



# Haven Happenings



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## Havenly Affair October 3, 2009 “Have a Heart for The Haven”



The 2009 Havenly Affair will be held at the Melbourne Hilton Rialto Place from 6:00 pm to 10:30 pm. This promises to be a fun filled evening of dinner, dancing and socializing. The Melbourne Swingtime Band will once again be providing wonderful music for your listening and dancing pleasure.



The evening will begin with our expression of sincere appreciation to the 2009 Havenly Affair benefactors for their continued support. Benefactors are invited to join us for pre-Affair cocktails, enjoying an open bar and delicious hors d’oeuvres.



Following the cocktail hour, guests will be served a sit down dinner of their choice: chicken marsala, tropical mahi, or filet mignon. Petty’s Market will once again offer wine tasting from various wineries for your tasting pleasure. Last year we had some very unique wine selections from around the world.



The committee has been working hard and to make this year’s Havenly Affair more personal, so that each and every guest knows how important their support of this event is to the children of the Haven homes. Along that vein, we have enlisted the Haven kids to help us. The children were given paper hearts on which to “express their creativity” to our guests and the kids really came through! The handmade hearts will be scattered among the tables for all to read and enjoy. These notes will truly touch the hearts of all.



Should you be interested in “Having a Heart for The Haven” by becoming a benefactor, or receiving additional information about the 2009 Havenly Affair, please feel free to contact Pam Whittington or Ellen Parda. All Guild Members, past guests, and past benefactors will be receiving an invitation in the mail. If you do not receive an invitation by September 1st, please contact Ellen or Pam.



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2009 Havenly Affair Co-chairpersons



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## *In Memoriam*

Marcia Lawrence (7/3/09)



Volunteers are needed to bake or buy Birthday cakes for the children's birthdays. Each cake needs to feed 15.

If interested, please E-Mail Tracie Norris @ PrincessBarbieMommy@yahoo.com

## *On Going Contributions*

Brownings Pharmacy  
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DRS Tactical Systems, Inc.  
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We would like to express our appreciation to all of our contributors.

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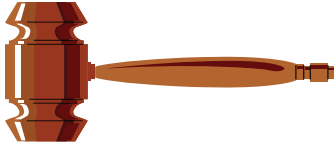
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HELPING WITH THE HAVEN  
HAPPENINGS  
CALL NANCY SEARES  
@ 259-0798**



# From the Haven Guild President

## WHAT'S IN A BIRTHDAY?

Haven't The Haven and the Haven Guild been around for the same length of time? This is a question that has confounded many of us reading invitations and announcements that have had conflicting dates of anniversaries. The answer might be of interest. To set us all straight, The Haven for Children was founded in 1986 under the aegis of the Junior League, and welcomed the first children in the spring of 1987. The Haven Guild began in 1990, for the purpose of raising funds for The Haven and to help in any other ways possible. The Haven has been home to children for 22 years, and the Guild itself is in its 19th year. Please help to celebrate the Guild's accomplishments and contributing to the future by joining us at the Havenly Affair on Oct. 3 at the Melbourne Hilton Rialto Place!

So, does a birthday mean anything else? To the children at The Haven, it may mean actually having it remembered and celebrated for the first time they can remember. One of our members, who, with her husband, adopted two abandoned siblings, relays the confusion her son had when he noticed that there was no picture from his first birthday, only the second and beyond. He queried, "When I was one, I never had a birthday, right, Mom? No one cared that I was born, before I had a family." Mom had to explain that he had a birthday, but at that time was in a foster home where there were too many kids to celebrate any single birthday. It bothered him so much that at 4-1/2, they had an "un-birthday" party for him with friends, took pictures; after that, he was fine and the questions stopped.

This experience probably mirrors the experiences of many of the Haven children, which is why the birthday celebrations are so important to them. The celebrations were initiated about 7 years ago when a Haven caregiver and her mother, Deanna and Carol Fowler, began to bake cakes for the children. When Deanna went off to college and her mother became extremely ill, the Guild members began to fill in the void, under the leadership of Brenda Herndon. Then, Alex Esseesse and his sister began to bake the cakes as part of their high school community service. After his sister went to college, Alex did it by himself for two years; he babysat to pay for the birthday gifts. Since June 08, three high school students took over the function as their Community Service, with Tracie Norris organizing their efforts. Due to the economy, it has been difficult for some of these students to continue, and Guild members have again resumed baking cakes, accompanied by a Wal-Mart gift card provided by the Guild. Given what a birthday celebration can mean to a Haven child, won't you consider this once-a-year effort? Cakes may be baked or purchased. If so, please contact Tracie Norris at [princessbarbiemommy@yahoo.com](mailto:princessbarbiemommy@yahoo.com).

The next time you or a loved one celebrate a birthday, just remember how differently the Haven children may regard their own day of birth!

*Tracy*

### By Law Change

The following By Law modification was approved at the September 24, 2008 Member Semi-Annual meeting:

Section 3. Membership dues shall be:

- a. **Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) annually.**
- b. Dues shall be payable January 1.

# The Happenings at the Haven From Kim



Summer has been busy and fun for our kids. They have attended numerous camps such as Brevard Zoo Camp, Suntree County Club camp, football camp, cheerleading camp, crew camp, and archery. The kids can't decide where they had the most fun!

All of the summer fun comes to an end on August 10th when 30 of our kids report back to school. Thank you to all of you who have made the summer camps a reality for our kids.

We are excited for one of our staff members who will be adopting one of our children within the next few months. He came to us the day that we were evacuating for Hurricane Jeanne in 2004 and the new mom to be tells us that she knew that she was destined to be his mom.

## ***The Haven 23rd Birthday Party***

The Haven annual "Birthday" celebration was held on April 23rd at the beautiful riverside home of Judy Roub, who graciously underwrote the event. The celebration commemorated the 23 years that The Haven for Children has provided a safe shelter for children in need.

Haven members and their guests enjoyed delicious hors d'oeuvres while availing themselves of the spectacular vistas, both inside and out! Members also honored the occasion with monetary "birthday" gifts.



***Brenda Herndon, outgoing Haven Guild President, presents Haven Executive Director Kim Straehla with a check for \$60,000.***



***Carol Colombo, Ellen Parda, Tracy Bacon, Debbie Uber, Julie Gooch, and Pam Whittington***

Highlights of the Birthday Celebration included presentation of a check for \$60,000 to Haven Executive Director, Kim Straehla, by outgoing Guild President, Brenda Herndon, as well as the installation of new officers. Newly installed officers are: President, Tracy Bacon, Vice President – Internal Affairs, Ellen Parda, Vice President – Community, Carol Colombo, Finance Officer, Pam Whittington, Recording Secretary, Julie Gooch, Corresponding Secretary, Debbi Uber, and Assistant Finance Officer, Deb Kemp.



*Membership Luncheon*  
*Thursday, September 17th*

The Haven Guild Semi-Annual Membership Luncheon will be held at Suntime Country Club at 11:30 am. These luncheons are always a wonderful chance to get caught up with happenings in the Guild, meet new members, and see old friends. Invitations will be mailed out the end of August. Plan to bring a prospective member.

Entertainment: The Tommy Vance Dancers

For reservations call:

Kathie Dixon 254-2345  
Pat Donnell 752-9737



## Lamb Shoppe



Tell your friends and neighbors that we have an abundance of children's clothes at the shop, some of them new with the tags still on them. We will be bringing out new ones daily as space in the shop allows.

We have been limping along with a reduced number of volunteers this summer but all in all everything is going well. Much appreciation goes out to all of you have persevered this hot hot summer.

I have attended a couple of meetings of the Antiques Collectors Club and the members have helped me identify unusual items that have appeared in the shop. The members are very supportive of the Haven and have invited me to bring along items for their Show and Tell. It's a big help and I thank them for their input.

I also thank Don Peters, "Cookie Man", who has kept us supplied with fresh homemade cookies daily.

I cannot forget some of the husbands of volunteers who come and make dumpster runs and haul stuff out to the warehouse. Thank you.

If you have any "special items" for the Silent Auction in September, please let me know or bring them by the shop and have them put aside for me. Our auction always makes at least \$300 to \$400 extra for our kids.

Until next time, keep shopping and cleaning out those cupboards!

Susie



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## Chef-du-Jour



Summer is here and the living is easy – so they say. The Haven kids have been enjoying some great meals thanks to all of you wonderful cooks. The Chef du Jour program is still looking for some new members so we can ensure that every day of each month, each of the three houses has a meal delivered. Cooking for the kids is not like cooking for your gourmet friends. Our kids like everyday home-cooked meals such as meatloaf, mashed potatoes, and green beans, or chicken, corn on the cob, sliced tomatoes on lettuce leaves, or a roast surrounded with quartered potatoes, onions, and carrots, or sloppy joes on buns with a tray of cut up vegetables, cheese cubes, and fruit. Basic kid-friendly favorites of macaroni and cheese, chicken, pork chops, spaghetti, burgers and hot dogs, lasagna, and of course pizza are still high on the list.

A great way you can help the kids is to cook once a month. Sign up today by calling Mary Ann LaPorte @752-9788, or Joyce Wheeler @ 259-6793.

# Wish List

**The smallest new item means everything to a victim of child abuse who comes to us with nothing**

## Certificates & Tickets

- McDonald's Gift Certificates
- Movie passes
- Office Depot Gift Certificates
- Papa John's Gift Certificates
- Toy's R Us Certificates
- Wal-Mart Certificates

## Clothing & Essentials

- Boy's / Girl's clothing (3-16)
- Boy's / Girls's white socks (6 1/2 - 2)
- Diapers (boy's size medium, large & x-large)

## Food

- Animal crackers
- Applesauce
- Breakfast cereal
- Children's snacks
- Fruit juice
- 100% Fruit Juice Drink Box

- Fruit snacks
- Gold Fish
- Pretzels
- Pudding / fruit cups
- Ravioli
- Spaghettios

## Furniture

- Pillows

## Paper & Household Products

- Antibacterial soap
- Birthday wrapping paper
- Cleaning products (Windex, 409, Clorox, Etc.)
- Dishwasher detergent
- Kleenex
- Large, clear plastic bins with lids
- Laundry detergent
- Lysol spray - scented
- Paper plates & cups
- Paper towels
- Party theme paper plates, cups & supplies

- Toilet paper

## Personal Hygiene

- Baby wipes
- Baby conditioner, No More Tangles
- Children's Sunscreen (WaterBabies)
- Diaper Genie refills- super size
- Desitin
- Kid size toothbrushes
- Kid's toothpaste
- Shampoo & conditioner
- Washcloths

## Toys

- Art Supplies -- paint, markers
- Elmer's Glue / Glue Sticks
- Small incentive toys to be used as prizes
- Construction Paper

## Money for

- Activities & field trips

*If you are interested in joining The Haven Guild, please fill out the form below and mail it with a check for \$25.00 made out to The Haven Guild to the Membership chairperson.*

Roz Cobb  
138 Windward Way  
Indian Harbour Beach, FL 32937

### GUILD MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Miss \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mrs. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Ms. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Street: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zipcode: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Dues - \$25.00 per year

Please check areas of interest:

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|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chef du Jour           | <input type="checkbox"/> Haven Donation Pickup | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education and Advocacy | <input type="checkbox"/> Lamb Shoppe           | <input type="checkbox"/> Ways and Means |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fall Fundraiser        | <input type="checkbox"/> Luncheon Committee    | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grants                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership            | _____                                   |

#### Summer Address

Street: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zipcode: \_\_\_\_\_



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**The Haven Drop-Off Points**

**Bank of America**

6370 N. Wickham Road Suntree

**Lamb Shoppe**

1765 South Patrick Drive, Indian Harbour Beach - 777-6606

Listed above are the addresses of The Haven donation drop-off points. The convenience of these locations has made it easy for The Haven to put your donations to good use. Many thanks to the **Suntree Bank of America** for generously opening their door for these drop-off locations. Please leave your name and address with your donations so that we can send you a reply for your records. If your club or organization would like a representative of The Haven to accept a donation, please contact LeGay Carter @ 223-9977 or Mary Gilbert @254-4030.