



The Haven For Children Newsletter

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Spring break was fun and busy here at The Haven and the kids did not let pouring rain dampen their spirits! Despite the inclement weather most of the week, they were still able to manage two beach trips, which made them very happy! Rainy days were filled with movies, bowling, and talent show contests here at The Haven.

It is hard to believe another school year is coming to an end. Of our 31 children, 30 of them attend school full time and our preschooler attends school 3 days per week. As you can imagine, the kids have been anxiously awaiting summer break. Keeping them active and busy all summer long is a must for us, so we are always looking for camps and fun activities for them to do.

If you are interested in sponsoring a child for camp please contact us at thehaven@cfl.rr.com or 321-676-6888.

Kim Straehla

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While every attempt has been made to ensure the accuracy of the information in this publication we apologize for any errors or omissions.

Please call any error or omission to the attention of the editor and it will be corrected in the next issue.

29TH ANNUAL DOWNTOWN MELBOURNE 5K

The 29th Annual Downtown Melbourne 5k was held Saturday April 2nd, 2011 and had over 525 runners compete. The weather was beautiful and blessed the runners with perfect conditions for the early morning race.

Many thanks to all of our sponsors that helped make this day wonderful! **The event raised almost \$5,000** for The Haven and also helped raise public awareness that April is Child Abuse Prevention Month.

The front of the race tee-shirt this year was a picture of The Haven kids making a Blue Ribbon on the beach, the official ribbon of Child Abuse Prevention.



The Haven for Children

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Guild Comings and Goings - and "Plan B"

Tracy Bacon, Outgoing Haven Guild President

As of May 1st, we are entering a new fiscal year for the Guild. As such, we thank the outgoing Board of Directors and Committee Chairs, and welcome those incoming. We thank those outgoing, for their service last year: **Carol Cook**, Interim Recording Secretary and **Deb Kemps**, Assistant Finance Officer. Departing Chairs are **Kathie Dixon** and **Pat Donnell**, Luncheons, and **Abigail Hughes**, Volunteer Coordinator. We also thank **Jane Feldman** for producing the Guild Directory in time to be mailed to our snowbird members. If you did not receive your Directory, or have any corrections, please contact Pauline McKeone.

We welcome **Diane Johnson**, Recording Secretary, **Joyce Wheeler**, Volunteer Coordinator - External (new slot), **Joyce Bornmann**, Volunteer Coordinator - Internal, and **Kathy Gagen**, Lamb Shoppe Co-Chair. The full list of Officers and Chairs, as well as contact info, is in your Guild Directory.

Unfortunately, shortly before the Installation of Officers, the nominee for President declined the position for personal reasons. This was unprecedented, so it called for "Plan B", where I would have remained as Interim President until a new candidate filled that slot.

Fortunately, a long-time (and Founding!) Guild member said, "I would never ask anyone to do something I wouldn't do myself." Those who know her work ethic will not be surprised that **Judy Roub** will be the next Guild President! She was overwhelmingly welcomed by your Board of Directors. Judy knows the Guild and the current membership, and is looking forward to her leadership role. Please thank and congratulate Judy!

In the year ahead, we look forward to the enthusiastic support for the Haven that you, the hardworking members bring! We are coming upon vacation time when many of us will be traveling. So if you are not a "regular" Lamblet or Chef, please consider doing a one-time "trial" to see how much fun rolling up your sleeves to pitch in at the Lamb Shoppe can be, or get a group together to be Chef-for-A-Day!

Thanks to all of you for what you do for The Haven!!

Tracy Bacon

Florida Representative Ritch Workman Tours The Haven

Earlier this Spring, Representative Ritch Workman (R- District 30) joined members of The Haven Board for a tour of The Haven. This was a unique opportunity for the second term State Legislator to see a group home for foster children up close and speak candidly with the staff and board about the ins and outs of caring for children who are technically wards of the State.

The Florida Department of Children and Families, which oversees the foster-care system, has set policy making family reunification the ideal "goal" for children, as well as a preference for placing children in foster homes with foster parents, rather than group homes like The Haven. Thus, it is important that we reach out to our local and state leaders and help educate them on why The Haven and group homes are still needed options to care for those children where family reunification is not an option and placing them in stable foster homes has failed them.

Many of the children who end up at the Haven have been bounced from foster home to foster home - some as many as over 20 placements. The caring, professionally trained staff and family-like setting with other children who share their life experiences provides stability and comfort to those children most in need. We have seen how The Haven helps them to thrive, and must share this with the policy makers in Tallahassee.



ADVOCACY IN ACTION

Please consider writing a letter or sending an email TODAY expressing your support for children in the foster care system and group homes, such as The Haven.

David Wilkins, Secretary DCF
1317 Winewood Boulevard
Building 1, Room 202
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0700

Find contact information for your State Representative and State Senator by plugging your address into www.myfloridahouse.gov and www.flsenate.gov

WELCOME!!! NEW GUILD MEMBERS

Irene Riebe
Linda Blackman
Amy Addington
Dianne Boehler
Carolyn Callehan
Genevieve Cason
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Helene Ferris

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THANK YOU TO THESE SPECIAL SUPPORTERS FOR THEIR RECENT DONATIONS

Gifts Received February 11th 2011 - May 31st 2011

John & Nancy Abernathy	Carl & Barbara Holiday
James Bacsik	Fran Hurlbut
Constance & John Banks	Paulette Kmoch
Linda Blackman	Christine Lance
Andrea Bortner	Lisa Mangino-Friedland
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Corporate and Community Organizations

Ascension Lutheran Church	Joann's Perfect Pies
Allstate Giving Campaign	Meredith's Bridal Shop
Bank Of America United Way Campaign	Rockwell Collins
DRS Tactical Systems, Inc	Roub Family Foundation, Inc
Echo Of Northrop Grumman	Satellite Beach Lions Club
Employees Community Fund Of The Boeing Co.	Support Systems Associates, Inc.
Beta Sigma Phi	Trinity Lutheran School
Enosis	Truist
Friendship Fellowship At Pineda	United Way Of Brevard
GFWC Viera Woman's Club	United Way Of The Greater Triangle
Harris Foundation	Women Of Evangelical Concordia Lutheran Church
Hobbs Electric	
Holy Trinity Episcopal Academy	

Suntree United Methodist Church Hosts Concert to Benefit The Haven



On February 27th, 13 Volunteer artists, under the direction of Tom Taylor, Organist at Suntree United Methodist, performed an informal, inventive musical performance to benefit the Haven. The producer of the event was Lori Taylor, who "made it all happen!" There was no admission to the concert, but a freewill donation could be made at the door. And, longtime Haven supporters, Bryan and Judy Roub, offered to match the first \$2,000 raised!

We thank these gifted artists for donating their time and talents to benefit the Haven. A total of **\$5,800** was raised for the Haven, including the Roub's generous match. Thank you to those who attended and to all the Guild volunteers who helped at the event itself!



The Lamb Shoppe is a project of The Haven Guild.

So join up and join in the fun!

Contact Susie Morris
Lamb Shoppe Chairperson.
for information.

779-1615

1765 S. Patrick Drive
Indian Harbour Beach,
Open Monday-Saturday
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

321-777-6606

FROM THE FIELD: LAMB SHOPPE UPDATE

We have started a new venture at the Lamb Shoppe. For guild members only, we are offering a place where you can sell your antiques and collectibles. We will put them in the store on consignment. Half of the proceeds will go to The Haven and the other half back to you. We will not take any clothing, just small dishes and the like. They must fit into our protected glass display case. If you are interested in learning more, please contact me at 779-1615 or at the shop on Wednesdays when I am there.

Also, start collecting your unwanted costume jewelry for another **Blingfest in October**. It was such a great success last year that we will try to do it again. Ask your friends and neighbors and bring these items to the shop or save them up to bring to the September luncheon.

The shop is doing very well, however in the summer months some of our regular volunteers go on vacation. We may need extra help and would appreciate hearing from you if you think you can volunteer for a shift or two this summer.

I recently came upon some shop history and as of October 1, 2011, the shop will be 12 years old!! As always, thanks to our many volunteers, donors and shoppers.

Susie Morris

DIRECTORY CORRECTION

Please note there is an error
in the Guild directory:

For Arlene Sample city and zip should be
Melbourne 32940 and phone number 255-2104

NEW VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS

Internal - Joyce Bornmann

bornmann@brevard.net 724-1794

External - Joyce Wheeler

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COOK'S CORNER

The Haven children are so appreciative of the good meals that we provide every day. We have a wide variety of Chefs from all walks of life and cooking abilities that volunteer to cook several times a month, monthly, or once in a while. **We do need extra help this summer, as many of the regular Chefs vacation or travel up North. Please consider signing up to help today!**

The children eat a good variety of foods and we try to serve them balanced meals. Of course pizza is a favorite, but there are many things that can be fixed too. Meat loaf, hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken cooked all ways, pork, tacos, and most anything you would fix for your children and grand children. Thank you to all our Chef du Jour Volunteers!!!

Haven I Coordinator: Mary Ann La Porte, 752-9788, malaporte@aol.com

Haven II Coordinator: Shauna Brown, 258-2292, Haven@drimplant.com

Haven III Coordinator: My Huynh, 549-8863, Haven3chef@gmail.com



Easter Bunny Visits the Haven

Holidays for the Haven children are made extra special by the love and generosity of Guild members and community supporters who go above and beyond to make sure the kids each have gifts and goodies to enjoy.



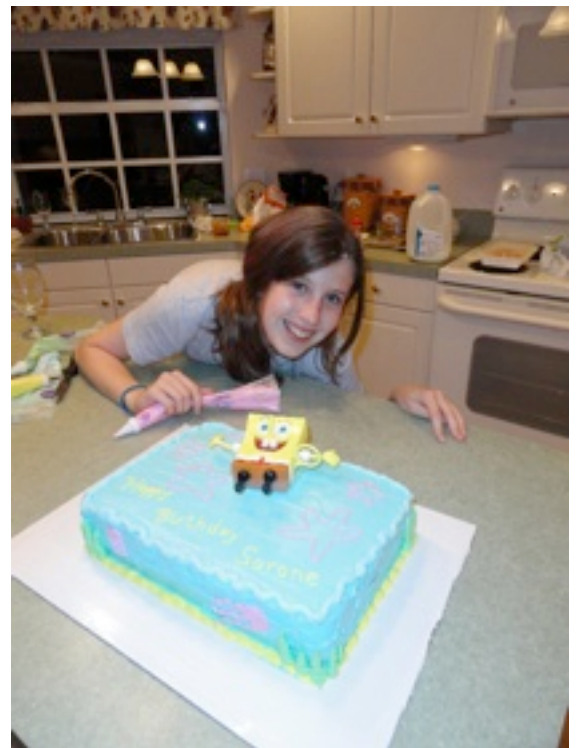
Thank you to the **Community of Pine Creek, Lead Brevard, Support Systems Associates Inc., and The Church at Viera Dillon Small Group** for providing adorable Easter Baskets for the Children.

A SAD FAREWELL AND A WARM HELLO

Student Bakers Make a Big Impact

The Haven Guild would like to thank student baker Brenna Fleis, for her dedication and service to our Haven children. Brenna has baked cakes for the children for **four years** and will soon be leaving to attend college. She will be sorely missed, but we know she has a bright future ahead of her and wish her all the best. Thank you Brenna!

We would like to welcome our newest student baker, Cheney Hess. Cheney is in the 8th grade at West Shore Jr. Sr. High School, where she participates in chorus and is on the track team. In addition to being a creative baker, Cheney also enjoys playing the piano, tennis, and reading. Thank you to Cheney and her Mom, Kay Hess, for agreeing to help fill the big shoes of Brenna.



Welcome Cheney Hess!

HAVEN GOLF TOURNAMENT

Record Setting Year

The 2011 Haven Golf Challenge was our most successful ever, netting over \$75,000 for our kids. The Viera Company won the "Corporate Challenge" at the 10th annual tournament, which was again held at Suntree Country Club on Saturday, March 26th, 2011.



The tournament consisted of 152 golfers, including 15 corporate teams competing in the challenge. The Viera Company will receive the specially designed Swarovski Crystal Trophy, donated by Wesche Jewelers, to be displayed at their place of business for one year. The event also included former Orlando Magic players Nick Anderson and Bo Outlaw, who spent time on the course as well as emceed the dinner and live auction.

"Our kids have been so blessed by the businesses and people of Brevard County", said Patrick Hughes, Vice-President of the Haven Board of Directors and Chair of the Golf Tournament. "Their support of this tournament and our various and frequent needs, is helping us bring a bright, healthy future to the children we care for."



HAPPY ENDINGS

HAVEN BIRTHDAY PARTY IS OCCASION TO CELEBRATE



On Tuesday April 12th Guild Members joined together to celebrate the 24th Anniversary of the Haven at the beautiful home of Judy Roub.

There was a delicious display of savory and sweet items for all to enjoy. Kim presented outgoing President Tracy Bacon with a beautifully framed picture of the children making the Child Abuse Prevention Blue Ribbon on the Beach. Incoming members of

the Guild Board were introduced and a special "Thank You" was given to Tom Taylor and Suntree United Methodist for their recent concert fundraiser to support the Haven.

The wonderful afternoon was sent over the top by Guild Members continuing generosity - a total of **\$1,980.00 in donations were received** as added "Gifts" to the Haven! Thank you to all who attended and those who made this event possible!

The Haven for Children
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**We may not be able to change the world,
but we can start, one child at a time.**

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thehavenforchildren](http://www.facebook.com/thehavenforchildren)

The Havenly Affair

November 5th, 2011 at the Melbourne Hilton Rialto Place
MYSTERY, MAYHEM, and..... MURDER????

You will not want to miss "The Premiere" at the Havenly Affair this year on Saturday, November 5, 2011. The Hilton Melbourne Rialto Place will be the scene of the crime... err....dinner. Enter this mysterious event with all the suspects via the infamous red carpet. While we don't want to give away too much, let's just say we want to clue you in that this year's event promises to be a fun filled, mysterious, slap stick evening.



Of course, all will again enjoy a choice of three delicious entrees, a dessert "to die for" and fine wines from Petty's. Mark your calendar -- **It would be a crime not to attend!**

Anyone interested on working on the committee
please contact
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