit in to the historic San Marco community.



Sam Newby, City Councilman, At-Large; District 14 Councilman Jim Love, Baptist Health Senior Vice President of Specialty Services Nicole Thomas and Art Graham, Baptist Health Foundation Board member



Dr. Miguel Rodriguez-Bigas, clinical lead for Baptist MD Anderson Cancer Center and professor, department of surgical oncology of MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston with Dr. Joe B. Putnam, Jr., medical director of Baptist MD Anderson Cancer Center



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Jaguars stop by San Marco for Community Day

By Marcia Hodgson
Resident Community News

Children and families in more than one of Jacksonville's pediatric institutions got to meet some of their favorite football players when the Jaguars stopped by for a visit as part of the team's Community Day June 9.

After scheduling an on-field practice, Jaguars head coach Gus Bradley decided to change course and give the entire team a bye, sending portions of his squad off to visit Ronald McDonald House, Wolfson Children's Hospital, Nemours Children's Specialty Care and Brooks Rehabilitation Hospital, said Team Spokesman Tad Dickman.

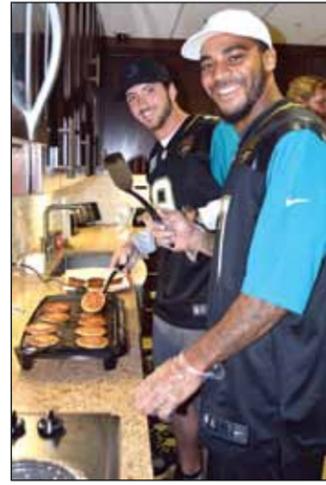
"Coach's message to the team was 'Let's go out and make a difference,'" said Dickman, senior manager of public relations for the Jaguars. "Ronald McDonald House was started by the Eagles, and has had a long affiliation with the NFL. In this city where pediatric care is so important, it was an obvious choice to reach out and give our support."

Visiting Ronald McDonald House for breakfast were the team's defensive backs and quarterbacks. Starting quarterback Blake Bortles worked shoulder to shoulder with more than 20 of his teammates taking turns flipping pancakes and grilling sausages in RMH's newly renovated family kitchen before serving up a delicious morning meal to Ronald McDonald's children and their families in the dining room.

Meanwhile the team's tight ends, wide



Taking a day off to serve others were Demetrius McCray and Peyton Thompson of the Jacksonville Jaguars. Members of the team spent the morning flipping pancakes and serving breakfast to the families at Ronald McDonald House in San Marco June 9.



Brandon Allen and Dwayne Gratz of the Jacksonville Jaguars flip pancakes in the newly renovated family kitchen at Ronald McDonald House.

receivers and defensive line visited both towers in Wolfson Children's Hospital, while patients and staff at Nemours Children's Specialty Care were called on by the Jaguar's offensive line and linebackers, said Dickman. The specialists and running backs made the trip to Brooks Rehabilitation Hospital on the Southside, he said.

Also on hand, sporting a Jaguar's ball cap, was Reed, the facility service dog for Ronald McDonald House, as well as Executive Director Diane Boyle, who said she was thrilled the team took the time to visit with the children and their families. "It means so much to them," she said.

Donors assist Family Nurturing Center

When the Family Nurturing Center, a St. Nicholas private nonprofit which oversees supervised visitations for the court system, discovered its 15-year-old phone system was down June 6 the situation seemed serious.

"We couldn't check voice mail. If someone dialed in from outside we couldn't hear it and the phone would ring and ring on their end," said Leigh Starnes, development manager for the Nurturing Center, noting the trouble also affected the security system, pre-

venting Nurturing Center personnel from buzzing people in the front door of their 2759 Bartley Circle headquarters.

A new phone system, an unbudgeted expense, cost \$2,000. "We didn't know how we would fund this. We didn't want to take away from other budgeted expenses," Starnes explained.

Hoping to raise the money, Starnes put out an email blast to 5,000 supporters tied to the legal community at noon June 8. "By 6 p.m. the same day we had reached our goal and then some," she said. "We were

pleasantly surprised with the support."

Eighteen donors immediately responded with contributions ranging between \$15 and \$500, totaling more than \$3,000. Starnes said most donations were unrestricted, allowing for the Nurturing Center to put the balance toward its other needs. "We make sure we do what we need to with the money we receive," said Starnes. "We always try to be respectful of donor's wishes."

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Florida is no stranger to downpours that fall in great sheets, crashing onto roofs and pouring off the sides of houses like waterfalls. Their drops can find even the smallest cracks in the fascia and penetrate a home's defenses with devastating results.

Wally Conway, owner of HomePro Inspections and host of *The Home & Garden Show* on WOKV AM 690, has inspected 30,000 homes during his 18 years in business, and is well aware of the damage water can cause.

"Water can damage a home by soaking the wood and other materials and creating an environment conducive to rot and attractive to pests," Conway said. "Rain water collects on the roof, cascades off the sides, hitting the ground next to the house. This leads to soil erosion around the foundation, and the water splashes back onto the foundation where it can cause erosion and water damage, and create an inviting environment for all sorts of



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In addition to protecting your home, Gutter Helmet is an attractive product with a low profile that's available in a variety of colors that blend with a home's exterior.

"In all the homes I've inspected, I have never seen water damage — including rot and mold — on the side of a home with a Gutter Helmet gutter protection system," Conway said. "The products are installed by a local, family-owned business. There isn't a better product on the market, and it's made right here in Jacksonville."

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Delicious Destinations to celebrate life in the South at 15th annual event

No other epicurean event brings culinary stars to Jacksonville for three days of inspirational cooking than the annual celebration known to connoisseurs of good food and fine wines all over the Southeast as the St. Vincent's Foundation's Delicious Destinations.

Event chairs Kristi and James Aiello, M.D., Susan and Sean Kelly, and Aly and Chris Leeper are organizing the anticipated event, themed this year as Farm to Fork – Celebrating Life in the South.

Delicious Destinations patrons will experience artful Southern fare created by acclaimed chefs Sept. 8-10, 2016 at the prestigious Ponte Vedra Inn & Club, a founding partner of the event which will benefit St. Vincent's community outreach programs.

The Celebrity Chef by the Sea reception and luncheon opens the events on Thursday, Sept. 8 at 11:30 a.m. Chef David Guas will headline this event, coming to Ponte Vedra from the Washington, D.C. area where he has two southern inspired restaurants, Bayou Bakery, Coffee Bar & Eatery. The New Orleans-born host of Travel Channel's American Grilled is a frequent guest on The Today Show and CBS's The Talk.

"It is an honor to have been selected as the guest chef for this celebrated festival that will be sending an important message to all attending patrons by way of its theme this year, Farm to Fork. This is something that marries my philosophy at the eateries. If we all continuously strive to support the farmer, and buy local, we are providing a sustainable life for them. On the flip side, we as consumers are the beneficiary as we are getting a product that is pure and natural," said Chef Guas.

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David Guas

Chef Guas' creations, which will be delightfully interpreted by Ponte Vedra Inn & Club Executive Chef Hermann Muller and his team of top chefs.

"This is an opportunity for chefs to give back to the community, said Chef Muller. "It's good to raise funds for St. Vincent's and have camaraderie (while) refreshing friendships." Previously with the Hilton Hotel and Towers in Washington, D.C., Chef Muller worked at the White House for state dinners and other political functions, so attention to detail is nothing out of the ordinary for him.

Next up is the Major Donors and Sponsors Private Preview Reception with the chefs on Friday night, Sept. 9 at 7 p.m. Chef Muller and his team will pay tribute to the cuisine of

the South for this year's culinary tour de force, while meeting the patrons who generously support the St. Vincent's Foundation year after year at Delicious Destinations.

The Gourmet Food & Wine Gala is Saturday, September 10 at 7 p.m. Chefs from some of the South's premier resorts, including The Greenbrier, The Cloister at Sea Island, The Breakers, Mar-a-Lago and Pacci at the Brice Hotel, will showcase their culinary talents.

Southern Wine & Spirits of North Florida will provide wines from select domestic and international vineyards. The event also includes live and silent auctions, as well as a drawing of a \$2,500 gift certificate, generously donated by Beard's Jewelry.

Generously donated by Southern Wine and Spirits, Chef Muller's live auction event offers one lucky winner and seven guests their own Farm to Fork experience, prepared by Chef Muller on site. A selection of fine wines accompanies the meal.

Another fabulous live auction item is two rooms for two nights at the Cloister or The Lodge at Sea Island, packaged with a healthy cooking class with Chef Daniel Zeal and a farm-to-fork dinner for four in Colt & Alison. Guests may also bid in the silent auction for a gourmet meal prepared at the bidders home by Chef DeJuan Roy of the Alhambra, along with other unique items such as restaurant gift certificates, weekend getaways and much more.

Proceeds benefit the St. Vincent's Mobile Health Outreach Ministry, whose mobile units provide medical care to Jacksonville's underserved schools and communities. St. Vincent's outreach program also provides diagnostic, prevention, and nursing care to individuals and schools in need.

"Many of the people who benefit from our community outreach programs are the working poor or migrant farm workers who rely on us for care," said St. Vincent's HealthCare Foundation President, Jane R. Lanier, CFRE. "We are grateful to have such wonderful chefs joining us again this year and supporting this worthy cause through their talents.

To find out more about attending the event, becoming a sponsor, or donating auction items, visit deliciousdestinationsjax.com.



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Construction begins on new Humane Society facility

By Marcia Hodgson
Resident Community News

In what was seen as a big step in making Jacksonville a more compassionate community toward our four-legged friends, 21 earnest supporters placed their shovels in the ground to kick off construction on the Jacksonville Humane Society's new Adoption and Education facility on Beach Boulevard May 24.

After the Humane Society lost its facility in 2007 when it burned to the ground killing 86 homeless animals, the 131-year-old nonprofit, which is the second oldest in Jacksonville, has made do with temporary modular units. The new facility will give hope to more than 5,000 abandoned animals, said Linda Stein, chairman of the capital campaign, during the ground-breaking ceremony.

The new state-of-the-art building will comprise 44,000 square feet and allow adoption, administration and medical facilities to be housed in one place, said Denise Deisler, executive director of the Humane Society. It will feature 100 new climate-controlled kennels for dogs and another 100 for cats. New



Jill Cole, David Saunders and Janet Saunders, Nance Spiak, Nancy Skaran, Joelle Caldwell, Ann Korczyk, Denise Deisler, David and Linda Stein, Lisé Everly, Alan Stenson and Nathan Marty

adoption rooms will offer a "living room" setting allowing for a better atmosphere for prospective parents to interact with the animals. Also planned is an indoor playground for the animals to exercise.

"Now we want a nice place for the public to come and for the animals to stay in until they find a home," said Deisler. "We want the public to feel as comfortable as the dogs and cats do."

"This building is about so much more than bricks and mortar," Deisler continued. "Gone are the dark days of animal welfare

when we blamed the community for animals dying and when shelters were merely temporary holding places before an animal was euthanized. Jacksonville epitomizes the power of partnership and cooperation and demonstrates how a committed, engaged community can make significant change in a relatively small amount of time.

"Jacksonville was not always the animal friendly city it is now," said Deisler. "Ten to 15 years ago, a movement began to create a more compassionate, no-kill

community and this building is the final step in doing so."

So far \$8.6 million has been raised toward the \$15 million goal for the construction project, Stein said, noting the new facility plans to be open in the summer of 2017. Stein and her husband, David, contributed a \$1 million challenge match.

During construction, it will be business as usual for the Humane Society. Adoption hours are Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, noon to 4 p.m.



Walkers in the May 21 Duffels4Kids Walk raised more than \$17,000 to support foster children.

Duffel bags, not trash bags

Because trash bags should not be a substitute for duffel bags, San Marco-based Family Support Services of North Florida (FSS) hosted the May 21 Duffels4Kids Walk to raise funds to provide foster youth with duffel bags.

The event, held in partnership with the Florida State Foster and Adoptive Parent Association and Duffels4Kids, was conducted at the Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens and raised more than \$17,000.

"FSS was pleased to host the annual Duffels4Kids Walk here in Jacksonville, and to support Duffels4Kids, which has done so much to erode the unfortunate practice of foster children carrying their belongings in a trash bag," said Lee Kaywork, FSS chief executive officer, who walked with his wife Mary and nearly 300 other participants. "It is extremely important that all of our children in foster care are treated with respect and with regard. Having their very own duffel bag helps make that happen."

Donations to support Duffels4Kids and the more than 22,000 children in Florida's foster care system, can be made online at duffels4kids.org.

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Puff, a 13-year-old orange tabby, is looking for a home. Currently a resident of Saint Francis Animal Hospital in San Marco, the cuddly feline has a bobbed tail and is declawed. She was surrendered by her previous owner and has no known health issues.

"Puff is scared being in the hospital and needs a foster or forever home," said Sandy Golding of Saint Francis Animal Hospital.

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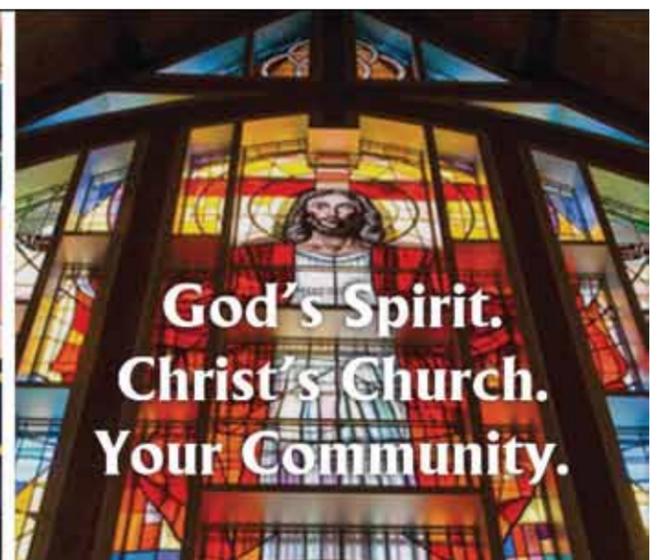
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Tree stewards parent trees in Jacksonville's parks

By Marcia Hodgson
Resident Community News

Until he joined Jacksonville's Tree Stewardship Program, Walter Bryant spent years believing the best thing for a tree was to be left alone. Now, after receiving 22 hours of training in tree care and maintenance from the Duval County Extension Office's Tree Stewardship program, Bryant said he realizes tending to trees is important and, like children, they need care and nurturing.

"I am a tree hugger from way back who did not like seeing trees cut down or even trimmed," said Bryant, a master gardener who lives in St. Nicholas and serves as president of the Men's Gardening Club of Jacksonville. "Now that I have been educated about tree care and maintenance, I am an informed tree hugger who understands that good tree health depends on things like pruning and even removal of some trees. So I get satisfaction working as a tree steward because I know what I am doing is benefiting the trees."

Bryant was one of 15 tree stewards from all over the city who gathered in Alexandria Oaks Park in San Marco June 14 to spend three hours trimming, pruning and caring for the park trees. Also in the group were Barbara Barsh of Avondale, Julia Stark and Kim Butler of San Marco and Bruce Hatcher of San Jose.

The program, which began in 2014, is led by Larry Figart, an urban forestry agent at the Duval County Extension Office. Its genesis came from Gill Trengrove, a master gardener who, after transferring from Virginia to Jacksonville, couldn't understand why Jacksonville, a city with more than 400 parks, did not have a tree stewardship program, said Figart.



Back row: Walter Bryant, Martin Cook, Kim Butler, Bruce Hatcher, Jeff Cooke, P.J. Johnson, Joe Cannon, Frances Schorr, Paul Seymore. Front row: Chuck Metzler, Melanie Carriere, Julia Stark, Barbara Barsh, Toni Martin and Robin Allison.



Taking a short break from their tree maintenance duties were Urban Forester Larry Figart of the Duval County Extension Office, Walter Bryant and Bruce Hatcher.



Walter Bryant uses a pole saw to trim a live oak.



Barbara Barsh trims a tree in Alexandria Oaks Park in San Marco June 14 as part of the Duval County Extension tree steward program.

"Virginia is our inspiration and our model. There are five or six tree stewardship chapters in Virginia," Figart explained. To start the program, Figart applied for a \$2,000 grant from the Florida Forest Service, and spent the money on pole saws, loppers, pruning equipment, gloves, a first-aid kit and goggles.

So far, 43 certified Duval County master gardeners have completed the extension services Tree Steward Program. "Our goal is to train young trees early so they will grow up to have good structure," said Figart, sounding like a concerned parent. "So many trees aren't pruned until it's too late."

The stewards convene in various parks within Jacksonville once or twice a month to prune trees and shrubs and assess the condition of the trees on site, said Bryant, noting the group works in at least 30 parks per year, and has already spent time in Belmont Park, Alexandria Oaks Park and Southside Park in San Marco, Boone Park in Avondale, Riverside Park, and Four Corners Park in Murray Hill, sometimes heading back for multiple visits. So far the group has put in more than 2,000 volunteer hours since the program started, Bryant said.

"We do it because we love trees," said Robin Allison, a tree steward who lives in Southside. "They're beautiful, unappreciated and taken for granted. How many people fertilize their trees? Yet trees are important. They provide shade, oxygen and are homes to wildlife."

It is important to nurture trees because without pruning and proper maintenance, trees can become safety hazards, Bryant said. "We go in and look at the structure and health of the trees as well as the safety of the citizens using the parks," he said, adding tree stewards work alongside other arbor organizations such as Greenscape of Jacksonville and Groundwork Jacksonville and are available to speak at functions.

"We've found people are passionate about the parks in their neighborhood. A lot of cities have official Friends of the Park groups which go in and pick up trash. With the City of Jacksonville having the largest park system in the United States, I think the city should consider setting up a "Friends of the Parks" structure for its neighborhood parks," Bryant said. Until that happens the tree stewards will do their best to keep Jacksonville's parks beautiful.

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Yulia Kornikova and her mother study paintings at the art exhibit at Hendricks Avenue Baptist Church.



Artist Marilyn McAfee



Mandy and Kat Miller look on as artist Marilyn McAfee discusses her composition, "Prelude to a Storm," with Jim Smith and Anita Daniels.

Ambassador's paintings on display at Hendricks Avenue Baptist

Interested in exploring the human condition through the visual arts, Hendricks Avenue Baptist (HAB) Church often presents art exhibits in its Transitional Gallery in order to give viewers a place for self-reflection and contemplation of their shared humanity. The latest HAB exhibit, "From Ambassador to Artist: Selected Paintings of Marilyn McAfee," which opened May 22 at the church, provides a

case study in a meaningful life transition – from ambassador to artist.

An artist shaped by her life experiences, McAfee is a 30-year career diplomat who has retired to Ponte Vedra. During her professional career, she was stationed in Central and South America as well as the Middle East. She also served as United States Ambassador to Guatemala, and her diplomatic career yielded both professional

accomplishments and a wealth of visual and artistic images, which in her retirement she is now transferring to canvas.

A contemporary impressionist, in her youth, McAfee took drawing lessons, and as an undergraduate at the University of Pennsylvania, she began painting with oils. In 2006, she launched herself into the Jacksonville art scene, taking art workshops and classes, and studying with

nationally known landscape artist Ellen Diamond at the Cultural Center in Ponte Vedra Beach.

McAfee's work will be on display until August 2016 at Hendricks Avenue Baptist Church, 4001 Hendricks Avenue, 8:30 a.m. to noon on Sundays and during business hours Monday to Friday through the church office. For further information call (904) 396-7745.

Cemetery clean-up shows respect for area ancestors

The historic St. Nicholas Cemetery was filled with life June 11 as nearby residents raised their rakes in an effort to clean up the century-old neighborhood cemetery. More than 30 volunteers filled approximately 90 large bags of leaves, clippings and weeds in an effort to maintain the burial ground, which dates back to 1849 and contains 240 graves.

Neighbors spanning four generations gathered under the canopy of oaks on a sunny Saturday to work in tandem while catching up with one another. Kay Gilmour, M.D., who wrote a book on the genealogical history of those interred in the historic cemetery, organized the event. Gilmour said she was pleased with the sense of community that is obviously very much alive in the neighborhood.







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Behind the scenes with Delicious Destinations chairs

Being involved in Delicious Destinations is Aly Leeper's way of giving back to the hospital at which their three daughters were born, and where her husband, Chris, had the most incredible care in their cardiology department to heal atrial fibrillation.

"St. Vincent's is where our family began and Chris was healed – and I am forever grateful for those two things," said Aly, of San Pablo. Two of her favorite pastimes, party planning and hosting friends, made co-chairing the event a perfect fit.

Aly serves as a member of the UF Health Jacksonville Leadership Council, a committee chair for A Night for Heroes Council and as Race Coordinator for the Run for Heroes.

Although Jim and Kristi Aiello, of San Marco, have always enjoyed attending Delicious Destinations, this is the first year they have been involved behind the scenes and now love the event even more seeing it all come together.

Jim is a physician at St. Vincent's, working in the emergency room, where he is a partner in the group that manages the ER. Trained at the Cleveland Clinic and in Seattle, Jim relocated to Florida 15 years ago to work at the Mayo Clinic. As a strong Catholic, he is thrilled to be working at St. Vincent's and fully supports its Mission.

Kristi holds an MBA in finance from the University of Florida and has held many operational positions worldwide. She is currently a business development manager with Florida Blue and is heavily involved with their foundation and community engagement. Kristi serves on four boards, including Dreams Come True, Episcopal Children's Services and Volunteers in Medicine.

Volunteers worldwide, the couple's most recent mission trip was to Haiti with the St. Vincent's Foundation to a clinic St. Vincent's has helped to build.

Susan Kelly, of Ponte Vedra Beach,



Front: Jane R. Lanier, President & System Chief Development Officer, Michaela Fox, Soo Lim, Connie Riik, Danielle Eliasson, Jill Chappano, Jennifer Brown, and Julie Nero; back: Charise Szwed, Vanessa Grewal, Chanteil Clark, Mardee Morris, Co-Chair Susan Kelly, Co-Chair Aly Leeper, Co-chair Kristi Aiello, Willis Jones with Southern Wine and Spirits of North Florida, Shannon Griffing, Kate Zarczynski, Jessica Waugaman with St. Vincent's Foundation, Amy Wacaster.

"We're bringing together people in Jacksonville and Ponte Vedra Beach to celebrate food, wine and life in the South!"

–Susan Kelly



Co-Chairs Chris and Aly Leeper, Dr. James and Kristi Aiello, Sean and Susan Kelly

has served on the boards of the Ponte Vedra Women's Civic Alliance and Ponte Vedra Community Association and as a committee chair for Halloween Doors & More. She is currently serving as a board member on the Landrum Middle School PTO and as Chair of Community Outreach (Helping for the Holidays) at PV/PV Rawlings Elementary School.

Susan graduated from UNC-Chapel Hill and the Fuqua School of Business at Duke University. Her husband, Sean, graduated from The Bolles School, Queens University of Charlotte and Kenan-Flagler Business School at UNC-Chapel Hill.

Susan said she is thrilled to be part of Delicious Destinations because of the impact it makes in our community. "St. Vincent's community outreach program is a wonderful and effective way to help people in need improve their health and quality of life. I also love the Delicious Destinations event!" said Susan. "We're bringing together people in Jacksonville and Ponte Vedra Beach to celebrate food, wine and life in the South!"

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Zoo provides Jaguar venue for Civitan fundraiser

The big cats were out when the Uptown Civitan Club held its Flagship 2016 fundraiser in the Range of the Jaguars exhibit at the Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens June 4.

With the zoo's jaguars in pens just a few feet away, the event sported a jungle atmosphere. Guests noshed on hors d'oeuvres and drinks as well as nearly 27 dozen walnut, coconut, chocolate chip and oatmeal raisin nut cookies, baked by Tamar Britton of Avondale, which were attractively wrapped in festive baskets on the tables.

Using its traditional reverse auction format, the club made available 300 tickets for a donation of \$100 each. Three tickets were auctioned off at the event, and a grand prize of \$10,000 awaited the lucky winner of the last ticket drawn.

Guitarist Tony Novelty of Avondale provided the entertainment and Dan Kossoff served as master of ceremonies.

Over the last 32 years, the Uptown Civitan Club has raised and distributed more than \$500,000 among 10 organizations that serve community needs, particularly those with disabilities.



Dinah Kossoff, President-elect Barbara Fiser, Dr. Minor Chamblin, President Nancy Chamblin with Linda Weinstein

Salvation Army's 'Jewelry Gems' transform junk into art



Women's Auxiliary members Major Darlene Steadham, director of special services for The Salvation Army Adult Rehabilitation Center, Linda White, Carla Bourg, Jane Simpson, and Barbara Parmalee show off some of their jewelry art projects, which they sell to raise money for the center.

By Marcia Hodgson
Resident Community News

To raise funds to support The Salvation Army's Adult Rehabilitation Center (ARC), several members of its women's auxiliary, known as "Jewelry Gems," are creating unique one-of-a-kind shadowboxes and picture frames decorated with images created out of the remnants of broken pieces of jewelry.

Under the direction of Major Darlene Steadham, the Jewelry Gems meet twice a month at the center, where they untangle, sort, repair, clean, tag and prepare donated jewelry so it can be sold in The Salvation Army's family stores.

Until recently, items that could not be repaired, as well as earrings with

no matches, were placed in a bag and sold as "craft." The idea to make art from vintage jewelry came from Pinterest, and the women began to create aesthetically-pleasing pictures from cast-off earrings, beads, brooches, necklaces and bracelets, as well as donated picture frames, which they sell for as much as \$100 or more.

"We turn broken pieces of jewelry into works of art," said Linda White, a member of the Jewelry Gem committee, noting the art projects are a particularly appropriate way to support ARC. "We do it to support the adult rehabilitation center. The people who come to the center are battling addiction. They come to the center with broken lives, and they get put back together at ARC."

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The Way We Were

Linda Williams Everett

By Peggy Harrell Jennings
Resident Community News

Growing up on Alexandria Street in San Marco in the house built by her parents in 1942, Linda Williams Everett showed an independent streak at an early age, and cherishes the memory of the fun times she spent hanging around with her best friend, Steve Pierce.

"I had a really fun childhood. Halloween in San Marco was wonderful – we would just go all over the place. It was a small town atmosphere," said Everett, now a resident in Monclair. "Steve and I rode our bikes everywhere. We would go to Mims Bakery, which is about where Taverna is now, and we would go to the San Marco Theatre. I think it cost nine cents to get in then. There was Guisenhoff's gift shop and a place that sold 45 records. It really was wonderful! Mother took me to see Santa Claus go by in a boat near where the playground is."

One time Everett decided to run away from home. "I got a few things together and sat on Steve's family's front porch next door and watched them eat dinner," she recalled. "There was no air conditioning in the 1940s so the windows were open, and I loved listening to Steve's older brother play classical music on the piano. To this day I love classical music. Steve's mother was a great cook. I spent a lot of time over there, and we would sit on the floor and listen to the Lone Ranger and Sky King on the radio."

Everett was shocked when her good friend was killed in an automobile accident returning home after finals after his first year at Duke University. Even though they had formed other friendships, the recollection of her childhood with Pierce is still very poignant for her. "Those are really

fond memories," Everett said. "We went to Southside Grammar School together, played together, we did everything together. When we were about six or seven years old we set up a card table and sold lemonade to the workers who were building the sanctuary of South Jacksonville Presbyterian Church. Steve's mother made the lemonade and we sold it. Lots of it!"

Everett said she was a tomboy growing up and was heavily involved in sports when she attended Landon High School. "I did just about every sport you could do – archery, tennis, softball, basketball. I was on the Landon Lionettes. It was a marching group – we performed at the football game half-time shows," she said. "It was led by Mrs. Kathleen Turner, and she was so strict. We got demerits for just about everything. We had to audition and practice every day after school. It was a big deal.

"We also did water ballet at San Jose



Linda with her father, Carl Williams



Linda Cherrie Williams

Country Club. My high school buddies and I went to the Athletic Association in San Marco – it was across from where Underwood's is now. There was a bowling alley and a drug store, I think it was Lane's. We'd go there and get cherry limeades and go to the San Marco Theater."

Everett's father, Carl Williams, owned Willow Battery and Parts on Main Street and she remembers middle-of-the-night calls from customers needing a battery.

"Mother helped Father in the business. It was a great childhood, and they were fine parents, but I was adopted and I've always wanted to find my real parents," she said. "My father was never one to give me advice, but he really liked me. We were very close. I think, and my cousins think, that he was my real father but no one knows. He always said, 'Someday I'll tell you about it,' but he died before he did."

Everett has a long history with South Jacksonville Presbyterian Church from the time of the lemonade stand in 1946 to her wedding in 1962 to Britt Everett. "I met my husband, Britt, in June of 1962, and we were married on December 7. I wore my sister's friend's wedding dress. It fit just perfectly," she said. "We were married for 22 years, and lived for a while in Ft. Lauderdale but moved back home in 1979. We divorced in 1984

and he passed away. We have two daughters, Beth and Amanda. In high school a lot of my friends went to South Jax Presbyterian so naturally I had to go too. After my marriage I went to church all over town, but I ended up back there. My parents attended, too, even though they were Christian Scientists and continued to practice their beliefs."

To please her parents, Everett got a degree from Florida Southern College in



Landon High School senior class photo



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Southside Grammar School, third grade class; Linda is fourth from right in first row



Gate River Run, March 10, 1990



Jane Manson, Jean Hayden, Gail Hayden and Linda Williams grace the cover of the September 1953 San Jose Country Club Bulletin



Steve Pierce and Linda Williams dressed for a rumba dance, June 1949



Linda Everett

secretarial science, then started a career in real estate in 1979 with Stockton Whatley and Davin. Later, she made the jump from full-time real estate back to college student to earn a nursing degree. "My father wasn't too happy about that since it went against his Christian Scientist religion," she said. Everett worked for Baptist Medical Center until 2004. Now she and daughter, Amanda Everett, work together for Watson Realty.

In 2004 Everett married Fred Edwards. "His parents and my parents used to play bridge together when we were little. He passed away in 2010." She also cheerfully recounted a brief marriage to local hair stylist Anthony La Roche. "It didn't work

out but we are still friends. We talk tennis and politics," she laughed, "and he still does my hair!"

Everett enjoys many church activities, including Sunday school and chancel guild. She has been an elder for three years at South Jacksonville Presbyterian, belongs to two women's circles and has friends all over town.

In her spare time she serves as a home-health nurse, works out three times a week, is an accomplished amateur photographer, cooks, listens to classical music, enjoys dinner out and watches cooking shows.

"When I was first married I didn't know how to cook so I'd sit on the floor and write down recipes from Julia Child," said Everett.

"Now I enjoy PBS specials and old movies." Every night Everett and former housekeeper Annie May Oliver, 90, talk on the phone. "My mother died in 1974. Annie May and I have more of a mother/daughter relationship," she explained.

When asked whom she would like to meet, Everett is quick to respond. "Oh, my gosh! My favorite star is Gregory Peck. He was so handsome - it would be fun to sit down and chat with him, but I'd really have loved to have met Mother Teresa," Everett said. "She really impressed me with how she just kept fighting to build hospitals for the poor. She was so determined. I've read several books about her and her entire life is an inspiration."

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NEVER TOO OLD

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BUCKET LIST HELPS SAN MARCO RESIDENT CONQUER FEARS

By Marcia Hodgson
Resident Community News

To celebrate every birthday since she turned 59, Beverly Troy Winn, who goes by the name Troy, has done one big thing which most people would consider to be an once-in-a-lifetime experience.

In 2007, when the San Marco resident turned 59, she took lessons in acting, which is now her hobby, and got a Princess Tiger Lily tattoo to celebrate the newfound sense of freedom she'd found since her divorce after 40 years of marriage.

The next year, when she turned 60, her desire was "to give something back to someone," so she rented the Fountain of Youth in St. Augustine and threw herself a birthday party, complete with singing pirates.

"I told my friends I didn't want all those hokey gifts one gets for their big birthdays, give me money instead," said Winn, who collected \$2,500 to give to a friend whose 17-year-old son was fighting Non-Hodgkin lymphoma. The party, which was covered by local TV crews, generated even more cash after it was over. "Expenses were very high for her, but sadly her son did not survive.



63rd birthday, Race Car Driver



Troy Winn

"I'm gratified I was able to share the date and make money for the family," Winn said.

The landmark birthday changed Winn's thinking about growing older. "I realized if I sat around and thought about it, I could become very depressed, but I choose not to do that."

So, for birthday 61, Winn entered the Ms. Senior Jacksonville beauty contest, prepping under the guidance of professional pageant instructor Darby Mueller, daughter of her friend Pat Corda. Under Mueller's watchful eye, Winn perfected her runway walk, her talent monologue and selected evening and casual wear for the competition. She won, and spent her free time the next year appearing at public events such as the Southern Woman's Show

in Jacksonville, an experience where she gained a sense of reality.

"I was walking around the Southern Women's Show with my sash on and a young girl came up to me and said, 'Oh my God, you're so beautiful. I'm so glad they have things like this for the elderly,'" Winn recalled, laughing. "I told her I'm 'older' not 'elderly,' that I'm a 'senior' but not a 'senior citizen.'"

The girl's comment did not deter Winn from trying again. For her 62nd birthday in 2011, she competed in the Ms. Senior Florida beauty pageant in Orlando, using a custom-made dress from Hong Kong and the same talent monologue. She finished first runner-up. "The woman who won was in her 70s and I was in my 60s, but I didn't feel bad. She was gorgeous," Winn explained, adding that the experience was "tons of fun" and she met "wonderful ladies from all over the state."

When she turned 63, Winn decided to do something completely different. She enrolled in Richard Petty's School of Race Car Driving. "It taught me racing is nothing more than a whole lot of left-hand turns going fast. Getting in and out of the car through the window was quite an experience. It gave me a great memory," she said.

For the next three birthdays, Winn decided it was time to try to conquer her fear of heights. "All the things I've done were to help me conquer fears," she explained. "I've always been afraid of heights. I get vertigo, which gives a whole new meaning to my being a dizzy blonde."

To help rise above her anxiety, in her 64th year, she rode a helicopter in St. Augustine and had a "boring" hot-air balloon ride, an experience she thought would be peaceful but was, in fact, noisy with hot-air jets firing up and dogs barking incessantly on the ground.

Birthday 65 was better. Winn went tandem sky diving with a fabulous British instructor at Herlong Recreational Airport on Normandy Boulevard. "I was the only female on the plane that day. It was unbelievable, and I was ready to go again as soon as I landed, although I had some ouchy time when the cinches pulled taut on my inner thighs as the parachute came open," she laughed.

The next year, the 66-year-old attempted to top it by trying trapeze lessons. "I was able to go up and swing a bit, but it was scary and really, really hard," she said.

Meanwhile, Winn's acting hobby began to blossom. She was selected to play an old woman in Doritos commercial, which the Art Institute of Jacksonville submitted to a Super Bowl contest. "I did it just because I'm a bit of a ham," said Winn, noting she learned how to tackle for the camera without getting hurt while lunging for a bag of Spicy Chili Doritos.

Although the commercial was not selected to run during the big game, Winn said she carries a video of the commercial on her phone. "When I feel down, I look at it because it's too stinking funny," she said.

It was also through acting that Winn, who grew up on Waterman Street in San Marco and still lives in her childhood home, met her second husband, Keith Hutchinson, a Navy retiree who occasionally works as a "quasi" producer/director. The couple came together when Winn auditioned to play a "mean Judge Judy" while filming a public service announcement for Hubbard House. They were married in April 2015.

Then at age 67, illness called a halt to Winn's birthday bucket list.

The woman who was willing to try anything once came down with Hashimoto's disease, an autoimmune component of hypo-thyroidism. "I got it when I turned 66ish," said Winn. "I started feeling horrible. I went to a doctor and told him, 'I'm dying.' I had a fuzzy brain, dry skin, depression and my hair was falling out. I blew up like a balloon, gained 30 pounds, and looked like the Michelin Tire Man. I was puffy."



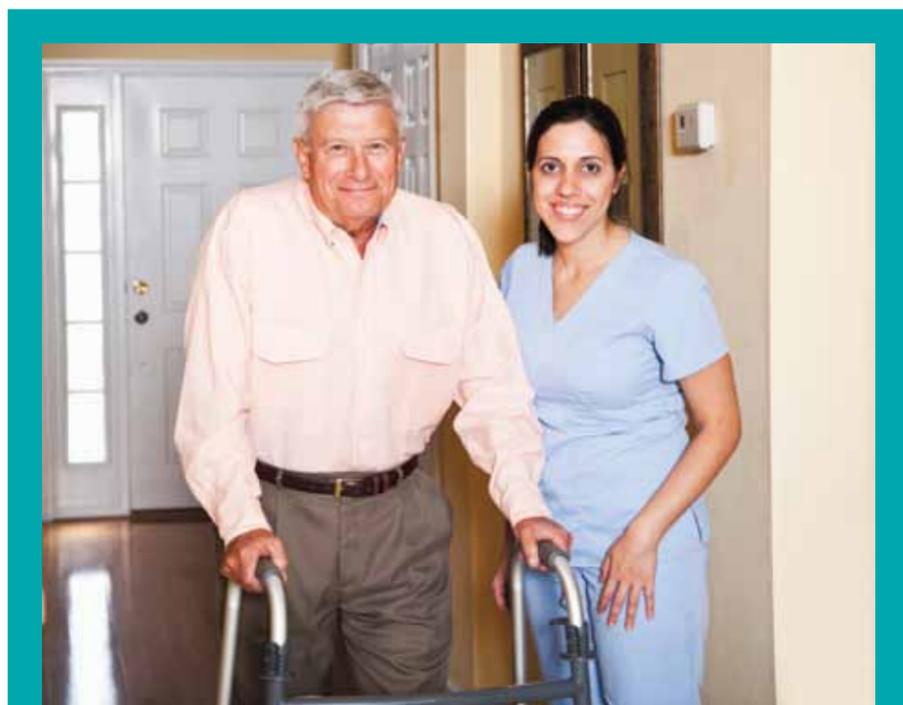
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For the past two years, Winn has endured a series of medical tests and finally discovered Synthroid, a medicine that has helped manage her thyroid troubles. "I was just blown away when I found out what it was," she said. "People walk around with it [Hashimoto's disease] all the time and think they are going crazy. Now that I'm feeling better I'm ready to go out and do things again," she said, adding one thing she wants to do is to make people more aware of the disease.

Winn's various birthday activities, especially race car driving and acting, have helped to dispel the "illusions" of life, she said. "You realize they are not as glamorous as they seem," she said.

Health permitting, Winn said she plans to work at her current job as an agency account manager for Fidelity National Title Group until she is 75. Future items on her bucket list include Funny Car drag racing, traveling throughout the United States and doing community outreach, perhaps for an adoptions agency or one that caters to stray animals. "Anything I can do to help an animal or a baby, I'm there," she said, adding she was adopted when she was six weeks old and does not know her birth mother.

"As I've grown older, I realize I may never go to the moon or be a doctor or a lawyer but I've learned to be happy in my own skin. My bucket list has helped with this. I realize you need to gain the beauty of life through what you do and when you get up in the morning you need to have a purpose. I never want to wake up in the morning and have nothing to do."



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- In Memoriam - Beverly Brantley Brandenburger

January 13, 1938 - May 16, 2016

By Marcia Hodgson
Resident Community News

A San Marco real estate legend is gone. Well-known real estate broker Beverly Brantley Brandenburger, who built and managed Manormor Sotheby's International Realty in San Jose for over 40 years, passed away May 16, 2016 of natural causes.

"If you heard the name Beverly Brandenburger you would automatically connect her with high-end waterfront properties," said her close friend and Manormor Sotheby's co-worker Gayle Washnock. "Appraisers would call her and she would remember every sale. She was known for knowing anybody who was anybody," Washnock said. "Important people in Jacksonville knew she would not call them unless she had something good that would pique their interest and they respected her for it.

"If there was one word to describe Beverly it was class," Washnock continued. "When she walked into a room everyone knew she was there. Her presence was always known wherever she was, and one glimpse of her and you knew she was a classy lady."

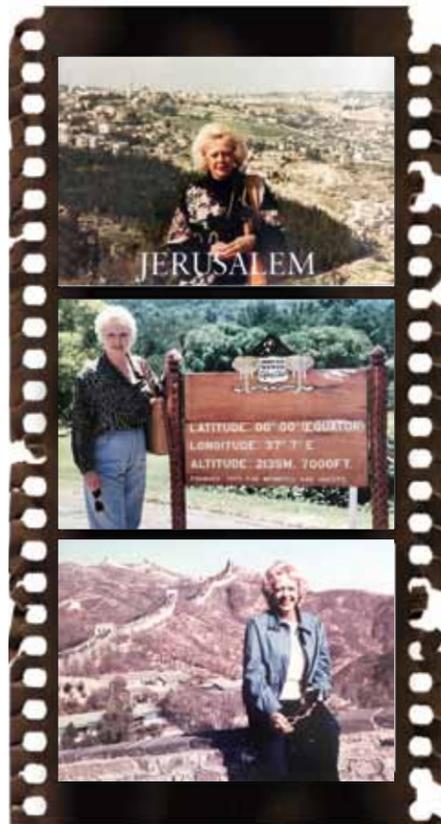
Brandenburger grew up on Alhambra Drive North in the Granada neighborhood and attended Hendricks Avenue Elementary, Bartram School for Girls and Landon High School, where she was the high school sweetheart of Michael Copps, who she married a few years later while a student at Florida State University in Tallahassee. At FSU, Brandenburger was a member of the Delta Delta Delta sorority and eventually graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in education.

She worked as an elementary school teacher before she began her career as a real estate broker. "She used to say, 'I only know of two professions where you can make a lot of money as a woman, real estate and acting, and I can't act,'" recalled her son Michael Copps.

After she and Copps divorced in 1973, Brandenburger apprenticed with renowned realtor Martha Lyons, who often received word-of-mouth referrals from wealthy homeowners, said her sister Jan Brantley Jones of Miramar.

In 1976 Brandenburger ventured out on her own, opening Manormor Real Estate Inc., a boutique San Marco realty, which she operated until she decided to purchase a Sotheby's franchise a few years later, said Copps. "Sotheby's approached her. It was a significant buy-in at the time, but it brought her real estate business to the next level. It was a good deal for her, and, when the real estate market took a dive, she was glad she did it because she was helped by Sotheby's."

In 1986, Jean "Pokey" Towers commissioned Brandenburger to sell the Lane-Towers House in Avondale, and she became the first realtor to sell a single-family residence in Jacksonville for more than a million dollars. She was also the real estate broker who was called to find a residence for Demi Moore and Bruce Willis to rent while the actress was on location in Jacksonville for the filming of the movie "G.I. Jane, said Copps. "She got them a high-end property to



Top: In Jerusalem
Center: In Kenya
Bottom: In China



Beverly Brandenburger with her son, Michael Copps



Top: In Gibraltar
Center: In London
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stay in during the making of the movie. As much as she wanted to tell people, she had to keep it top secret." Later she sold the house they stayed in, recalled Washnock, who worked with her on the sale.

Sen. Bill Nelson had Brandenburger sell his house in Tallahassee, and she sold the Prime Osborn Center, said Washnock.

"She became a confidant for many wealthy people in Jacksonville. Even if she was not involved in the sale, they would come to her for her knowledge and her trustworthiness. They valued her opinion

about how to make a property attractive and marketable," Copps said.

Brandenburger was married and divorced twice, first to Michael Copps and later to Paul Brandenburger, a Jacksonville stockbroker and owner of Jacksonville Moving and Storage, said Copps.

She never recovered from the death of her daughter Connie Brantley Copps Corbin at age 32, said her sister Jan Brantley Jones. Corbin died after suffering an aneurism while walking the beach with her two-year-old son Brewer. "It was tragic. She never got

over losing her daughter. From that time on, she took Brewer every weekend. She was very influential in raising him," she said.

An avid traveler, Brandenburger visited nearly every continent on Earth, often traveling with her family. "She loved her cruises. She went all over the world and she took her family," said Jones. Brandenburger especially wanted to share the world with her grandchildren, said her son. "She saved up her money and took us all to South Africa on safari," Copps recalled, noting it was her favorite trip and the highlight of her life. "Family was number one on her list. She worked to be able to enjoy family, and she worked to see the world."

To her childhood friend Vicki Coward, Brandenburger was the most "compulsive" person she ever knew, but in a good way. "Once she made up her mind, yesterday was too late to change it," she said. "She moved fast and was very organized. She loved to buy and give gifts. I already have my Christmas present from her for this year."

Although she was a seasoned pro at real estate, Brandenburger was the antithesis of tech savvy and did not do email, said Washnock. "I used to have to make notes and tape them on her cell phone to remind her how to use it. One time she asked me if I had made a copy of something (which was on the computer), but I had deleted it. I told her I had put it in the trash, then I heard the sound of her going through the trash can," she said.

During her lifetime, Brandenburger lived in several locations in San Marco, San Jose and lastly on the Southbank in a San Marco Place condo. At one time she owned a home on Arbor Lane as well as her favorite residence, a riverfront house on San Jose Boulevard West. Later, after Brandenburger sold the waterfront home, the house and its adjacent lot were purchased by Wayne and Dolores Barr Weaver, who demolished it in order to build a sizeable riverfront mansion.

Active in numerous community organizations Brandenburger served as president of the Women's Guild of Jacksonville's Museum of Arts and Sciences, and the San Jose Ladies Golf Association. She was a founding member of Epping Forest Yacht Club and on the board of Memorial Hospital Health, Education and Research Foundation. She also belonged to the River Club, Ponte Vedra Club and San Jose Country Club.

Brandenburger was pre-deceased by her parents Bruce and Irma Brantley, her sister Constance Brantley Seaward and her daughter Constance Brantley Copps Corbin.

She is survived by her son Michael Copps, his wife Tandy and daughter Marisa of Melbourne; her son-in-law Lee Corbin and his son Brewer, of Ortega; her sister Jan Brantley Jones, of Miramar; her niece Kimberly Jones Zeledon and her husband, John, of Winter Park; her nephew Brantley Jones, his wife Dana and their sons Barrett and Connor, of Ormond Beach.

A memorial service was held May 23 at Holy Trinity Anglican Church in Avondale, where her son-in-law Lee Corbin is a member. Brandenburger's ashes will be interred at the foot of her father's grave in Oaklawn Cemetery in San Jose, said Jones.

Jr. Residents

HAE's Chace Caven named Duval County 5th grade math grand champion

San Jose Elementary's Erin Ramirez co-winner in number sense competition

Chace Caven, a fifth grader at Hendricks Avenue Elementary, was named grand champion for Duval County for his grade level after placing ahead of students from 68 other schools in the 2016 District Mathematics Competition at Mandarin High School May 24.

Caven received top kudos among fifth graders after completing three separate tests during 90 minutes. The students were tested in number sense, computation and problem solving. It was the fifth year in a row Caven was selected to represent HAE for is grade level in the district Math competition. Grand champion also in first grade, Caven placed third in both second and third grade, while in fourth grade he chose instead to head to Cape Canaveral to take part in a Kennedy Space Center field trip, which was held the same day.

Also taking home a trophy was Erin Ramirez, a fifth grader from San Jose Elementary, who was a co-winner in the number-sense competition. She tied with



Hendricks Avenue Elementary fifth grader Chace Caven was named Duval County's Fifth Grade Grand Champion.



Erin Ramirez of San Jose Elementary, fifth grade co-winner of number sense competition.



Representing San Jose Elementary in the 2016 District Mathematics Elementary Competition for Duval County were, front, Erin Ramirez, fifth grade, Ner Ya, second grade, Kaitlyn Schissler, third grade; back, Lian Bawi, fourth grade and Rakeem Jordan, first grade.

Abigail Smith of Lone Star Elementary.

More than 325 students from 69 Duval elementary schools participated in the extracurricular academic event. Each school selected one student representative from each grade level. All students came prepared with four-function calculators and two sharpened pencils. Winners were selected in each event at each grade level, with the overall winners scoring highest on all three tests.

Joining Caven from Hendricks Avenue Elementary were James Brandler, Lucas Repper, Leighton Yates and Katherine Cheshire. These students participated in Sunshine Math throughout the school year, with many turning in a voluntary math worksheet each week. In early May, a school test was administered to determine the top students in each grade, with the five district competitors scoring highest on the school test, said Scott Pearson, HAE's PTA

Sunshine Math Coordinator. "We are proud of the students' hard work and devotion to academic achievement," said Pearson.

Representing San Jose Elementary in the math competition were Rakeem Jordan, first grade; Ner Ya, second grade; Kaitlyn Schissler, third grade; Lian Bawi, fourth grade and Erin Ramirez, fifth grade. "It was a huge night for all of our participants, and we are so proud of all of them," said Adrienne Lodico of San Jose Elementary.

Landon gets silly for Red Nose day

Following Principal Timothy Feagins' lead, teachers and students at Julia Landon College Preparatory School took the opportunity to be "silly" on National Red Nose Day, a universal "fun-raiser" May 26.

In an effort to help alleviate poverty, members of the Landon student community donned red noses purchased from Walgreens or wore red clothes, hats, ties and jewelry to support the school-wide fundraiser where they collected canned goods to donate to a local food pantry during the lunch period.

Overall, Landon students collected 1,100 cans, which were given to UCOM. In total, the event raised more than \$31.5 million to help children in poverty throughout the world, according to rednoseday.org.



Landon Middle School Principal Timothy Feagins joins in the fun during the school's Red Nose Day fundraiser May 26.



Landon Assistant Principal Carolyn Aponte makes a funny face in celebration of Red Nose Day at Julia Landon College Preparatory School May 26.

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10U Hendricks Angels baseball team heads to Babe Ruth State Championship

By Marcia Hodgson
Resident Community News

For the first time in the history of the Hendricks Avenue Baseball League, a team is headed to the Florida Babe Ruth State Championship.

The 10U Hendricks Avenue Angels, a team selected from this spring's Hendricks Avenue Baptist's Rec League Minors Division, were named District champions after winning the double elimination Babe Ruth District 2 playoffs June 9-12 at the San Jose Athletic Association complex.

It was the first time in Hendricks Avenue baseball park history that a team has won the District 2 championship. Teams began playing baseball in the Hendricks Avenue Baptist complex in 1947. It was also the first time in Hendricks Avenue park history that a 10-and-under team has qualified for the Florida Babe Ruth State Championship.

In the District 2 playoffs, the Hendricks Angels were undefeated edging the Villages Bombers, 7-6, in their first game June 9, and the San Jose Stars, 4-3, during their second game June 10. In the district championship, the Hendricks Angels played the Stars again, trouncing them 9-4.

Prior to the District 2 championship, the Hendricks Angels sported a 16-3 season record and were Julington Creek All-Star Classic Champions, defeating NOL (Navy-Ortega-Lakeshore), 7-1, in the classic championship June 5.



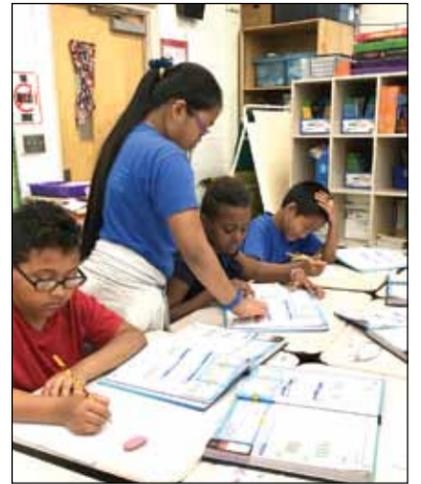
Members of the 10U Hendricks Avenue Angels baseball team are: Front row: Grant Scharer, Levi Pietschker, Bryson Harnage, Maddox Fox, Isaac DeCastro, Matthew Sanchez. Back row: Manager Jay Kaplan, Sam Kaplan, Camden Harnage, Luke Sheffield, Land Johnson, Ben Oberdorfer, Tommy Brice, Will Hollan, and Coach Erik Pietschker. Not pictured: William Rosenberg

As District tournament champions and runners-up, both the Hendricks Angels and the San Jose Stars advanced to the 10U Florida Babe Ruth State Tournament June 30-July 3 at the Fort Caroline Athletic Association complex. If the Angels win the state event, they will represent Florida at the Babe Ruth Southeast Regional Tournament in Nashville, Tenn., July 19. The winner of the regional tourney wins a spot in the Babe Ruth World Series, August 4 in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida.

"This is a great moment for our team, our parents and our park," said Jay Kaplan, manager of the 10U Hendricks Angels. "We

have worked hard to improve our park's baseball program. Winning the district shows that with effort and teamwork, we can do great things at Hendricks. I'm thrilled for our boys. This experience has created a lifetime worth of memories for them. It's a special moment in their young lives, and they deserve this moment. They have worked hard to improve and learn to play the game with heart, hustle and character. They are a phenomenal group of kids who have gone about competing the correct way, with healthy competition and great sportsmanship. They understand they are part of something larger than themselves."

San Jose Elementary celebrates 5th graders



Third grader Adrian Manzanares joins fifth grader Elizabeth Sui and third graders Lydia Habtiagi and Van Thang in helping out the teachers during Fifth Grade Takeover day at San Jose Elementary School.

San Jose Elementary made a special effort to celebrate its fifth graders during a week of fun activities May 31-June 3. Events included Fifth Grade Takeover Day, where the students handled some duties for the teachers, paraprofessionals, coaches and administration and a talent showcase June 2. A kickball game which pitted the students against the faculty and staff capped the week's activities.

"San Jose Elementary is proud of its fifth graders, and we wish them all the best in middle school," said Adrienne Lodico, literacy interventionist at San Jose Elementary.

Debutantes take opening bow at Magnolia Ball



The 2016 Debutante Coterie season opened June 10 as 13 young ladies were introduced to society during the Magnolia Ball at Timuquana Country Club. The debutantes will take their final bow on December 23 at the Commodore's Ball held annually at The Florida Yacht Club. The coterie includes (front): Elizabeth Almeida Rogers, Kylie Jane Geddes, Caroline Michele Cook, Anne Arden Pomar, Eleanor Carol Howerton, Peyton Lee McDonough. Back: Michaela Leann Fox, Amanda Delgado Howard, Katherine Bentley Forrester, Frances Marie Rice, Hodson Dorscheid Wood, Elizabeth Alice Davenport, Ally Hoffman Taylor. (Photo Credit: Janet Masterson Photography)

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Three from area receive Panhellenic scholarships



Jacksonville Alumnae Panhellenic Association scholarship winners are Chelsea Cordek, Sarah Cumella and Julia Comeau.

Although they are graduates from three different area high schools, Julia Comeau, Chelsea Cordek and Sarah Cumella have something in common: All three received \$2,500 scholarships from the Jacksonville Alumnae Panhellenic Association (JAPA) during JAPA's Annual Spring luncheon May 21 at the Deercreek Country Club.

Cordek, of San Marco, is a 2016 graduate of Paxon School for Advanced Studies. She plans to attend Florida State University in Tallahassee. At Paxon, Cordek completed 10 Advanced Placement courses and two dual enrollment courses. Her JAPA sponsor was Martha Van Der Mallie of San Marco.

Cumella, a recent graduate of Episcopal School of Jacksonville, will join her twin brother, Matthew, in attending Auburn University next year. She plans to double major in communications or marketing and musical theatre. Her JAPA sponsor was Gloria Andrews.

Comeau, daughter of past JAPA president Robyn Comeau, graduated from Douglas Anderson School of the Arts in May. She plans to attend the University of Florida with the goal of eventually becoming an architect. After college, Comeau hopes to enter the Peace Corps. Her JAPA sponsor was Tricia Lawrence.

Sherry Mattingly named HAE Outstanding Volunteer of the Year

By Marcia Hodgson
Resident Community News

Each day Sherry Mattingly works in the Hendricks Avenue Elementary cafeteria for three hours helping children open ketchup packets and wiping away tears when little ones spill something down their shirts. Dressed to the nines in heels with not a hair on her head out of place, she endures cold, rain and heat, daily waving to everyone in the carpool lane, welcoming the children as they arrive at school.

"I just want the kids to come to school with a smile. I want to welcome them, and their parents, too," Mattingly explained.

Mattingly received appreciation and kudos for her efforts from the faculty and staff when she was named HAE's 2016 Outstanding Volunteer of the Year during a volunteer appreciation luncheon May 20 at the school.

A Miramar resident for 28 years before moving to Beauclerc two years ago, Mattingly served as a room parent in Janice Mathis's kindergarten classroom when her son, Travis, was a student 20 years ago. At that time she tirelessly served as a regular volunteer in the classroom and for the PTA. Although her son has long moved on, during the years that followed, Mattingly has continued her volunteer efforts.

"My husband always said, 'Why don't you take your bed up there? I usually spent



Sherry Mattingly

with paperwork. When she leaves school, she takes homework back to her Beauclerc condo – usually a bag full of laminated items to be trimmed or a project to be cut and assembled. Often she spends her own money to help students pay for field trips and assists needy students. She also supplies treats to encourage the children to keep up the good work. Mattingly even convinced her neighbor, Jean Dart, to become a HAE kindergarten classroom volunteer.

"She wipes tears, ties shoes and provides snacks for any student who comes without one," said Mathis. "Sherry is a true example of what it means to be dedicated. She is my right hand, and I can always depend on her to show up, even on days when she does not feel well."

Kate Hurst, secretary at HAE, said, when it comes to volunteers, Mattingly is one of a kind. "Mrs. Mattingly is a soft-spoken, sweet-natured woman whom the children of Hendricks Avenue adore. Her reputation as the hardest worker in the school is well known. She is at Hendricks four out of five days," Hurst said. "Through her years of service she has touched many lives. When alumnae return for visits, they seek out Mrs. Mattingly to tell her how she helped and inspired them. She is considered a treasure in our kindergarten wing due to her knowledge of how to make a kindergarten classroom run smoothly."

from 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the school," Mattingly said.

In 1999, HAE made her official, adding her to its payroll as a kindergarten classroom paraprofessional until June 2011, when she retired due to budget cuts and to travel more with her husband. After his death in April 2014, she returned as a full-time volunteer working again with Mathis in her kindergarten classroom.

On a daily basis, Mattingly assists students as they learn new skills and helps Mathis

DA vice principal to receive national award

Melanie Hammer, assistant principal at Douglas Anderson School of the Arts, has been nationally recognized as the top emerging leader in Arts Education in the United States by the Arts School Network (ASN). It is the first time an administrator from a Northeast Florida school has received the prestigious award.

Hammer will receive the 2016 National Emerging Arts Leader Award, which recognizes excellence and achievement among arts schools administrators. Hammer was commended for her arts expertise and innovative leadership. The award will be presented at the annual ASN Conference in Dallas, Texas, this coming October.

At Douglas Anderson, Hammer has spearheaded efforts to revamp the audition

and probation processes. She has also represented DA at local, state and national arts events as well as initiated many best practices at DA, including a new and innovative program called Power Hour. Hammer has also expanded the guest artist program at DA and made presentations at national conferences on arts integration.

Hammer currently serves as President-Elect for the Florida Assistant Principal Association and is on the executive board of the Florida Association for School Administrators.

"This is an incredible and much-deserved distinction for Melanie," said Douglas Anderson Principal Jacquelyn Cornelius. "She has been a keystone to our success at DA. Melanie has brought superb



Melanie Hammer

artistic awareness, academic innovation and leadership skills to the school as an arts administrator."

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Fifth graders celebrate in two languages



San Jose Elementary fifth graders celebrated during the Dual Language Ceremony at Albert I. duPont Middle School June 1. As enrollees in the program, the students studied Spanish and English from kindergarten through fifth grade and will continue the program at duPont Middle School next year.

Accompanying the students to the ceremony were Claudia Norez, San Jose Elementary fifth grade dual language teacher, Paula Smith, principal of San Jose Elementary, Christine Dahnke, San Jose Elementary executive director of ESOL and World Languages, Arlene Baez, assistant principal of San Jose Elementary

and Nicole Rodriguez, San Jose Elementary fourth grade dual language teacher.

Students in the program were Angel Mensias, Jose Gomez, Johanna Abrams, Jenasis Fernandez, Alexis Alvarez, Edwin Rodriguez-Hernandez, Nathan Johnson, Manuel Leija, Antoine Duarte, Arnold Hernandez-Dubon, John Fernandez, Michel Lopez-Prudoth, Dustin Lima, Elizabeth Norez, Erin Ramirez, Hannah Marcinkowski, Alexandra Romero, Zoey Marcinkowski, Juan Carlos Ventura, Virginia McLaughlin, Rocio Ventura, Arlette Mendoza-Gomez, and Evelyn Sanchez.

Local schools participate in Kids Helping Kids

Among the 20 schools which participated in Dreams Come True of Jacksonville's Kids Helping Kids program during the 2015-2016 school year were San Jose Episcopal Day School, The Bolles School fifth grade and high school, and Stanton College Preparatory Middle School. Funds raised during the school year came to \$38,675, and sponsored the dreams of 15 local children battling life-threatening illnesses.

Fundraising projects can include car washes, bake sales, dances, talent shows, coin collections and many more activities. Following the events, 100 percent of the funds raised by Kids Helping Kids go directly to dream fulfillment.

To participate, contact Kate Wirz, Development Coordinator for Dreams Come True, at kate@dreamscometrue.org or (904) 296-3030.

Bolles Phoenix Society inducts new members



Newest members inducted into the Bolles Phoenix Society

The Phoenix Society announced its 2016 inductees May 12 in a special ceremony on the Bolles Upper School San Jose Campus. Among the 14 new members was Roland Johnson, Class of 2016, and San Jose resident, and Vivian Guyton, Class of 2017, and Miramar resident.

Founded in 1967 by noted Bolles arts educator Arthur Carnes, the Phoenix Society is an honor society within the Bolles fine and performing arts department that recognizes juniors and seniors who excel in two or more areas of the arts. Phoenix Society candidates demonstrate a commitment to the demands of artistic vision, delight in the process of creative discovery, and show gratefulness and humility in the face of achievement.

Chris Mitchell '08, who starred in the Bolles production of "The Wizard of Oz" while he was a student at Bolles, was the alumni guest speaker.

HAPI seeks supply requests

Need clothes or school supplies for next year? The Hendricks Avenue Elementary School Partnership Initiative (HAPI) at Southside United Methodist Church requests that HAE parents, who anticipate their children might require school supplies or clothing for school next fall, send in their requests to HAPI by Sunday, July 31. The early notice will allow the church ministry to have the requested items on hand the week before school starts.

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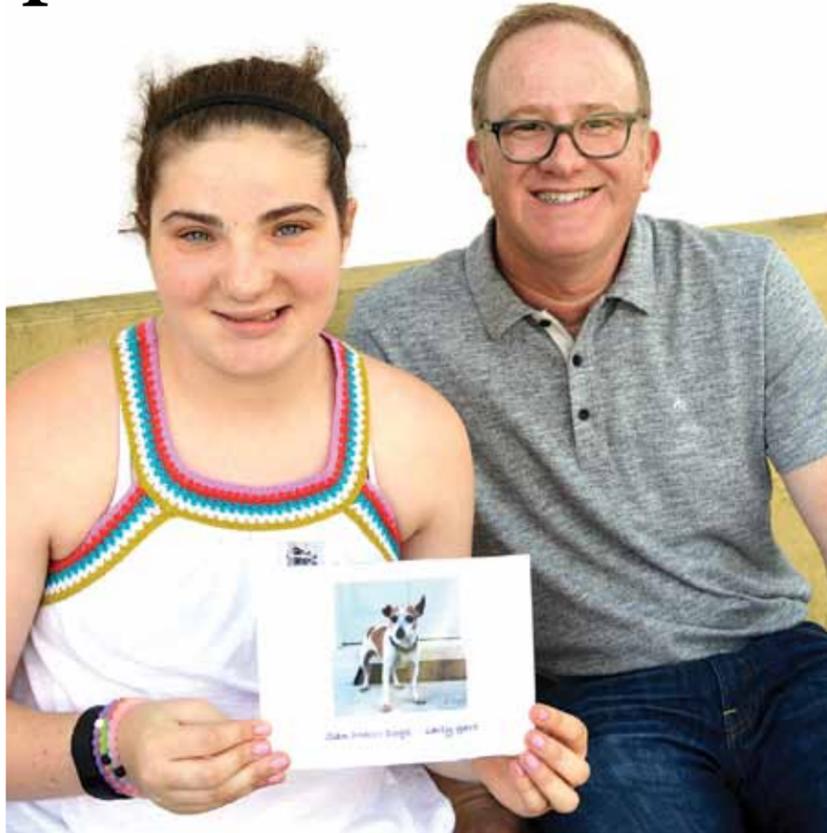
By Marcia Hodgson
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Ever since she was chased by a Dalmatian named Smiley at the tender age of five, Carly Gare has been afraid of dogs. A year ago, the 16-year-old used her iPhone to help conquer her fear, and the small picture book, "San Marco Dogs," was born.

Gare, a Mandarin resident who spends many hours visiting her father at his law practice in San Marco Square, decided to use photography as a form of therapy to overcome her fear of canines. "Carly liked to take photos and post them on Instagram," said her father, Henry Gare. "I suggested she take some photos of dogs. She was getting such a great response online, we decided she should put them together into a little book."

A student at The Noble School in Jacksonville Beach, Gare decided to take photos of pups belonging to friends of her father. On the cover is Ricky Martin, a 15-year-old rat terrier owned by Diane and Tim Martin of San Marco. Also included in the work is Tad and Julie Delegal's poodle, Lucy, as well as two Akitas owned by Jon Zahler. Later Gare decided to include dogs she saw while accompanying her dad to Starbucks in the Square or while walking in San Marco's neighborhoods. Gare came up with the title, "San Marco Dogs," because San Marco is a place "where everyone knows everyone," said Henry.

All those likes on Instagram have turned into a lucrative fundraiser for a nonprofit veterinarian in San Marco. Carly decided to donate the proceeds from her book to St. Francis Animal Hospital after she read in



Carly Gare and her dad, Henry

The Resident about Buddy, a Pitbull which had been cared for by the vet clinic after someone poured hot grease over his body. The volume can be purchased for \$15 at the vet's location at 2107 Mango Place and at The Ward Room on San Marco Square.

So far, Gare's volume of photos has raised \$630 for St. Francis, said Sandy Golding, chief development officer at the hospital.

"We are extremely grateful to Carly for donating all the proceeds from the sale of her "San Marco Dogs" book to St. Francis Animal Hospital," said Golding. "Carly's wonderful gift will be used to help local family pets get the medical care they need so these pets will be able to spend more happy and healthy years with their families."

The first shipment of Gare's book sold out fast, said Forrest Brewer, manager of The Ward Room. "People absolutely love it," Brewer said, noting they have sold nearly half of a second shipment. "People love to see cute dogs. Every penny goes to St. Francis. We're happy to help out. Her book has been bringing in new people to the store."

Gare said putting together her book has accomplished two goals. Although she is not ready to adopt a dog of her own, her fear of dogs has diminished as evidenced by the last photo in the book, a snapshot of her with her grandparent's cockapoo, Daisy. Also, she is happy that what was originally a therapeutic exercise will assist needy dogs in the future. "I felt it was good to do the book and see that other dogs could get some help through the hospital," she said. "St. Francis does really good work."

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