

OUR TOWNS

AROUND TOWN

Vietnam Veterans of America to hold monthly meeting

The Vietnam Veterans of America Daytona Beach Chapter 1048 monthly meeting and membership drive will be held 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the VFW Post 3282, 5810 S. Williamson Blvd., Port Orange. For information, call Rod Phillips at 386-690-9553, or email cobra101st@gmail.com.

Pharmacist to describe life on reservation

Dr. Maryam Khazraee will share her adventures as a pharmacy intern on the Wellpint Indian Reservation in during a free program at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Port Orange Regional Library, 1005 City Center Circle. She will describe the people, the land, the reality of Native American life, and her everyday experiences on the Washington reservation, which has a population of 900. Reservations are not required. For information, call the library at 386-322-5152, option 4.

Genealogical Society schedules meeting

The Volusia County Genealogical Society will meet 6 p.m. Thursday in the auditorium at City Island Library, 105 E. Magnolia Ave., Daytona Beach. Bruce Pauley will speak on Putting Your Family in Historical Context. The public is invited. For information, call 386-257-7828.

Faith Prayer Yoga

Our Lady of Lourdes will offer Faith Prayer Yoga at 6 p.m. Thursday in the community center at 1014 N. Halifax Ave., Daytona

Beach. Bring a yoga mat and towel. For information, call 386-255-0433.

Learn how to care for Christmas plants

Myrna Moore will offer pointers on poinsettias and other popular Christmas plants at 1 p.m. Thursday at the Ormond Beach Regional Library, 30 S. Beach St. Reservations are not required. For information, call the library at 386-676-4191, option 4.

ArtHaus presents Extended Display

The ArtHaus exhibit Extended Display opens 5-7 p.m. Thursday in the ArtHaus Gallery, 3840 Ridgewood Ave., Port Orange. The exhibit will feature the 22 Halifax Art Festival Student Show award winners along with 55 additional exceptional artworks. The reception and exhibit are free and open to the public. For information, call 386-767-0076, email office@arthaus.org or visit arthaus.org.

Military Officers of America plans monthly meeting, luncheon

The Halifax Area Chapter of the Military Officers of America Association will hold its monthly meeting and luncheon 11 a.m. Thursday at The Halifax River Yacht Club, 331 S. Beach St., Daytona Beach. The guest speaker will be retired Capt. Dr. Thomas M. Cooper, U.S. Army Dental Corps and Professor Emeritus at the University of Kentucky. All active or former local area military officers and their spouses are invited to attend. The cost is \$20 and reservations may be made by calling Roger Grubic at 386-441-8958.

Annual gala raises \$90K for FBH

DAYTONA BEACH – More than 250 people attended the Pearls of Hope Gala II Oct. 23 that raised more than \$90,000 through sponsorships, ticket sales and auctions, to benefit the students served by Food Brings Hope.

Donated goods and services from local businesses and groups, including art and photography by DeLand High School students, were incorporated into the live and silent auctions. “Kids Helping Kids” was a special project brought to Food Brings Hope by DeLand High School art teacher Peggy Banks and her AP Art students.

The presenting sponsor for the second year in a row was Holland Financial. Other event sponsors included the Burke & Cox families, Giles Electric, ICI Homes, Lesa France Kennedy, Jon Hall/Ritchey Automotive Group and Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.

“Our attendees were so



Mori Hosseini (from left), Forough Hosseini, Leslye Gayle Johnson and Volusia County Sheriff Ben Johnson at the Pearls of Hope Gala II to benefit Food Brings Hope. PHOTO PROVIDED

happy to support the students’ art and the cause behind it,” said FBH Executive Director Judi Winch. “The focus of the evening was to shed light on the brilliant young minds throughout our community and how we can help them flourish.”

Food Brings Hope provides an array of enrichment opportunities for underprivileged students through their programs,

KidsZone, TeenZone and FBHons. The nonprofit provides a network of care for seniors in high school who are homeless and unaccompanied through the Eric Christopher DeVriese, Jr. HOPE House. FBH partners with Halifax Urban Ministries to deliver weekly food bags to the neediest families. This year, FBH has partnered with the Barbara Bush Literacy Foundation to

provide literacy programs for both adults and children in the Pierson community.

“Funds raised from the Pearls of Hope Gala are vital in ensuring that the students FBH serves attain every opportunity possible to reach their full potential,” said Forough B. Hosseini, FBH founder and chair. “We are very appreciative of the caring individuals and companies who have supported us for over seven years. It is through the community’s support that we have been able to expand our program to include more schools serving even more homeless students this year. At FBH, we aim to eventually expand our programs to reach every homeless student enrolled in Volusia County Schools.”

Currently, Food Brings Hope has partnered with 15 schools throughout Volusia County, serving more than 800 students, with the goal to include all schools throughout the district and beyond.

NSB ROTARY RECOGNIZES DARE OFFICER

New Smyrna Beach Police Department DARE officer Jennifer Fike was presented with the New Smyrna Beach Rotary Club’s Wilfred J. Goodrich’s Service Above Self Award on Nov. 3 for her work with youths in the local schools and community. This award is given in memory of community leader and former Rotarian Will Goodrich to recognize “service above the call of duty” by a civil servant of New Smyrna Beach. Fike was joined by, from left, Police Chief and Rotary member Mike Coffin, Rotary Club President Carlos Giraldo and New Smyrna Beach City Manager and Rotary member Pam Brangaccio.

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News-Journal raises nearly \$13,000 for breast cancer campaign



Staff report

The Making Strides Against Breast Cancer campaign got a boost of nearly \$13,000 on Tuesday from The Daytona Beach News-Journal.

The newspaper’s

donation of \$12,895 was raised from 20 percent of advertising revenue in its pink section that was published Nov. 1 as well as 20 percent of the revenue from the Nov. 1 edition’s single copy sales, according to Bill

News-Journal Publisher Bill Offill presents a check to Leslie Castillo with the American Cancer Society on Tuesday. NEWS-JOURNAL/NIGEL COOK

Offill, News-Journal publisher.

The pink section included profiles of breast cancer survivors, health features and coverage of the Making Strides walk in downtown Daytona Beach that attracted 11,000 participants on Oct. 31.

Offill, who was the chairman of the walk in 2014, said breast cancer is an issue that “screams out” for attention.

“You can’t talk to anybody who doesn’t know somebody who has had their life altered (by the

disease),” Offill said.

Leslie Castillo, the senior market manager for community engagement for the American Cancer Society, said donations for the 2015 campaign are “still rolling in” but she expects to meet their goal of raising \$375,000 for research and local services.

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