

# LAS OLAS

## COMMUNITY NEWS



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### **27TH ANNUAL WATERWAY CLEANUP RETURNS**

**Saturday, September 15, 2012  
9 a.m. - Noon**

Each year, the Ocean Conservancy sponsors the International Coastal Cleanup, which takes place in more than 104 countries around the world. Once again, Broward County and Las Olas are participating in this international effort and Fort Lauderdale residents are invited to volunteer to clean up the City's award-winning beach and coastline.



According to the Ocean Conservancy, trash and other marine debris injures, sickens, or kills marine mammals and can pose safety and health risks to humans. In addition, coastal trash is not only an eye sore, it can impact the economic vitality of businesses, homes, and other marine-related industries that rely on clean, healthy beaches and waterways.

The Ocean Conservancy reports that over the past 25 years more than 8.5 million people have crossed nearly 300,000 miles collecting 144 million pounds of trash as part of the International Coastal Cleanup (<http://www.oceanconservancy.org/our-work/marine-debris/>).

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To learn more, visit [www.NativeVisions.com](http://www.NativeVisions.com), or call (954) 767-9714.

## **New River Fine Art's Plans Fundraiser For Hispanic Unity**

Wissam Elghoul, Gallery Director at New River Fine Arts at 914 East Las Olas, sent us an e-mail to let our readers know that they will be hosting a fundraiser for Hispanic Unity on Wednesday, September 5th from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.. The event is sponsored by Puglia Wines.

Hispanic Unity was founded 30 years ago by community leaders to ease the acculturation transition for newcomers from other nations. Today this nonprofit provides assistance through 21 programs - in three languages - to Broward's diverse community. Hispanic Unity remains the county's largest agency dedicated to the immigrant population, providing them with the tools they need to build a new life. In 2011, the agency served 20,000+ clients, from toddlers to adults. The agency offers assistance in six Broward County sites. Its mission is: Empowering Hispanics and other members of the community to become self-sufficient, civically engaged and lead productive lives.

The gallery is one of the most prestigious fine art galleries in South Florida, dealing with living contemporary artists and 20th century masters. The current selection of art that features works by M. D. Rubio, Domenech and world-renowned Vilanova. "Each artist is known for their own techniques, Elghoul said. Domenech, Master of Ethereal Visions; Vilanova, Master of Bold Landscapes and Rubio, Master of Frenetic Energy and Color.

Call (954) 524-2100 or visit [www.newriverfineart.com](http://www.newriverfineart.com).

## **Fiesta on Las Olas At The Upper Room Art Gallery**

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The gallery's exterior will be transformed into a scenic Filipino fiesta while work from renowned Filipino artists Malang, Benji Reyes, Emmanuel Garibay, Wendy Fernando-Regalado and Jim Orencio will be showcased. You will be serenaded with Philippine tunes and ballads from the Dinggin, South Florida's Filipino-American Choral Ensemble.

"The Upper Room Art Gallery and Mission Gifts Fair Trade Store, at 1200 East Las Olas #104, has a deep connection with the Philippines," said Robin Merrill, owner and founder. She was a missionary in the Philippines for 15 years. Witnessing the struggles of street children, human trafficking victims and HIV-AIDS patients, she realized she could not help people get out of this lifestyle unless there was an economic alternative. She then established the Christian Cultural Development Foundation (CCDF) to create a sustainable solution. The Upper Room Art Gallery and Mission Gifts are two non-profit businesses and economic development projects that support the CCDF. The artists represented are all friends that have worked alongside each other for more than 20 years.

Visualize, Realize a New Philippines, a group consisting of volunteers from the South Florida, Paris, California and the Philippines, has a goal of serving and helping their country. One initiative is a book drive, with books accepted at the Fiesta.

The gift shop features organic and recycled gifts and designs made by rescue and relief centers from around the world.

Call (954) 828-1505 or visit [www.upperroomartgallery.com](http://www.upperroomartgallery.com).

## **And Other News Bytes...**

### **Café Europa Brings New Meaning To Happy Hour**

It's always nice to see Café Europa owner Tony Cupelli when we visit his popular restaurant at 910 East Las Olas. He's usually on-hand to welcome old friends and make new ones. If you haven't been there lately, Lisa Checo wanted to let our readers know that Happy Hour just got happier!

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From 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Monday thru Friday, it's half-price on selected appetizers... at the bar only. The large 16-seat black granite bar, with the huge flat-screen t.v. is a gathering place for locals and visitors alike.

While you're there, take a look at their menu... you might just decide to stay for dinner! In addition to old favorites, there's some new items to tempt the taste buds... and it's no secret that you'll find some of the best desserts this side of Italy! Dine indoors or on their outdoor patio, which is perfect for people-watching.

One comment we loved from a dining website was by a visitor to the area who stopped in and ordered a pizza. Well, let her tell it - "...their veggie pizza. Mmmmmmmmmmm - its number ONE... it's so fabulous! Such crispy crust, such cheesy buttery mozzarella, such crispy sweet vegetables, oh. Oh."

Call (954) 763-6600.

### **Jesse and Flo Briggs... are backkkkk!**

In 2010, After close to 30 years, the legendary 'Hair Meister' of Las Olas, Jesse Briggs and his wife decided not to renew their lease on their expansive 6,500 square foot Yellow Strawberry. Jesse told us that he and Flo planned to enjoy a quite retirement at their oceanfront home in Puerto Rico. They left their beach house and came back to a comfortable home in Fort Lauderdale and signed on to work at The Elite Group Hair Studio, located at 4134 N. Federal Highway in Fort Lauderdale.

"The ironic thing about it all is that the owner of Elite, Nina Hallick, was once employed as the salon manager in our Yellow Strawberry West at the Fashion Mall in Plantation... so we knew we'd be in good hands at Elite," Jesse quipped.

For more information visit [www.elitegrouphair.com](http://www.elitegrouphair.com).

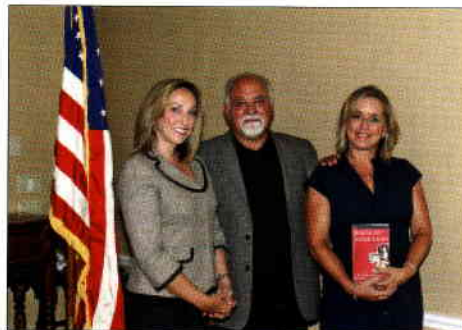
### **Mind-Body-Spirit... A Path to Healing Childhood Abuse**

### **Forever Family Kicks Off 10th Year of Service**

"Keeping our Children Safe, A Team Approach" is the theme of Forever Family's 10th Anniversary Kickoff, chaired by Caryn Botknecht, Kathy Leone and Manya Lowry and emceed by Tony Segreto. The Presenting Sponsor is Tonja Haddad, PA.

Joe Matthews, the author of "Bringing Adam Home: The Abduction That Changed America," will be the Keynote Speaker at the event, taking place on Thursday, September 13th at the Lauderdale Yacht Club at 1725 SE 12th Street. Additional speakers include: Retired

Judge John Frusciante, Marsha Christie, Brooke Foris, Psy.D., Anne Alper, Esq., Amy Swan, Psy.D. and author Lauren Book.



*Gia Tutalo-Mote, Joe Matthews and  
Kathy Leone*

The 2nd Annual Marsha and Alan Levy Champion of Child Abuse Prevention Award will be presented to the family of the late director the Broward County Sexual Assault Treatment Center, Nancy Cotterman.

Forever Family's television segments, aired locally on NBC 6 South Florida, have generated more than 1,200 calls and e-mails each year with inquiries about adoption and has helped find families for more than 400 children living in foster care, according to Gia Tutalo-Mote, the Founder/CEO of Forever Family.

Tickets are \$50.00 and benefit Forever Family and Bella's Group. Visit [www.foreverfamily.org](http://www.foreverfamily.org) or call 1-888-365-FAMILY.

### **The Opera Society Teams With The Venetian Arts Society For Art for Art's Sake... The Joy of It... At Art Serve**

If you like art for art's sake, then you're going to love the newest exhibit at Art Serve that kicks off on Thursday, September 13th with a VIP Sneak Peak of the Opera Society's "Art for Art's Sake... The Joy of It." The exhibit will feature more than a dozen local artists. Suggested attire is "black-tie for men... and black dress with pearls for the women," according to Barbara Lefka, who conceptualized the series of events as a way to showcase artists in the community. Enjoy champagne, hors d'oeuvres and popular opera aria's sung by Florida Grand Opera's Young Artists. The evening begins at 7:30 p.m. with tickets at \$75.00 per person, benefiting Florida Grand Opera. The art, of course, will be for sale, with a portion donated to the Opera Society.

There will be another soiree on Friday September 21st that is open to the public. It will begin at 6:30 p.m. and will feature wine, hors d'oeuvres, art and "The Vocal Studio of Manny Perez." Dress is cocktail attire with the tickets at \$45.00.

"We are grateful to William Riddle, who has been a friend to the community at large over the past few years," said Kim Naimoli, President of the Opera Society. "He's been an invaluable partner in creating these art events, creating a stimulating environment for artists

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and guests." Riddle, who founded the Venetian Arts Society, is also Director of Special Events at Water Mill Florists and Events.

These two events follow a Kick-Off Soiree that took place recently at Watermill Florists and Events, underwritten by owners Tom Dowd and Cesar Rivera; and is a prelude to the "Main Event," a new Opera Society signature fundraising project planned for March 8th and 9th at the Josephine E. Leiser Center.

Art Serve is at 1350 East Sunrise Blvd. R.S.V.P. to Barbara at (954) 533-6373 or visit [www.theoperasociety.org](http://www.theoperasociety.org).

## The Classic Gateway Movie Theatre Plans First Annual Classic Film Festival

OMG... Thanks to Arthur Friedman, the operating partner of the Classic Gateway, a sensational line-up of truly classic films will be screened thru September 27th. Friedman believes that if you've never seen classic movies directed by the masters in a movie theatre - where they were made to be seen - you're in for a treat. Ticket sales will benefit The Sun-Sentinel Children's Fund.

Here's a sampling of some of the most treasured films of all time that will be shown: Gone with The Wind; Orson Welles' Citizen Kane; Billy Wilder's Some Like it Hot; The Wizard of Oz, starring Judy Garland; Roman Polanski's Chinatown; Robert Wise's West Side Story; Alfred Hitchcock's North by Northwest; George Steven's Shane; Woody Allen's Annie Hall; Stanley Kubrick's 2001: A Space Odyssey; and the most popular Hollywood Musical of all time, Singin' in the Rain, directed by Stanley Donen and Gene Kelly.

When the movie theatre was being built back in 1951, my brother and I used to play in and around the building... we had recently moved to Victoria Park. In fact, my brother lost his cap-gun... a great six shooter... when he accidentally dropped it in the wall of CBS blocks!

The theater was originally owned by Wometco Theaters as a single screen venue (talk about nostalgia). It was the site for the star-studded World Premiere of Where the Boys Are, which was filmed in Ft Lauderdale. A current biweekly event, at The Classic Gateway Theatre, is the popular cult film The Rocky Horror Picture Show with live Shadow Cast, "The Faithful Handimen." Fans can "do the time warp again" every other Saturday night at Midnight with an 11:45 p.m. pre-show. October 5-7 the



Classic Gateway Theatre will host The Fort Lauderdale Gay & Lesbian Film Festival; 3 days of top new GLBT themed films and special guests.

Mr. Friedman, who has owned and operated movie theatres such as the legendary Harvard Square Theatre in Cambridge, MA, and the four unique theatres on Martha's Vineyard, is a lover of classic movies. "Ever since I was a kid, I learned that the theatrical experience cannot be duplicated on television, video or any other new technology," commented Friedman. "There's something about being in a theatre with an audience watching a great movie that is magical and cannot be replicated. Having an emotional experience - laughing or crying, being thrilled or just simply enjoying - together with family, friends, neighbors and the rest of the audience ... is a feeling beyond words." Our sentiments exactly!

The Gateway Theatre is at 1820 E. Sunrise Blvd, Fort Lauderdale. For a complete schedule visit: [www.thegatewaytheatre.com](http://www.thegatewaytheatre.com) or call 954.763.7994.

## 'Romantic Venice' Gondola For Sale...

No, this column is not turning into 'Craig's List' or 'Want Ads,' but this 'For Sale' notice arrived in our e-mail box and we thought we'd pass it along.

The owner of the popular 'Romantic Venice' Gondola is retiring and the authentic Venetian gondola is for sale... asking price is \$37,000. For a number of years, tourists and locals have enjoyed a variety of tours aboard the gondola. One of those tours, 'Casa Magnifico' takes passengers along the New River and Intracoastal where you can see those

mega-mansions and mega-yachts that you just can see from driving. There's also their 'Lovely Romantic Tour,' which is... well... lovely and romantic! Perfect for weddings, special occasions and just a memorable 'date night' experience. Visit [www.lasolasgondola.com](http://www.lasolasgondola.com) or call 1-800-277-1390.

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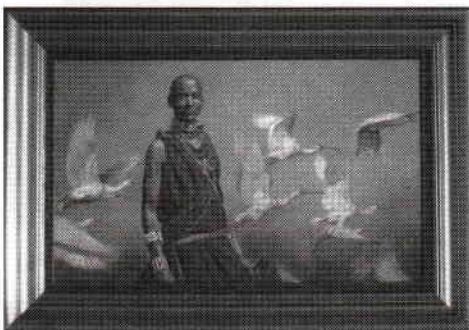
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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Risa Arnold, LHIA President

Labor Day has come to be celebrated by most Americans as the symbolic end of the summer and the beginning of the school year for most of us who have kids going to school.

Other than all of us running around preparing our families for the onset of another year, and the pace of life picks up again, we should all take a moment out of our day and think about what this holiday represents and why we celebrate it.



Labor Day is a United States federal holiday that has been celebrated for over 100 years and is observed on the first Monday in September (September 3, 2012). It is dedicated to the American worker who puts in long hours dedicated to preserving a way of life by selflessly endeavoring to promote the prosperity and growth of a nation proudly through their efforts.

In recognition of this dedicated way of life, it is traditional to have big events, like our Summer Party.

## SEPTEMBER PARTY POSTPONED!

**However, for several good reasons, our Annual Summer Party, which would have been on September 8th, has been postponed!**

**Instead, a bigger event is planned for the community to attend at the annual winter holiday party on Saturday December 8th!**

Please note your calendars! Details to follow....

Thank-you,  
*Risa Arnold*

