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The Newsletter of David Lawrence Center & Foundation

LOOKING FORWARD TO AN EXCITING YEAR



Carol Ann May

Welcome back! We hope you enjoyed your summer. As in life, our's was filled with ups and downs. Our community dealt with the destruction and wrath of hurricanes and sadly, the Foundation is

grieving over the recent passing of two invaluable board members. But, as they would want us to do, this summer we looked to the future and started planning for another exciting and challenging year. The Board installed the following new executive officers who will help guide and implement the mission of the Foundation:

Carol Ann May - Chairman
Jean Ackerman - Vice Chair
Lisa Merritt - Treasurer
John Mueller - Secretary

As a team, we developed this year's goals which include reaching out and communicating regularly with donors and, in order to support the tremendous growth the Center has seen in recent years, we plan to focus on growing our constituencies and increasing fund-raising capabilities by building stronger community partnerships.

We look forward to another great year knowing that, when we work together, we can achieve anything.

Carol Ann May

BEN STEIN TO HEADLINE 2005 BEAUTIFUL MIND - BEAUTIFUL HEART

Ben Stein, popularly known for his role as the monotone economics teacher in the film "Ferris Bueller's Day Off" and host of the offbeat, 17-time Emmy nominated Comedy Central game show, "Win Ben Stein's Money," will be the keynote speaker for our signature event Beautiful Mind – Beautiful Heart. This year's honoree will be local wealth management executive, philanthropist and volunteer Michael Morris for his decade of involvement in the Center and Foundation.

author and columnist for E-Online, American Spectator, New York Magazine and the Wall Street Journal.

Reflecting on some of the topics covered in his book, *How to Ruin Your Life*, he will use his comedic flair and extreme sarcasm to provide tips on how we should, or shouldn't live our lives.



Ben Stein



Michael Morris

The dinner, exclusive patron's reception and silent auction will be held on Thursday, January 27, 2005 at The Registry Resort. Stein will dine with guests, provide an hour of entertainment and questions, and mingle with patrons and sponsors at a private cocktail reception.

Co-chairs for the event are Elizabeth Star, Robin Stranahan and Sue Lennane. Star offers, "I have had the pleasure of hearing Ben Stein speak and am elated that our supporters will enjoy his wonderful, one-of-a-kind wit and insight at what is sure to be one of this season's most fun and fabulous fund-raisers."

The Foundation is also excited to have a venue to show our appreciation for Michael Morris' leadership as a past Board President for both the Center and Foundation and Chair of the successful Endowment Campaign.

Although Stein is well-known for his role as a comedic actor, his eclectic resumé also includes speechwriter and lawyer for Presidents Richard Nixon and Gerald Ford, civil rights activist, college law professor, novelist, sitcom and movie script writer, self help

Call 354-1434 for information about becoming an patron or sponsor.

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Editor Trista G. Meister

Issues and Answers:
ABOUT MENTALLY RECOVERING FROM A DISASTER OR TRAUMATIC EVENT



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The impact of a disaster or traumatic event like a hurricane goes far beyond the immediate devastation caused by the initial destruction. Just as it takes time to reconstruct damaged buildings, it takes time to grieve and rebuild our lives. Life may not return to normal for months. Changes in living conditions cause changes in day-to-day activities, leading to strains in relationships, changes in expectations, and shifts in responsibilities. These disruptions in relationships, roles, and routines can make life unfamiliar or unpredictable.

A disaster or traumatic event can have far-reaching effects in major areas of our lives, making rebuilding our emotional lives extremely difficult. Sometimes just knowing what to expect can help ease the transition back to a normal life. People often face personal uncertainties, family relationship changes, work disruptions, and financial worries.

Regardless of individual circumstances, everyone needs to complete several steps on the road to recovery:

- Accept the reality of the loss.
- Allow yourself and family members to feel sadness and grief.
- Adjust to a new environment.
- Acknowledge that the person or possessions lost are gone forever.
- Put closure to the situation and move on. Don't let the loss take its physical, emotional, or spiritual toll.
- Have faith in better times to come.

You and your family have survived a traumatic event. That doesn't mean your lives are over or that you don't deserve to be happy again. Return to doing things you enjoy. Reestablish the routines of your life. Make commitments and keep them.

If you or a member of your family are having trouble coping, ask for help and consult a mental health professional. Remember, at work you may be able to get assistance through your company's Employee Assistance Program.

If you or your family needs help dealing with the aftermath of the recent hurricanes, call David Lawrence Center at 455-8500.

MOURNING THE LOSS OF A DEAR FRIEND



John Gridley, Jr., MD passed away in June after a long illness. For the last 4 years, he served as a board member and fundraiser for the Foundation.

Before his illness, John lent his time and talents to the nominating and development committees where he had a significant impact in helping the Foundation grow. His generosity was well known among the community and we will forever remember his contributions.

Special Events:

WATKINS MEMORIAL PRO-AM GOLF TOURNAMENT A BIG *HIT* FOR ALL

The 23rd Annual Watkins Memorial Pro-Am Golf Tournament was held in April just before our friends left for the summer. The event was a lot of fun for all of our golf loving supporters who joined us once again at the Naples Beach Hotel and Golf Club. Special thanks to co-chairs Emily Watt and Margo Gustafson, and Larry Gantzer, golf professional at the Beach Club, for their hard work in putting the event together. Of course, we couldn't have achieved our fund-raising goal without the generosity of our sponsors which included: **FoxFire Community Association, Wachovia, Naples Beach Hotel and Golf Club, Publix Supermarket Charities, Gulf Coast Construction of Naples, Relleum, Inc., Tournament Providers Company and Water Marque.**

Congratulations to our winners:

AMATEUR PRIZES:

1st Place Gross: Old Collier: Steve Waugh (Professional), John Mueller, Scott Willbrett, Greg Wardeberg, Erica Schmeiding
1st Place Net: Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club: Andrea Drake (Professional) Nancy Becker, Bonnie Farnsworth, Ann Clayton, Mary Schranz

2nd Place Net: Grey Oaks: Jim Jewell (Professional), Tom Schneider, Alan Rosoff, Ned Sachs, Peter Gullman

3rd Place Net: Windstar: Tom Mitchell (Professional), George Pinckney, Lee Flandreau, Rudolf Mattijssen, Nicholas Aloï

PROFESSIONAL DIVISION:

1st Place: Jim Jewell, Grey Oaks

2nd Place: Steve Waugh, Old Collier

3rd Place: George Willard, Naples Beach Hotel and Golf Club

4th Place: Tie: Gene Fieger, Hideout and Bob Byrnes, Mediterra

CONTESTS:

Longest Drive: Nancy Becker (Women) & Steve Willbrett (Men)

Putting Contest: Nancy Becker

Beat the Pro: Bruce Robertson



The Naples Beach Hotel and Golf Club Team kicks off the competition on the first hole.



Featured Donor:

VOLUNTEERING THROUGH STAR STUDDED EVENTS



Elizabeth Star

Elizabeth Star has been actively involved with the Foundation for the last 6 years. She was first introduced to the Center's mission by Polly Keller, the Center and Foundation founder. After Polly educated her on the many different programs available for people of all ages who have nowhere else to turn, Elizabeth was eager to help in any way she could.

Knowing that mental illness and substance abuse plagues people of any ethnicity, gender, age, economic condition or social standing, it was an easy decision for Elizabeth and her husband Stanley to give their financial support.

But Elizabeth wanted to volunteer her talents as well. Being that she loves to entertain, she was quick to get involved in the Foundation's fund-raising events serving on several special event committees and opening her home to host the inaugural Beautiful Mind – Beautiful Heart patron party. This year, Elizabeth along with Sue Lennane and Robin Stranahan, two of her dear friends who share the same passion for supporting mental illness and substance abuse treatment, will co-chair Beautiful Mind – Beautiful Heart. They plan to use their sphere of influence in the community to surpass the fund-raising goals of the previous two events.

When encouraging others to become donors, event sponsor or to get involved, Elizabeth says, "DLC is such an asset to our community. It is the only facility in Collier County that provides everything from residential to outpatient treatment. We all need to seize the opportunity to positively impact someone's life and to directly enhance the quality of their life, their family's life and the community as a whole."

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LOCATIONS:

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Immokalee, FL 34142
239.657.4434

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2806 South Horseshoe Drive
Naples, FL 34104
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209-219 Airport Road South
239.261.5148

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3400 Tamiami Trail North, Suite #204
Naples, FL 34103
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28 10th Street South
Naples, FL 34102
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3105 Davis Boulevard
Naples, FL 34104
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For information on volunteer opportunities available at the Center and Foundation please call 354-1484.



Save the Date!

BEAUTIFUL MIND ~ BEAUTIFUL HEART

January 27, 2005

The Registry Resort

WATKINS MEMORIAL GOLF TOURN.

April 4, 2005

Naples Beach Hotel and Golf Club

Encore Resale Shops;
2ND ANNUAL TENT SALE DOUBLES REVENUE

Encore held its second annual, two day tent sale in May at our Davis Boulevard location. The response was incredible and the stream of people interested in getting great deals and supporting our mission was impressive. The sale was so successful it doubled the revenue from the first tent sale held last year. In addition to emptying out all sale items, consignment items in the store sold well, making the day a huge success all around.

If you have gently used furniture or decorative items in your home or office that you would like to consign or donate, call the Encore Shops today at 775-0032.

