

Benefiting Special Olympics  
Broward County and its Athletes

# O'Pinion

NEWSLETTER

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## *A Mediterranean Holiday Night*

On Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 7.00 pm, Pinion will once again kick off the holiday season with our annual holiday celebration. The elegant lines of this luxurious waterfront estate home definitely make for a Mediterranean feel, and has been graciously donated by a new friend of Pinion, Bennett Gamel.

We invite you to join and celebrate with us as only Pinion people can do. Of course, there will be sumptuous hors d'oeuvres and a delectable buffet featuring live culinary creations by Chef Gregg Salman and the McFatter Culinary School with all food donated once again by Freshpoint – South Florida. In true Pinion spirit there will be a Champagne & Wine Bar, a Ketel One, Bombay Sapphire Martini Bar, as well as Open Bars to keep the libations flowing. You can dance under the stars with Topazz Entertainment and indulge your holiday spirit by bidding on the silent auction featuring trips, tickets, themed baskets, and of course, exquisite jewelry by Jon Paul Jewelers (*and what girl doesn't like the odd diamond*).



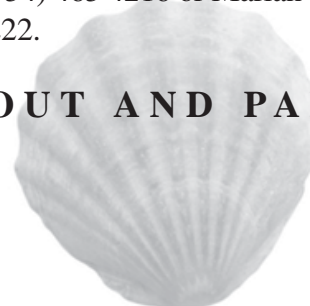
*Chairs: Debra Lieberman, Mirtha Toledo-Hackley and Leslie Fischer*

The event chairs are Debra Lieberman, Leslie Fischer and Mirtha Toledo-Hackley. The Cuisine Chair is Valerie Kowanetz, and the Silent Auction Chairs are Janea Caldarone, Ginny Fujino and Terry Witcher.

We know you will all want to attend this outstanding event, and join all your friends from Pinion for a Mediterranean Night to remember. Mark your calendars now, tickets are only \$100 per person. You can reserve online at [www.blacktie-southflorida.com](http://www.blacktie-southflorida.com). Just click on: Box Office. Look for the jewelry and other goodies featured online also, and do all your holiday shopping.

For more information, sponsorships, and underwriting, or to volunteer and get involved please contact Debra Lieberman at (954) 465 4216 or Marian Cray-DeLoach at (954) 772 6222.

**COME OUT AND PARTY !!!**



# Champagne and Chocolates...

For the fifth year Pinion members and friends gathered at the Capital Grille to enjoy our first event of the season. Champagne and Chocolates was the theme this year, and there were plenty of both. Champagne flowed during the cocktail hour while the chocolate fountain, complete with strawberries, proved very popular. Our thanks must go to Marta Larrea, Capital Grille manager, and her staff for their usual stellar service and wonderful cuisine. Wine and champagne were generously donated by Southern Wine and Spirits, and to add to the excitement of the day, two very large and very red bottles of Ultimat Black Cherry Vodka, also donated by Southern Wine and Spirits, were auctioned off live. Lynda Amorello and Wendy Walters were the lucky recipients. More "sweet greenbacks" for our coffers. Neiman Marcus and Lucrezia Persia, again provided us with a sparkling fashion show with clothes and accessories for the upcoming holiday season. Birgit Fillingame, Patti Kearson and Marian McCray-DeLoach co-chaired this event with bubbly success. They were ably helped by Grace Antonello, Janea Caldarone, Barbara Corrao, Sonja Mayo, Lisa Scott-Founds, Sondra St. Martin, Wendy Walters and Terry Witcher. Unfortunately Birgit was unable to attend the actual event, and we offer our sympathies to her and Bill on the death of their beloved Mutti the day before. Valerie Kowanetz and Pam Nowatka made our beautiful baskets for the Chinese auction, for which we sold \$1,940.00 worth of tickets.

All these girls know how to have fun, raise money - almost \$4,500.00, and make the day a SWEET AND BUBBLY SUCCESS.



*Event Chairs, Patti Kearson and Marian McCray-DeLoach with Marta Larrea, Capital Grille Manager*



*Wendy Walters with Victory Living Director, Bobbi Wigand*



*Valerie Kowanetz, with new Board Members Ginny Fujino and Sandy Clobus*



*Carol Jones, Linda Spaulding White, Leslie Fischer, Terry Witcher, Sonja Mayo and Pam Nowatka*



*"Girls just want to have fun!"*



*Doug Allen, Lee Sheffield, Jamie Meehan, Linda Eckert and Steve Nowatka*



*Patti D'Antonio, Sondra St. Martin and Jane Brand-Eagon*



*Dick Palmer and Maria Ford*



*Bob Hinton, Cy Yonan, Cynthia Drucker and Roy Simmons*

## Welcome New Members

**P**INION is pleased to welcome New Members:

**Woneta Bellevue-Mayhue**  
**Jean Durkin**  
**Mary Antoinette (Toni) Kissel**  
**Barbara Levine-Downey**  
**Joyce Picou**  
**Mr. Gary Tuchler**

## Victory Living Programs

**JOIN US FOR THE MOST HEART  
WARMING EVENT OF THE SEASON**

### The Shopping

**Thursday, December 11<sup>th</sup>**  
at 10 a.m.

Walmart at Copans Rd. & I-95  
(South East Corner)



### The Party

**Saturday, December 20<sup>th</sup>**  
at 10:30 a.m.

Victory Living Party  
Cokesbury United Methodist Church  
1808 NW 65 Avenue • Margate, FL 33063

*More information call Sonja Mayo  
954 561 5824*



## President's Corner

by *Linda Spaulding White*

**I**n our last Newsletter, I asked our members, friends and supporters to really get involved and help support our special athletes and Special Olympics Broward County forever. I am pleased to report that many of you stepped up to the plate. Pinion and I really appreciate all of your efforts, whether it donation of money or of your time, or both. We are off to a great start this year.



In late September, we hosted our annual Fall luncheon and fashion show – “Champagne & Chocolates” – at the Capital Grille, which was once again sold out and a huge success. I was pleased to see many new and familiar faces. Everyone had a spectacular afternoon (an evening for some) as we enjoyed the delicious food, libations and don’t forget the chocolate. Neiman Marcus treated us to a wonderful fashion show and as always many of you received some great raffle gifts. A great time was had by all and I want to thank all of you who attended, our co-chairs – Patti Kearson, Marian McCray-DeLoach and Birgit Fillingame – and their wonderful committee.

It’s hard to believe, but our annual Holiday Event is just around the corner. You should have received your invitation by now. You must set aside the evening of Friday, December 5 for a “Mediterranean Holiday Night” at the magnificent waterfront home of our host, Bennett Gamel. What better way to kick off the season and get in the holiday spirit. You can also do a little holiday shopping while you enjoy the beautiful surroundings, music, cuisine, libations and much more. This year, we are only having one major fundraising event, so we are really counting on all of you to participate and attend. I look forward to seeing each one of you. It is a night that you will not want to miss and a night to remember.

Later in December, we will be shopping for holiday gifts for our annual holiday party for the residents in the Victory Living Programs. We, along with Santa Claus will be providing them with gifts, entertainment and goodies. The residents truly appreciate the party and their gifts. If you would like to go shopping and/or experience an extremely worthwhile and gratifying event, this is the occasion to participate.

If you have not yet become a member or have not yet become involved, I encourage you to join our wonderfully supportive group. We need everyone to join in and help Pinion achieve its goal of supporting Special Olympics Broward County and its Athletes financially and otherwise. We hope to contribute not only our time but to raise in excess of \$100,000 this year.

I look forward to seeing everyone during the Holidays and hope that you will kick off your Holiday season with Pinion!

# Calendar of Events



## 2008

**Friday, December 5** ..... Holiday Event  
"A Mediterranean Holiday Night"  
Fort Lauderdale

**Thursday, December 11** ..... Victory Living Christmas Shopping

**Saturday, December 20** ..... Victory Living Christmas Party

## 2009

**Saturday, February 14** ..... Valentine's Dinner  
Hugh's Culinary  
4351 NE 12 Terrace, Oalkand Park

**Sunday, February 15** ..... Race for Champions

**Saturday, March 14** ..... Special Olympics Summer Games  
Cypress Bay High School, Weston

**April/May** ..... Hot Shots Social  
tba

**May/June** ..... End of Season Celebration  
tba

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