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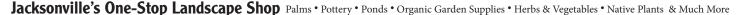
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to highlight distinctive Ponte Vedra Beach homes

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To be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., the self-guided driving tour will enable visitors to view the homes' architectural features and interior design while admiring the works of local artists. Tickets for the tour are \$35, with proceeds benefiting the education programs of the Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach.

BENEFACTOR RECEPTION

On Friday, April 7, a special "Benefactor Reception" will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Harbour Island home of Ron and Hilah Autrey. The reception will offer guests an opportunity to view the Autreys' 11,000 square-foot home on the Intracoastal Waterway while enjoying passed hors d'oeuvres, an open bar and live entertainment.

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Kent Justice co-anchors Channel 4's 11 p.m. newscast and hosts "This Week in Jacksonville" Sundays at 9 a.m. As the station's political reporter, he has covered local elections, national political party conventions and everything in between.

What brought you to the First Coast?

A job! And I'm so lucky. In the television news business, subjective choices by management can suddenly leave you looking for work. That was the case for me in 2010 - and I was looking across the country for the next job. It was a process that took a few months, but eventually landing in Northeast Florida was truly a blessing. We were in Columbus Ohio for almost a dozen years. Now in our seventh year here, everyone in "The Justice League" agrees, we don't want to live anywhere else.

Were you always interested in a career in journalism?

Would you believe music competed for my attention first? I love music and played in any band I could find as a trumpet player. I also sang in a jazz group and led church music. I still love music and I'm part of the worship team at Crosswater Community Church in Nocatee.

Since my sophomore year in high school, I've been writing and reporting. I realized I was not going to be a professional athlete, but perhaps could be around sports by writing. That led to a mentor saying, "Why just write about it?" I began serving as the public-address announcer for high school events - track and field, basketball, baseball – and began practicing my playby-play in a handheld cassette recorder. I landed a part-time job with a San Francisco area newspaper chain as a sports writer as a 17-year-old, then pursued my college degree at Pepperdine University, and leaned in to TV as well as radio. About six years into my broadcast career, I realized I could tell stories that mean more than touchdowns, turnovers or takeaways, and moved into news.

Describe a typical day as a reporter/anchor for WJXT.

Arrive 2:30 p.m., leave about 11:45 p.m. But!... the working starts much earlier. Scan most recent reports of stories happening in our area, think about ways to develop that story locally. Pitch stories to newsroom leaders via e-mail or phone call mid-morning or noon, so when you come in to the office, you can expedite decisions on which stories we'll cover, who will cover them and how. But as the political reporter, I also have a show every Sunday morning at 9 a.m. - "This Week in Jacksonville" – so it feels like I am constantly scheduling guests for the show, and then researching the topics and producing the show. I also do a lot of travel for the station. In the past year, for instance, I can recall trips to Miami for presidential candidate debates, to Cleveland and Philadelphia for the political conventions, to Washington, D.C. for the inauguration, and a couple trips to Tallahassee covering Florida lawmakers. And any day can turn into what we experienced on a Wednesday in March: breaking news of a forest fire - go go go go! Those days are both exhilarating and exhausting.

You've had an opportunity to meet and interview numerous public figures and celebrities. Were there any who surprised you or turned out to be much different than you were expecting?

The easiest, most recent answer would be interviewing

President Trump as a candidate last summer and fall. I covered Mr. Trump's initial rally in Jacksonville in 2015. He established his tone at those events early. I was surprised when I interviewed him one-on-one, prior to rallies he held in Jacksonville in August and then in St. Augustine in October. President Trump spoke in a different fashion – much more reserved, much more considerate.

Perhaps my favorite celebrity or public figure meeting came years ago in Columbus Ohio, when Senator John Glenn came to our TV station. Shaking hands with an aerospace pioneer was unforgettable.

You've also covered numerous political campaigns, including the recent presidential campaign. How did the Clinton/Trump match-up compare to some of the other elections you've covered?

Clinton versus Trump was unparalleled in my experience. Such a contrast in style by each candidate! Such a contrast in accessibility, as well. It was not lost on many activists I spoke with, on both sides of the aisle, that the Trump campaign made numerous stops in Northeast Florida, with the candidate himself on the stump. Secretary Clinton never came to the area for a public event. Frustrating to many local Democrats. Include Kent Justice among the many, many observers who underestimated Donald J. Trump when he announced his candidacy and throughout the ups and downs of the campaign.

What was the most rewarding story you've covered during your career? The most challenging?

Most rewarding story – as a consumer reporter in Columbus. A man was diagnosed with cancer, wanted to make sure his bills were paid while he was in treatment, and consolidated those bills, then made payments to the consolidation company.

Wait for it...

You probably guessed: The company didn't pay off his debts. So, when the man returned to work, he was challenged with a lawsuit. When he went to court, the debt company's lawyer told the man it was a preliminary hearing, he didn't need to be there – so the man returned to work. The case was "closed" and a summary judgment entered to garnish that man's wages. They took about 50 percent of his check. As the "troubleshooter," it was my privilege to fight for that man and get the debt consolidation company to admit their mistake, then fix the problem.

Most challenging story – just about any assignment where a grieving family loses their temper at you for attempting an interview during their time of grief. For the record, my bosses at channel 4 are fantastic, and always want us to err on the side of compassion and respect. That has not always been the case in my career.

Are there any charitable groups or organizations with which you're involved that you'd like to highlight?

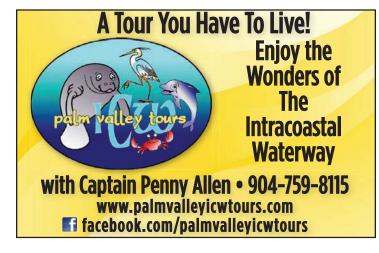
I serve on the board of directors for two local charities – HandsOn Jacksonville and the Alzheimer's Association of Central and North Florida. I am excited to serve as chairman of the board for Alzheimer's, and recently spent time in Washington, D.C. asking lawmakers to provide support in defeating the disease, which affects more than 500,000 patients in the Sunshine State and about 2 million caregivers. Across the country, Alzheimer's affects more than 5 million. The financial devastation is staggering already, and could be crippling to our country if not addressed, and soon.

HandsOn Jacksonville is the premier volunteering organization in the area, and connects people with care in their hearts to ways their hands and heads can make a difference. I am so proud to be part of the team, and channel 4 has partnered with HandsOn for a

commitment of volunteer hours. People in our area pledged more than 100,000 volunteer hours for 2017 during a phone bank WJXT hosted in November. Wow, what a giving community.

What is your favorite part of living on the First Coast?

Beaches! Ocean! And great people. I have never met so many New Yorkers as I have since I moved to Florida. I have a great friend who was a New York City firefighter and has been a great neighbor. By the way, that friend's teenage son pulled me from the ocean in 2011 when I was caught in a rip current; he may have saved my life. And I have always been patriotic, but that went to a new level living here. I am proud to call many Navy veterans friends, and love the fact that each of my children has, or currently is, considering a career serving our country.





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The spirit of St. Patrick's Day was on full display March

17, when the Tom Coughlin Jay Fund hosted its annual wine tasting gala.

Dozens of the First Coast's most popular restaurants set up shop in the lobby of Jacksonville's Wells Fargo building, serving up culinary delights and wine to an estimated 1,000 people. Participating restaurants included Ruth's Chris Steak House, Black Sheep, Ovinte, Biscotti's, 619 Ocean View, Il Desco, The Wine Cellar, The Fish Company and Eleven South.

"This is the twelfth year Eleven South has participated," said Managing Partner John Nagy, who noted that 3 Palms Grille - his new restaurant at The Oak Bridge Club in Ponte Vedra Beach - was also participating in this year's gala. "It's a great event and we plan to support it going forward."

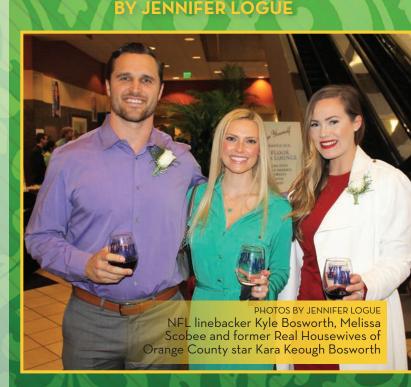
Guests clad in traditional Irish green bid on dozens of silent auction items while sampling appetizers, drinks and desserts to the strains of a Celtic bagpipe. Proceeds from the event support the Tom Coughlin Jay Fund's mission of providing financial, emotional and practical support to local families tackling childhood cancer.

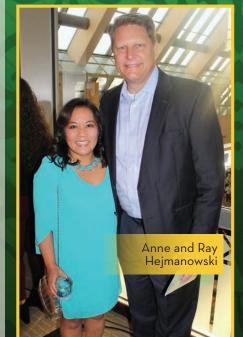
The inaugural head coach of the Jacksonville Jaguars, Coughlin also coached at Boston College and for 12 years with the New York Giants before returning to the Jaguars last year to serve as executive vice president of football operations. At the wine tasting gala, Coughlin said the credit for coming up with the idea for the wine tasting event belonged to board member Barry Zeidwig, who recently retired after 42 years with Southern Glazer's Wine and Spirits, the event's presenting sponsor.

"Barry had the vision to have this wine tasting gala 14 years ago," Coughlin said. "We expect to have over 1,000 people here tonight at an event that has raised over \$2 million, so we're very thankful for his leadership.

Coughlin concluded his remarks by thanking his guests for their support and offering them an Irish blessing:

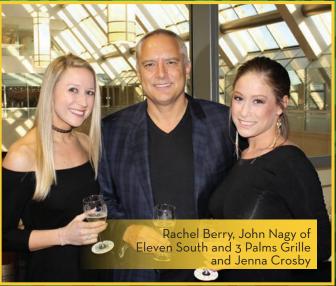
"May there always be work for your hands to do. May your purse always hold a coin or two. May the sun always shine on your window pane. May a rainbow be certain to follow each rain. May the hand of a friend always be near you. May God fill your heart with gladness to cheer you."



















At cultural center fundraiser, bag ladies welcome by JENNIFER LOGUE

Louis Vuitton, Kate Spade, Coach and Dooney & Bourke were just a few of designer handbag brands up for bid when the Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach presented its annual "Bag Lady Luncheon," raising more than \$24,000 to support the center's programs.

Held Feb. 22 at Sawgrass Country Club, the fundraiser was attended by hundreds of local women, who had an opportunity to place silent auction bids on more than 200 "gently used" designer handbags. From Tory Burch and BCBG to Calvin Klein and Brahmin, some of the most popular designer bags were available at a fraction of the retail price. Guests also enjoyed a luncheon as well as door prizes provided by local businesses.

Event organizers and sponsors thanked the many volunteers and members of the cultural center's Friends for the Arts group

who participated in the luncheon's planning.

"I believe if you give passionate women a task, they'll get it done," said Aimee Boggs of Boggs Huffman, which sponsored the event along with Pivot CPAs. "During the week, we work hard to make sure that none of our clients are bag ladies. But today it's encouraged."

Since its inception in 2013, the event has raised nearly \$85,000 for the cultural center. Development Director Toni Boudreaux credited the event committee - led by Becky Jewett, Dee Pope and Barbara Moore-Wedow - and the many Friends members and volunteers for the luncheon's success.

"The Friends is a fantastic way to get involved with a great group of ladies supporting the cultural center," she said.



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Volunteers in Medicine honors
12 local women at inaugural

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Twelve Northeast Florida women were honored for their passion and dedication to community service Feb. 8, when Volunteers in Medicine presented its inaugural "Women with Heart" luncheon.

Held at the Florida Blue Conference Center, the event recognized the contributions of a diverse selection of community leaders while raising funds for Volunteers in Medicine – a Jacksonville-based nonprofit that provides free medical care to low-income working individuals who lack health insurance. In addition to noted local philanthropist Delores Barr Weaver – who received the organization's inaugural Dorion-Burt Heart of Gold Award – honored women included Aimee Boggs, Dr. Annie Egan, Rep. Mia Jones, Paula Liang, Rev. Kate Moorehead, Helen Morse, Dr. Kathryn Pearson Peyton, Nicole Thomas, Susan Towler, Lisa Strange Weatherby and Tracy Williams.

"It's truly energizing to be here surrounded by such passionate women who do so much for our community," said WJXT Anchor Mary Baer, who served as emcee for the charity luncheon. Florida Blue Market President Darnell Smith agreed.

"They all have a heart of gold," Smith said, "but I would submit to you that they also have integrity...the courage to lead and do what no one else is willing to do."

HEART OF GOLD

To present the inaugural Dorion-Burt Heart of Gold Award to Weaver, Volunteers in Medicine called upon its co-founders for whom the award was named. Dottie Dorion and Dr. James Burt noted how essential philanthropic gifts can be to a nonprofit's continued vitality – particularly one that provides critical health care services to society's most vulnerable citizens.

"We are helping people who are trying very hard to help themselves – often working two jobs – and they just don't fit into the (health care) system the way it is now," Burt said. "In the past year, we have been incredibly fortunate to receive not one but two \$100,000 matching gifts which have laid the groundwork for our











long-term sustainability."

Weaver's matching gifts, Dorion said, have "changed the future" for Volunteers in Medicine.

"The Northeast Florida community owes you a huge debt of gratitude," she said.

In accepting the award, however, Weaver said the credit for Volunteers in Medicine's success belongs to the many doctors, nurses and non-clinical volunteers who donate their services to provide health care to Jacksonville's working uninsured.

"It's just really special," Weaver said, "that we have this to offer our citizens."

GIVING BACK

To honor the inaugural group of "Women with Heart," event organizers produced videos highlighting some of the formative experiences that inspired each woman to donate her time and talents through community service. From volunteering for Habitat for Humanity to working at local food pantries, each honoree could trace her spirit of volunteerism to parents and childhood role models who instilled in them a passion for helping others and provided opportunities to give back and pay it forward.

Honoree Susan Towler, for example, recalled volunteering as a high school student at Happy Acres Ranch, assisting children with disabilities.

"It was the first time I learned that a volunteer gets more back from the experience than the person you're helping," Towler said.

Dr. Annie Egan had a similar experience, growing up in a family where community service was an everyday part of life.

"When you serve others," Egan said, "you're always surprised by the joy you can receive from simple gifts."

Several honorees hailed Volunteers in Medicine for the role the nonprofit plays in providing medical care amid a constantly changing and often confusing health care landscape.

"It fills a huge void in this community," honoree Helen Morse said.

Fellow nominee and Baptist Medical Center South President Nicole Thomas agreed.

"It is a lifeline for those working uninsured so they can have a medical home."

Friends and supporters of the First Coast Opera celebrated Valentine's Day with a gala Feb. 11. The gathering was held at the St. Augustine home of Mrs. Faith Tiberio, where guests enjoyed complimentary wine and hors d'oeuvres and a silent auction while admiring the sunset over the Matanzas River. Also on hand were several First Coast Opera singers, who entertained guests with a number of classical opera selections.

Now in its 17th season, First Coast Opera recently was awarded a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts to support is most recent March production: a double bill featuring two courtroom comedies. Presented March 16 and 18, the event paired Gilbert and Sullivan's "Trial by Jury" alongside "The Trial of B.B. Wolf," a family-friendly opera in which the Big Bad Wolf is put on trial for his exploits.

















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The Sawgrass Marriott Golf Resort and Spa took on a tropical motif March 18, when the resort hosted the annual Grand Anchor Gala to benefit Project SOS.

In keeping with the gala's theme of "Port of Call: Hawaii," guests adorned in cruise attire were greeted with colorful leis and ushered in to take a "Bon Voyage" photo before perusing the scores of silent auction items available. Seated at tables bedecked with vibrantly hued hibiscus centerpieces, guests enjoyed a dinner infused with tropical flavors before bidding on a variety of live auction packages that included everything from dinner cruises aboard luxury yachts and a mission trip to the Bahamas to a purebred Shih Tzu puppy donated by Pet World owners Sharon and Mike Kassnoff. Attendees also enjoyed a performance by comedian John Crist.

Yet amid the gala's exotic atmosphere, event organizers kept the focus squarely on the evening's mission: helping local youth through Project SOS. As guests waved life preserver-shaped auction bid paddles, guest auctioneer Sen. Aaron Bean reminded bidders that "every dollar donated is going to help kids in our area."

PROJECT SOS

Founded in 1993 by Executive Director Pam Mullarkey Robbins, the nonprofit Project SOS – or Strengthening Our Society – aims to equip local teens with the life skills needed to make positive choices and protect themselves from unhealthy situations and relationships. Since its founding, the organization has impacted

more than 460,000 students, sending youth development specialists into area classrooms to teach kids strategies for dealing with such issues as substance abuse, bullying, boundaries, goal setting and refusal strategies for sexual risk avoidance.

Grand Anchor Gala guests had an opportunity to hear first-hand about the program's successes when two teens shared their stories of how Project SOS had impacted their lives in a positive way. Guests listened as a teen girl described spending the night at a friend's house, only to awake in the middle of the night to find a boy lying next to her, making unwanted advances

"Thanks to Project SOS," she said, "I had walked through this situation and was able to get myself out of there."

Another teen described feeling lost and aimless until Project SOS showed up at her school one day.

"I heard them talking about having dreams and goals and I was hooked," the girl said. "It helped me know that I can do anything...."

Those comments resonated with James Pyle of LandSouth Construction, the gala's title sponsor.

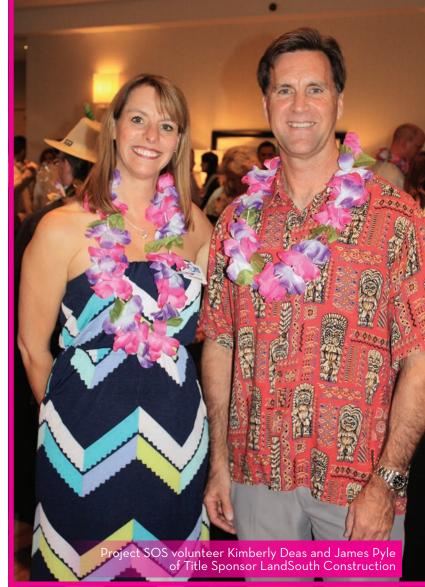
"I like supporting what Project SOS does – it's gratifying to see all the support they give to kids, helping them make the right choices," Pyle said.

In a videotaped message to gala guests, Pyle went even further. "I know (Project SOS) is 'strengthening our society," he said, "but in many ways, it's 'saving our students."













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Show brings home improvement downtown

by JASMINE MARSHALL

The Jacksonville Home and Patio Show returned to the Prime F. Osborn III Convention Center March 2-5, bringing live demonstrations and home improvement exhibition to the downtown area.

Running annually for nearly 50 years, the spring event brought to the 265,000s square-foot space more than 300 vendors, showcases and exhibitors, who advertised wares running the gamut from construction and renovation services to organizational storage. As is customary, the most recent event shed light on trends in landscaping and home renovation.

Jeff Fehrenkamp of Jacksonville-based paver and retaining wall manufacturer Tremron said many homeowners are opting for segmental additions to backyard pools and patios with wall blocks, seat walls, columns and fire pits leading the craze.

"Over the past few years, it seems many homeowners in the area have opted for more ... unusual materials for renovation," Fehrenkamp said. "Porcelain has been competing with natural stone for its high-end, modern look. What we've noticed is people like to incorporate porcelain pavers into their designs that are about twice as large as typical pavers for an almost

mosaic look."

But exhibitors in home improvement were just the tip of the ice at the tradeshow as DIY Network and HGTV stars Sara Bendrick and Tyler Wisler took the Inspiration Stage throughout the event to give tips to showgoers. Local celebrities and chefs such as Chef Amadeus, Curtis Dvorak and Guy Boonsanong shared the Jacksonville Magazine Cooking Stage, and several exhibitors and vendors outside of the typical "home and patio" realm filled the convention center with food, jewelry and artisan crafts.

The four-day show also saw a host of giveaways and sweepstakes, among them a Hawaii Build and Beach sweepstakes for a chance to build homes with Habitat for Humanity during a 10-day trip to Kona, Hawaii; a Publix gift card giveaway; and a chance to win a \$15,000 home makeover. The Home and Patio Show also recognized numerous local heroes by offering complimentary admission to active duty and retired military personnel, first responders, EMTs, firefighters, police and teachers.

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Distinctive architectural elements feature exposed rafter tails, clean white stucco, traditional barrel tile roof, cedar beams and a vaulted tongue-in-groove ceiling in the back lanai. The home's design also includes a side courtyard and a large central courtyard, which boasts authentic stone columns lining a walkway that wraps around one of four masonry fireplaces in the home. The Pineapple Corporation prices the home at \$2,179,000.

Pablo Creek Reserve, an exclusive gated residential community, is located near Mayo Clinic, the St. Johns Town Center and the beaches

of Jacksonville and Ponte Vedra.

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The Pineapple Corporation is building similar Spanish-style homes within The Vista at Twenty Mile in Nocatee.

Company President Spencer Calvert said the homes will feature base prices starting in the \$900s. The luxury home builder will be offering three different variations for the exterior detailing and five different floor plans ranging from approximately 4,000 square feet to 5,800 square feet.

Calvert expects the company to complete two fully furnished models that will operate as sales and design centers in mid- to late summer.

"The opportunity for us to deliver what we feel is first class product in the Nocatee community is something we're extremely excited about," he said.







As the summer holidays creep closer, families face the annual dilemma of what to do with a bored kid – and First Coast businesses, institutions and ministries are taking note. The summer of 2017 will see a variety of camps, classes and programs covering the diverse interests of every child for a vacation spent productively.

» Education and Life Skills

Art of Etiquette Summer 2017 Camp

Sawgrass Players Club, Water Oak 1 PGA Tour Boulevard Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082

Now in its fifth year, the Art of Etiquette continues to foster the growth of social skills and art techniques while preparing children with essential life skills. The camp is taught by a team of two teachers: professional artist Sharon Goldman and certified etiquette coach Christine Nagle. The sessions are splintered into halves, with the first guiding children through the creation of an art piece while being instructed on painting techniques and mixed media concepts that reflect the style of each camper. In the second half, kids will engage in essential etiquette skills – table manners, introductions, public speaking, gratitude, poise and posture and guesting and hosting – that double as confidence- and leadership-building.

This program is limited to 10 children per session from 9 a.m. to noon, Monday through Friday throughout five weeks in June and July: June 5-9, 12-16 and 19-23, and July 17-21 and 24-28.

An all-inclusive fee of \$145 will cover food and drink, etiquette

course materials and art supplies. Sibling discounts and after-care will be available. To reserve spots or to learn more about the program, contact Christine Nagle at (904) 254-0624 or naglehouse@msn.com.

POD Summer Camp

POD Ponte Vedra 5150 Palm Valley Road, Ste. 107 Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082

Ponte Vedra's newly opened POD (Play. Organize. Discover.) will host a summer camp for children ages 2-5, Monday through Friday from 9-11:45 a.m. Summer sessions include open play, crafting, storytime and songs as well as visual and performing arts lessons that include drawing, sculpting, dance, exercise and more. Organic snacks will be provided. Sessions are \$165 per week or \$1490 for the full summer. Children must be potty-trained to qualify for registration.

For more information about summer camp activities and dates, visit www.podpvb.com or email podpvb@gmail.com. Space is limited.

MOSH Discovery Camps

Museum of Science and History (MOSH) 1025 Museum Circle Jacksonville, FL 32007

Jacksonville's Museum of Science and History (MOSH) will host a series of summer Discovery Camps for students K-8. Kids will conduct experiments, explore the universe and enjoy this summer's Dinosaurs in Motion! exhibit. Camps range from space exploration in the Bryan-Gooding Planetarium to dissection, fossil excavation and more. Activities are divided into kindergarten through first grade,

second and third, fourth and fifth and sixth through eighth grade levels.

Camps run between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Registration is \$164 for MOSH members and \$205 for non-members. All camps offer before and after care for \$10 per day. Children should be registered for the grade level they will have completed as of summer 2017. For more information, visit www.themosh.org.

»Sports and Adventure

Nease Basketball Camp

Nease High School 10550 Ray Road Ponte Vedra, FL 32081

Nease High School will host week-long basketball camp sessions for rising 4th through 8th grade boys and girls from 9 a.m. to noon, and for rising 9th through 12th grade boys from noon to 2 p.m. The camps will be held Monday through Friday between May 30 and June 15.

The weekly camps will prepare student athletes with the fundamentals of basketball (passing, dribbling and shooting, in addition to team concepts for upper-level students) while encouraging the growth of leadership skills. Sessions include drills and skills, hot shot competition, full-court tournament play, t-shirts, prizes and more. The cost per child is \$125 per weekly session.

For more information and to download a registration form, visit www.neaseathletics.org.

Mark Sorenson Youth Sailing Program 100 N. Ocean Bay Key Largo, FL 35037

The Key Largo Sailing Summer Camp at the Upper Keys Sailing Club offers an alternative for parents with kids on an extended stay. Each summer, this program hosts campers ages 7-17 from all over the state of Florida to discover sailing while visiting the Keys. Throughout the program, kids are taught how to sail on different boats, affording them the opportunity to "skipper" a boat on their own or in a team.

These week-long introductory sessions cover boat handling, seamanship, and sailing basics in addition to tubing, near-shore kayaking, snorkeling and island visits when conditions allow. The summer 2017 camp runs for eight weeks, starting June 12 and ending Aug. 4 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The cost per camper, per week is \$265. Registration can be completed at www.msvsp.org. To learn more about the youth sailing program, call Rosa Lamela at (905) 747-2600 or send an email to info@msvsp.org.

Witts Tennis

Bolles School Ponte Vedra 200 ATP Tour Blvd. Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082

Beaches resident and nationally recognized Coach Danny Witt leads the Witt Tennis program for all levels and ages 6 and up. The camp's curriculum is centered around fundamentals, techniques and the "ABC's" of tennis – agility, balance and coordination. Students are grouped into two main groups (beginner/intermediate levels and advance/majors/high performance levels) and use compression balls and specialized focus based on age and level of skill.

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Word Revolt Art School Studio Painting Class

Word Revolt Art Gallery 1249 Mayport Road Atlantic Beach, FL 32233

Word Revolt Art School is now enrolling for painting classes for students ages 16-18 who are interested in learning studio art. This opportunity will allow students to receive resources of knowledge, mentorship and assistance with establishing a creative art portfolio and studio art experience.

The four-week class, beginning May 7 and ending May 28, will focus on painting techniques and a personal project. A graduation and art show party will be held on June 3.

Tuition, supplies and artist resources - including a Word Revolt painting kit and canvas, are free. Space is limited.

To learn how to enroll or become a sponsor, contact Theresa Berg at theresa@wordrevolt.com.

» Mini Creators and Youth Arts Camps

The Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach

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The Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach will offer a series of summer art programs throughout June and July. These programs focus on studio-based art curriculum taught by instructors who are working artists or art educators through structured projects and exploration during week-long education experiences. The program teaches a combination of disciplines integral to art, including art history print-making and several lessons in various media.

Camps will run on a weekly basis, Monday through Friday from June 5 through Aug. 4.

No pre-requisites or skill level is required and discounts are available by purchasing a family membership. To learn more about the art camp curriculum or to enroll, visit www.ccpvb.org/ programs/children/summer-arts-camps or call (904)-280-0614, ext. 204.

MOCA Summer Art Camp

Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA) 333 N. Laura St. Jacksonville, FL 32202

Downtown Jacksonville's Museum of Contemporary Art will host an art camp for kids ages 4-14 throughout June, July and August. During the sessions, experienced art educators will offer lessons on art history as well as instruction on a variety of media and techniques culminating in personal projects that campers create themselves. Half- and full-day sessions are available based on age group, and extended hours from 8 to 9 a.m. and 4 to 5 p.m. are available for \$50 per week. Classes begin at \$120 for non-members and \$102 for members. For more information, to register or to learn more about cost and a full schedule and description of classes, visit www.mocajacksonville.unf.edu/families-and-children/summerart-camp.



See www.esj.org/summer to sign up for camps.

Programs run May 26 - August 3 Grades K-12



Cough, Cry and Sing: Megyn Kelly provides poignant perspective in Florida Forum address

by JON BLAUVELT





Amid the currently divisive and exhausting landscape of American politics, Megyn Kelly urges people to remember to live

The accomplished news journalist told attendees at her Florida Forum address Jan. 30 that they must indeed pay attention to politics, engage in the democratic process and hold the powerful accountable. However, she said they must also not forget what's most important in life.

"This obsession with politics and nastiness in America is not healthy," said Kelly, who joined NBC News in January after more than a dozen years with Fox News. "I personally believe we're here for human connection, for laughter, for love, for compassion, for learning."

She said she is consistently reminded of life's true meaning by her mother Linda, whom she called her greatest influence in life. Kelly's father died of a heart attack when she was 15 years old, she said, and her mother's strength in the aftermath of his death has helped to guide Kelly through the adversity she's faced in her life, especially within the past year covering the 2016 presidential election.

The audience appreciated her transparency in revealing these more personal aspects of her life. "We really got to see a different side of Megyn Kelly," said attendee Joanne Ghiloni following the address at the Time-Union Center for the Performing Arts.

Kelly also spoke extensively about the state of the journalism industry, calling today a tough time for journalists to do honest reporting because she believes the number of open-minded Americans is dwindling. People put on their ideological letter sweaters, said Kelly, and root for the news that validates them, instead of objective facts.

"So many partisans only want their world view affirmed by their news sources," she said. "If that view is challenged or heaven forbid shot down, it's treated as a reason to object to that media option instead of as a light bulb moment, in which one realizes he or may she may have made some bad assumptions."

During a question and answer session, Kelly addressed the phenomenon of fake news, noting that she is not so quick to dismiss it anymore. When deciding which news to trust, Kelly suggested seeking out sources that demonstrate humility and honesty and admit their mistakes.

Kelly acknowledged that President Donald Trump poses challenges for those journalists covering him. But amid America's partisan divide, Kelly said Trump is ironically the least partisan president the United States has seen in decades, and that many of the American people love that.

Kelly said she knows the Trump voters well because she grew up in upstate New York, which she said is home to more Midwestern, conservative values. And to the cheers of several audience members, she said the vast majority of them are lovely, patriotic and good people who are not racist or sexist. But they are tired, she noted, of the status quo, a broken system, high taxes and



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the government's regulation of their soda, salt and trans fats, she jokingly added.

Conversely, Kelly acknowledged that Trump possesses some authoritarian tendencies, but that doesn't mean he has a blank check for the next four years. If the government shifts in a direction that the public does not find acceptable, she said, the people have congressional elections in just two years.

"The people always have the ultimate power, one of the many beauties of our system," said Kelly. "No one man is going to fundamentally alter the character of this country, be it Barack Obama or Donald Trump."

At the end of her address, Kelly again reminded the audience to focus on the important aspects of life and quoted John Denver's "Today."

"Today is my moment. Now is my story. I'll laugh, and I'll cry and I'll sing," Kelly stated. "That's the key right there: laughter in the fleeting moments that seem meaningless but lighten our mood and make us feel alive and connected. Eyes welling up from the joy of tears. And the songs you write in your days at work with your colleagues, at home with your family, in the quiet moments by yourself, in the quest to make your life sing. It's wholeness.

"I hope for all of you that you too feel that same wholeness, that you too see adversity as an opportunity to grow and whatever life throws at you, you find it within yourself to laugh, cry and

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Tensor motivates Florida Forum attendees to serve others

by JON BLAUVELT

enefiting Tim Tebow delivers his Florida Forum address at the Times-Union Center for the Performing Arts March 13.

Despite the countless wins, awards and championships Tim Tebow has accumulated throughout his sports career, there is nothing more important and fulfilling to him than helping those in need.

The superstar athlete and First Coast resident shared a handful of stories at his Florida Forum address March 13 that emphasized the importance and ultimate reward of helping others, and encouraged the audience to act in kind. With each narrative tying back to the Florida Forum's support for The Women's Board of Wolfson Children's Hospital, the former University of Florida and NFL quarterback continued to remind and inspire attendees that by merely sitting in their seats, they were helping to change lives.

"Hope is something that tonight we're giving to so many young girls and boys in our community and in our surrounding communities," Tebow said at the Times-Union Center for the Performing Arts. "That's not something we can put a price tag on."

He explained in one of his stories the origin of the Tim Tebow Foundation's mission statement, "To bring faith, hope and love to those needing a brighter day in their darkest hour of need."

Tebow, who currently is signed to play professional baseball with the New York Mets, reminisced about visiting the Philippines on an overseas mission trip at the age of 15. He preached to a village of 1,200 people who had never received outside visitors, and he said as he began to speak at the local high school, he noticed a few boys in the back exit the room. "Why would they leave?" he wondered.

Upon finishing his message, he walked outside and saw a small bamboo hut 200 yards away from the school. He said one of the boys who had left the room crawled out and guided him into the hut. When he entered, he saw a boy lying on a cot, and after further inspection, he realized the boy's feet were on backwards.

Tebow asked the boys, "Why did you leave?" The boy on the cot, whose name is Sherwin, told Tebow that the school's principal wanted to impress the Americans, and she had told him that he wasn't very impressive. Tebow said he then realized that the other boys had left the room to take care of their friend.

Because of the birth defect, Sherwin's village assumed the boy was cursed. Tebow said he proved otherwise by pulling the boy out of the hut and carrying him through the village, showing the villagers that he is loved by God, contrary to the community's belief. When Tebow finally set him down and prepared to leave the village, he told Sherwin he couldn't wait to see him in heaven. The boy, who had never walked a day in his life, said, "Brother, I can't wait to run with you in heaven."

From that point forward, Tebow said he has made it his life's mission to fight for people who couldn't fight for themselves. And after he shared a few more stories that focused on the power of faith and hope in changing lives, Tebow charged the audience to join him in his mission.

"My goal for me being here today is that Jacksonville will never be the same because there is a group of people that will decide that our city, our town, our village, we are going to do whatever we can to bring faith, hope and love to those in their darkest hour of need," he exclaimed to a roar of applause and ovation. "We will not stop because we aren't going to be focused on our pride, our legacy and all these things that don't matter. We are going to be focused on those going through tough times, and we're going to lift them up. As the city of Jacksonville, we're going to do it together."













Classic autos shine at 2017 Amelia Island

CHOCOUNS

By MIKE BONTS

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The 22nd Annual Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance was held Saturday, March 11 on the fairways of The Golf Club of Amelia Island next to the Ritz-Carlton on Amelia Island.

More than 300 cars and motorcycles in 41 classes from 11 different countries were in the competion highlighting a weekend of auctions and special events. A forecast of storms forced the major sales and show to be held a day early, on Saturday, rather than the planned-for and traditional Sunday.

Judges were tasked with a difficult job of not only picking class winners, but also awarding the Best of Show winners. The Concours awards Best of Show for two designations.

Best of Show Concours de Sport was awarded to the 1939 Alfa Romeo 8C 2900B Lungo Spider from the Dano Davis Collection. Approximately 32 of the 2.9 chassis were made and it is believed only 12 are Touring Spiders, seven of which are the long chassis like the winner

The Best in Show Concours d'Elegance Trophy was presented to Terry Adderley for his 1935 Duesenberg Model SJ-582. The Model J was produced in Indianapolis from 1929 until 1937, and each of the chassis sold received custom coachwork built to the whims of the owner.

"I'm extremely pleased with the judges' decisions for the 2017 Amelia Island Concours winners," said Bill Warner, chairman and founder of the Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance. "Both are extravagant vehicles and we are thrilled to give them the praise they deserve."

An estimated 32,000 attended this year's event, which honored Al Unser, Sr., on the 30th anniversary of his fourth Indy 500 win and featured a discussion moderated by Adam Carolla with Peter Brock, John Morton, Sam Posey, Chip Robinson, and Tommy Kendall.

In addition to the great drivers of early Japanese racing, there was a BRE Datsun 510, 240Z, and 2000 Roadster out on display. The winningest RX-7, the Malibu Grand Prix, driven by Kendall was on display as well. And the Prince R380 made its American debut, one of the first purpose-built Japanese race cars.

Chevrolet celebrated the Camaro's Golden Anniversary with some of the most iconic vehicles throughout the model's 50-year history. The Camaro class was led by Camaro Number One, the gold 1967 coupe VIN number 10001, which was joined by the 1968 and 1969 Yenko Camaros, a 1969 Indy 500 RS/SS Pace Car, a 1973 Baldwin Motion Camaro and a COPO Camaro.

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Additional highlights on the field included the "Movie Cars," class with nine of the most notable vehicles to grace the big screen.

The class included James Bond's Aston Martin DB5 from "Goldfinger," Elvis Presley's Corvette Stingray showcased in "Clambake," the 1958 Chevrolet Impala from "American Graffiti," the Rolls Royce Silver Shadow two-door sedan and Ferrari 275 GTB/4 Alloy Nart Spyder from "The Thomas Crown Affair" and the 1949 Buick Roadmaster convertible from "Rain Man," among others.

Upscale new-car manufacturers offered rides in Alfa Romeos, Mercedes-AMGs, McLarens, Lamborghinis, Jaguars, and Porsches. Each year, Warner calls on collectors and museum directors to create a new mix of unique and interesting vehicles as the show becomes more interactive. This year was no exception.

"The Amelia continues to be more than just a Concours each year," Warner said. "It's a celebration of the automobile and great racers, designers and engineers of the industry."

AUTOMOBLE revealed its 2017 All-Stars live on Facebook. Six cars were honored this year from a pool of all-new, heavily revised, or significant variants of vehicles available in the United States during 2016.

"Choosing the AUTOMOBILE All-Stars is about cutting through the noise and hype in search of a group of vehicles that most closely represent our core philosophy," said Editor-in-Chief Mike Floyd. "There are no price caps, no categories, and no bull. We drive them, we argue about them, we vote on them. And this year, six rose above the rest."

The 2017 AUTOMOBILE All-Stars were the Acura NSX, the BMW M2, the Chevrolet Bolt EV, the Honda Civic Hatchback Sport, the Porsche 718 Cayman S and the Volvo S90.

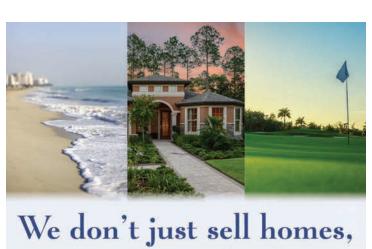
The number of auction companies at Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance offering collector cars for sale has grown to five. The top grosser among the weekend's auctions was RM Sotheby's, whose \$70.9 million in sales over two days set a record for Amelia Island auctions.

The top-seller at RM Sotheby's was a 1937 Bugatti Type 57S Cabriolet, which sold for \$7.7 million. Bonhams' top seller was a 1955 Ferrari 250 Europa GT Alloy, which sold for \$2.23 million, while Gooding & Company sold a 1998 Porsche GT1 Strassenversion for \$5.67 million.

At Motostalgia, the big story was the sale of a 1950 Cisitalia Abarth 204A Spyder Sport, raced by Tazio Nuvolari in his final year of racing. The Hollywood Wheels Amelia Island Select auction offered a selection of Porsches followed by cars of broader interest.

Since its inception in 1996, the Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance Foundation has donated more than \$3 million to Community Hospice of Northeast Florida, Inc. and other charities on Florida's First Coast.





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Celebrities support TIM TEBOW FOUNDATION Gala & Golf Classic

by SAMANTHA LOGUE













Celebrities from the worlds of sports and entertainment came to Ponte Vedra recently for the 2017 Tim Tebow Foundation Celebrity Gala & Golf Classic. The red-carpet gala and golf tournament were held at TPC Sawgrass March 3-4 in support of the foundation's various outreach initiatives.

A Jacksonville resident and hometown sports favorite, Tebow began hosting the event in 2011, and said the decision to host the gala on the First Coast was an easy one.

"It's home, it's where our foundation headquarters are, so it means so much to me to bring people here," Tebow told First Coast Register. "To have the support of Jacksonville, it means so much. [There are] so many things that we do to try to impact the city of Jacksonville and the surrounding counties. We just want to bring as much faith, hope and love to everybody here as we possibly can."

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The star-studded event was attended by numerous celebrities seeking to show their support for Tebow's charity. Among the familiar faces walking the red carpet were those of country singer and American Idol finalist Kristy Lee Cook, Tennessee Titan and 2015 Heisman Trophy winner Derrick Henry, former NFL linebacker Shawn Merriman, Rascal Flatts lead singer Gary LeVox, and PGA Tour golfer and Ponte Vedra Beach resident Billy Horschel.

Lady Antebellum singer Hillary Scott, who noted that this was her first time attending the event, also came out to show her support for Tebow and his foundation's various outreach efforts to benefit children.

"Tim's heart with the Tebow Foundation and mine are very aligned in wanting to do everything we possibly can to give children every opportunity to excel, to dream, to succeed... and to know their worth, and that we're all here for a purpose, and that God has given us a purpose," said Scott.

With a goal to "bring faith, hope and love to those needing a brighter day in their darkest hour of need," the Tim Tebow Foundation has created several programs focused on helping children who are homeless, have special needs or are facing life-threatening illnesses. Foundation initiatives include the W15H program, Timmy's Playroom, Orphan Care and Adoption Aid programs, and its annual Night to Shine prom for special needs youth. Over the past six years, the foundation's annual Celebrity Golf Gala & Classic has raised more

than \$7 million to help kids in need.

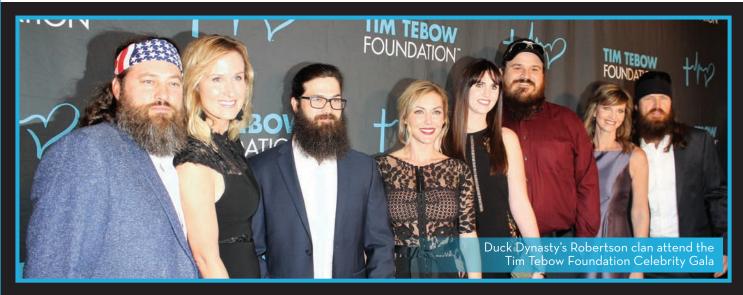
"He works tirelessly for this cause," Scott said of Tebow, "and I respect and appreciate that so much. To be able to use the gifts that I've been given to help support this incredible cause, I'm very honored."

Like Scott, other gala attendees pointed to their Christian faith as a key factor in their support for Tebow and his charity – among them, Willie and Korie Robertson of A&E's "Duck Dynasty."

"We do have a strong faith, that's really important to us," Korie Robertson said. "It's a part of everything we do in life... and Tim shows that. He lives it on and off the field in what he does for charity and for kids. Hopefully, we are the light of the world, and we support one another in that."

Grammy-award winning Christian artist Chris Tomlin praised Tebow for using his public prominence as a platform for doing good in the world.

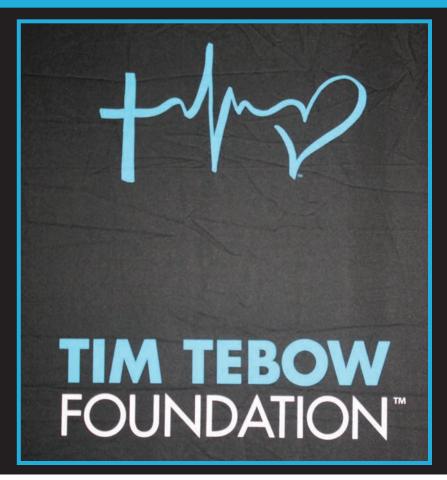
"A lot of people when they get to [the] status of someone like Tim, it's all about themselves," Tomlin said. "It's been amazing to see that the more of a platform he's been given, the more he's actually giving out. To see the foundation, the way it's grown over the past several years, has been very amazing to me, and that shows someone who has a vision, a laser focus that's about others. And what greater thing is that?"



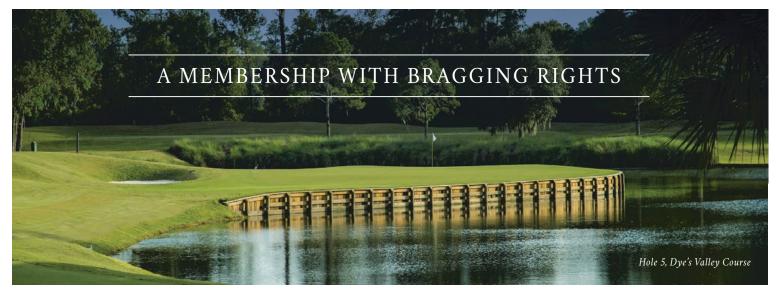












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Furyks hold 7th annual concert and celebrity TOUY CICUSSIC by JON BLAUVELT

A host of musicians, athletes, actors and comedians recently flocked to the First Coast to join PGA Tour player Jim Furyk and his wife Tabitha for the 7th annual Furyk & Friends Concert and Celebrity Golf Classic. Raising nearly \$600,000, the event benefited children and families in need across the community.

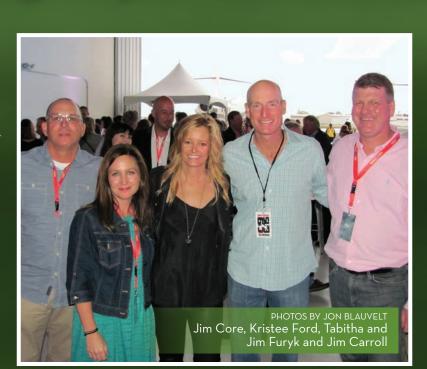
The two-day fundraiser began with a live concert in a private airplane hangar at Northeast Florida Regional Airport in St. Augustine. The show featured Scotty McCreery, Colt Ford, Josh Kelley, Javier Colon, Drew Holcomb, Drew Copeland of Sister Hazel and Patrick Davis. Guests of the concert also enjoyed hors d'oeuvres and cocktails as well as a silent action that ultimately contributed \$75,000 to the fundraiser's total.

The fun continued the following day with a golf tournament at Sawgrass Country Club. Participants included Mel Blount, Franco Harris, Mack Brown, Ozzie Smith, John Starks, Curtis Strange, Stewart Cink and many others.

In addition to the concert and golf classic, the Jim and Tabitha Furyk Foundation each year organizes a holiday food drive for children in need called Hope for the Holidays as well as a baby shower for expecting military families named Operation Shower. The foundation also invites children from Community PedsCare to one day of THE PLAYERS Championship every year for an event called These Kids Can Play.

To date, the foundation has raised more than \$6 million for project-specific partnerships with local charities such as Wolfson Children's Hospital, Blessings in a Backpack and Community PedsCare and more.

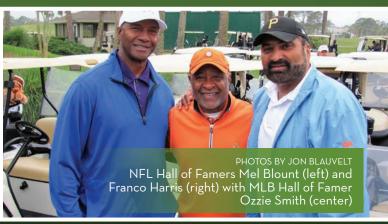














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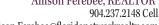
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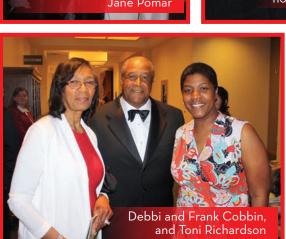
& Spa was the setting for the 2017 First Coast Heart and Stroke Ball.

The March 4 black-tie gala featured the theme "A Florida Affair: Citrus Groves and Salt Water Coves." With live and silent auctions, cocktails, dinner and entertainment by the Chris Thomas Band, the Heart Ball raised funds to support the American Heart Association's efforts to prevent heart disease and stroke while raising awareness across the First Coast.

Special honorees at the 2017 Heart Ball were Florida Blue CEO Pat Geraghy and his wife, Inger, who were recognized for their support for the American Heart Association and their leadership in promoting health in the local community.













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