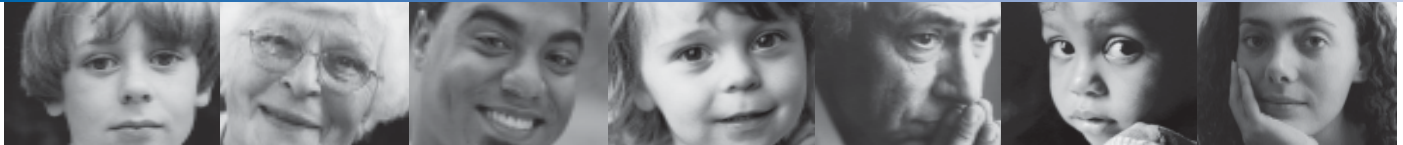


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The Newsletter of David Lawrence Center & Foundation

BOARD EXPANDS BY FIVE

In the last few months, the Foundation Board has welcomed five new Trustees with diverse backgrounds, experience and exciting new ideas that will help set the stage for the future of the Foundation.

Elynor Flegel brings 20 years of development, strategic planning and fundraising experience to her position as Chair of the Development Committee.

Carol Ann May previously served ten years on the board and brings 15 years of fundraising experience to the Development Committee.

Lisa Merritt, Vice President/Region Head of JP Morgan Bank, brings 15 years of management and investment experience to her position on the Finance Committee.

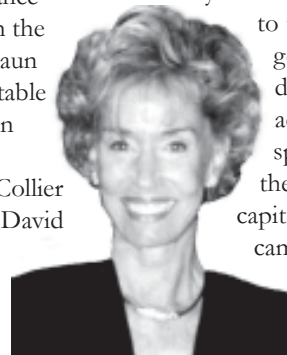
John Mueller, President of Relleum, Inc., will serve on the Finance Committee. His knowledge of the local community and expertise in management and business leadership will prove an invaluable asset.

Jaynie Whitcomb has a rich history and passion for the Center's mission as her husband, Stanley Whitcomb, was a former board member. She will also serve on the Development Committee.

Please join us in welcoming the newest members of the Board of Trustees.

A LOOK INSIDE OUR BEAUTIFUL HEART

Polly Keller, who will be honored at the February 21st Beautiful Mind - Beautiful Heart fundraiser, devoted her professional life to supporting mental health and substance abuse causes. Aside from the birth of her children, Shaun and Chuck, her most notable accomplishment has been the creation of the first Mental Health Clinic in Collier County - now known as David Lawrence Center.



Polly Keller

In 1967, she first got involved as President of the Mental Health Association. She founded the Clinic in 1969 and served as Board President for six years. She then worked with the legislature to create the first SW Florida District Mental Health Board and lobbied for critical funding to keep the Center's programs operating and expanding.

In 1976, Polly formed the Foundation for Mental Health, Inc., now known as David Lawrence Foundation, which was one of the first foundations in the country whose purpose was to help a publicly funded community mental

health center through private fundraising.

Polly has provided more than 25 years of fundraising leadership to the Foundation, generating millions of dollars for the Center. In addition to hosting special events, serving on the board and driving capital and endowment campaigns, she was instrumental in opening the Foundation's Encore Resale Shops, which now generate 37% of the Foundation's annual contribution to the Center.

Her devotion and commitment to the work of David Lawrence Center is unmatched.

We hope you will join us in honoring Polly and hearing keynote speaker, Joan Rivers, at the Beautiful Mind - Beautiful Heart event at La Playa Beach and Golf Resort. Watch for your invitation!

You can help us honor Polly by purchasing a congratulatory ad in the Program Book by calling Trista Meister at 354-1468.

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A copy of the official registration and financial information (SC-00635) may be obtained from the division of consumer services by calling toll-free 1-800-435-7352 within the state. Registration does not imply endorsement, approval or recommendation by the state.

Editor Trista G. Meister

Issues and Answers: **TALKING TO CHILDREN ABOUT ALCOHOL**



Because children see drinking all around them – at home, in restaurants, at family celebrations and in the media –

they are naturally curious about alcohol. Some parents may feel that because alcohol is a legal drug and because they drink themselves, it is more difficult to talk to their children about drinking. Yet, alcohol use continues to be the number one substance abused among adolescents in Collier County even though the consequences can be harmful.

Consider these facts:

- Alcohol use is implicated in up to 67% of sexual assault cases among teens and college students
- Teens are more likely to have sex if they have been drinking and are also more likely not to use a condom
- Drivers under the age of 25 were more likely than those 25 and older to be intoxicated in a fatal crash
- A clear relationship exists between alcohol use and grade-point average among students

Experts suggest that you begin talking to your kids and grandkids about alcohol as early as 5 years old. Because the first use of alcohol typically begins around 13, we suggest that parents use the potential consequences of drinking as a means to talk to teens about alcohol. By this age, teens realize that their actions do have consequences. Let them know you want them to be in control so they can make the best possible decision for themselves in any situation and that alcohol takes away anyone's ability to be in control.

If you discover your teen has been drinking, wait until you are calm and your child is sober, be sure that you and your spouse are consistent in your reactions, and consider early disciplinary measures (such as suspension of privileges) as it may help avoid more serious problems in the future. Making the disciplinary action meaningful enough can help your child use that as an excuse to not drink when they are around other kids who are drinking.

To find out about the Center's substance awareness education programs for children and parents, call 263-4013.

WISHES, NEEDS & DREAMS

Many of our donors requested a list of some key unfunded projects at the Center. Below are some of those items and their cost:

Child's Path Preschool	
New Child Safe Playground	\$15,000
Security Camera	\$2,000
Bridges Children's Residential Program	
Outdoor Playground Equipment	\$6,000
Immokalee Satellite Services	
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Videos	\$1,000 - \$5,000
Outpatient Services	
Waiting Room Toys	\$600

If you are interested in funding any of the items on our wish list, contact the Foundation Office at 354-1434.

Special Events

BEAUTIFUL MIND ~ BEAUTIFUL HEART



Joan Rivers

The Beautiful Mind ~ Beautiful Heart committee invites you to join us at the February 21st fundraiser at La Playa Golf & Beach Resort. The ticket price for the dinner is \$400 per person. You can also become a Patron at \$1,000 per person and attend the exclusive cocktail and hors d'oeuvres reception with keynote speaker Joan Rivers.

Patrons receive a special gift bag, acknowledgment in the program, and can attend

both the dinner and private reception. Space is limited and we expect a sellout crowd so respond to your invitation quickly.

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WATKINS PRO-AM GOLF TOURNAMENT



Emily Watt & Ned Sachs

Calling all golfers! The 23rd Annual Watkins Memorial Pro-Am Golf Tournament is set for April 5th at the Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club. Co-chairs **Emily Watt** and **Margo Gustafson** have been hard at work making all of the exciting arrangements for this year's tournament. In addition to the traditional buffet lunch, silent auction, and a cocktail and awards reception, there will be a new putting contest with fabulous prizes. The cost to play is \$300 per amateur (no fee for pros). Teams consist of four amateurs and one professional. The committee is currently recruiting committee members, sponsors and silent auction items.

Call Sara Davis, Special Event Manager, at 304-3505 for more information about these Foundation events.



Planned Giving

BEQUESTS CAN LEAVE A LEGACY



Carol Shaw

Your generosity is an essential ingredient in the success of David Lawrence Center and Foundation, both now and in the years to come. If you are interested in making a gift of ongoing

significance, the following planned giving idea may be of interest.

A gift included in your will is one way to establish a lasting legacy. After taking care of family and friends, many choose to remember the organizations or institutions they enjoy supporting through their estate plans.

Through careful planning, it is possible to leave a particular amount, a percentage of your estate, or all or portion of what remains after providing for loved ones.

You can name the charity and amount of the bequest you are leaving them in one of the following forms.

You can:

- designate the gift as a percentage of your estate
- designate the gift as a dollar amount
- make a gift of specific property

This past year the Foundation received three such generous gifts. We are extremely grateful for these ultimate gifts as they will help perpetuate the vital community programs provided by David Lawrence Center.

We ask that you please consider including David Lawrence Center and Foundation in your future planned giving. If you would like to explore your options, please call me at 239-234-1416.

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Immokalee, FL 34142
239.657.4434

Adult Substance Abuse Services

2806 South Horseshoe Drive
Naples, FL 34104
239.643.6101

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209-219 Airport Road South
239.261.5148

Children's Community Services

239 Airport Road South
239.263.4013

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3400 Tamiami Trail North, Suite #204
Naples, FL 34103
239.435.0400/239.435.0202

Child's Path Preschool

3144 Santa Barbara Boulevard
Naples, FL 34116
239.353.4144

Sarah Ann Drop-In Center

2900 South Horseshoe Drive, Suite #400
Naples, FL 34104
239.649.1557

Encore

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Naples, FL 34102
239.262.5558

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Naples, FL 34104
239.775.0032

***For information on volunteer
opportunities available at
the Center and Foundation
please call 354-1484.***



Save the Date!
BEAUTIFUL MIND ~ BEAUTIFUL HEART
February 21, 2004
La Playa Beach Resort
PERFECT 10
March 3, 2004
Saks 5th Avenue, Naples
WATKINS MEMORIAL GOLF TOURN.
April 5, 2004
Naples Beach Hotel and Golf Club

Encore Resale Shops Update; NEW MANAGEMENT STAFF ANNOUNCED

The Encore Shops, located at 28th 10th Street South and 3105 Davis Boulevard, have new Co-Managers. **Kathy Luther**, having previously owned her own shop, has more than 14 years of experience in the resale furniture business. Her experience as a certified financial planner will also prove to be an invaluable asset in the budgetary and financial management of the stores.

Lynn Bond served as the Assistant Manager for a local resale shop for the past three years. Her extensive background in management and retail make her a great addition to the Encore Team.

MARKETING EFFORTS UNDERWAY



Now that season is in full swing, the Stores have increased marketing efforts to recruit new Encore volunteers and to obtain furniture donations and consignment items. Advertisements, mailings to referral sources, and new signage are helping to promote the Shops in the community.

Do you have gently used furniture or decorative items in your home or office that you want to consign or donate? If so, call the Shops today at 775-0032.
