

What A Successful Fundraising Year!

PINION welcomed friends and members to celebrate the end of another Successful Year and the Installation of New Officers at Anthony's Runway 84.

Our 2009 Fundraising Year raised an amazing **\$110,000**. Outgoing President, **Linda Spaulding White**, proudly presented **Linda Mills**, director of Special Olympics Broward County, with a check for \$95,000.

In our continued support, we were able to contribute an additional \$15,000 to The Victory Living Program.

We are proud to continue to "make a difference" in these worthy organizations.



BOND, BOWTIES AND BOAS

Don't Miss...

Friday, September 18, 2009

11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

The Capital Grille • Fort Lauderdale

For more information contact Kitty McGowan 954.523.1004



Pinion begins
Fundraising Season with...

BOND, BOWTIES AND BOAS LUNCHEON



*Co-Chairs: Lisa Scott-Founds, Kitty McGowan,
Lee Sheffield & Alice Harry*

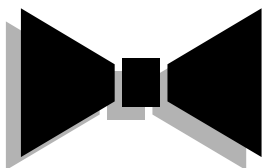
PINION invites the community to “**BOND**” with **PINION** at the Annual Fall Soiree, **Bond, Bowties and Boas September 18, 2009**. The event, hosted by the Capital Grille, begins at 11:00 am with 007 cocktails and Chinese Auction, with lunch served at 12 noon.

Attire for this unique event will be business casual enhanced by a flair of bowties and boas. The afternoon experience, which costs only \$45.00, will feature a selection of entrees complimented by a fabulous dessert in the fine style of Capital Grille. Complimentary “*Astin Martinis*” and wine will be provided by **Southern Wine & Spirits**. There will also be a grand array of prizes “*For Your Eyes Only*” Auction. Other sponsors include **Broward Health, Birgit Fillingame** and the **Roy F. Johns Jr. Family Foundation**.

The chairs Alice Harry, Kitty McGowan, Lisa Scott-Founds and Lee Sheffield are joined by committee members Cathy Danielle, Barbara Corrao and Sonja Mayo. Please join new president, Terry Witcher, for some lively fun at this bubbly event.

Make sure to reserve early as there is very limited seating.

Contact Kitty McGowan 954-523-1004
for more information or
RSVP on line at [www. pinioninc.com](http://www.pinioninc.com).



Pinion's Going Green

Pinion is making a difference to better the environment. Our letterheads, envelopes and newsletters are printed on recycled paper and are Green Seal certified.

Please give us your email address if you would like to receive online notices, invitations and newsletters.

Visit us at www.pinioninc.com



Pinion and Starlight Musicals Successful Summer Night in the Park

Thank you to all who helped celebrate The Starlight Musical series, which supports local charities. Friends of Pinion gathered during a fun filled night of music and good times for a great cause!

Janea Caldarone chaired the event where we generated \$1916.00 in raffle money for the night! A special thank you to **Anne Allen** and **Jane Brand-Eagon** and to all the Board members and friends of Pinion who came out on a summer night to support us!

The Speckled Dog Pottery Robbie Bell, Potter

Fifth Annual Holiday Open Studio Show

Saturday, November 14, 2009
9:00 am - 2:00 pm

1711 SE 2nd Street
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301
(between Las Olas Blvd and Broward Blvd.
at South Victoria Park Road)

For more information contact:
www.SpeckledDogPottery.com
Robbie@SpeckledDogPottery.com

A portion of the proceeds will be donated
to Pinion benefiting
Special Olympics of Broward County.

Welcome New Members

PINION is pleased to welcome New Members:

Lisa Albee
Thomas Crawford
Cathy Davis-Danielle
Desarata Building Corp.
Stuart & Lynn Edinoff
Arnold & Barbara Grevior
Fred & Karen Hord
Jacki Lee Litzak & Scott Safford
Marge Neily
John Stanley
Don Taft
Valerie Temkin, The Taft Foundation
Tracy Weintraub & Ellen Weintraub

Eunice Kennedy Shriver...

In memory of Eunice Kennedy Shriver, the Founder and Honorary Chairman of Special Olympics.

Mrs. Shriver forever altered the course of mankind by leading a human rights movement to bring dignity, respect, opportunity and hope to people with intellectual disabilities, throughout the world.

Mrs. Shriver believed that there was always more to be done. Your continued support of Special Olympics will honor her life and continue her legacy.



*Eunice Kennedy Shriver with
Broward Athlete Lorraine Nilson
at the 2007 World Games*

President's Corner

by Terry Witcher



I am both proud and honored to serve as this year's 18th President of Pinion Inc. benefiting Special Olympics Broward County and its Athletes, including the Victory Living Programs. As in true Pinion tradition, we will kick off the season with our annual luncheon at the Capital Grille on September 18th. Please mark your calendars for our Holiday Event to be held on Friday, December 4th which is our signature event and major fundraiser.

This year promises to be exciting and fun. Come one, come all and "*Let the Spirit of Pinion cast a spell on you*". That is our theme for this year. Invite your friends, family, co-workers to our socials and events. "May the Spirit of Pinion cast a spell on them" to join our Pinion family.

In our efforts to go Green and save trees, we will be asking for you to update your email addresses so that we may offer you a choice to receive your newsletters and invitations via email or postal service. We are excited to also announce that you will be able to RSVP on our www.pinioninc.com website for our upcoming events and socials.

I encourage and welcome all members to join this very heartfelt and rewarding experience. If you would like to be more involved and help with upcoming events, please give me a call at 954-319-2699. I feel very privileged to be a part of this dynamic organization whose commitment is to raise funds to help those special individuals who participate in the Special Olympics and those currently in the Victory Living Program.

I look forward to seeing you at all of our events and socials. I am hoping each member will really get more involved and work closely with the Board to have another successful and fun year.

With warmest regards,
Terry Witcher
President



Major Sponsors

*Thank you to our wonderful 2009 sponsors.
We would not be successful without you.*

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- Broward Health

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- Birgit Fillingame
- Roy F. Johns, Jr. Family Foundation

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 - Schmidt Family Foundation
 - Wal-Mart Foundation

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 - Linda Rae and Tripper White
 - Wendy and Tom Walters

Star Sponsors

- Grace Antonello
- Mayor Eric Hersch
- Patti Kearson

SOBC Exciting Programs

Special Olympics Broward County is excited to start a new program called **The Young Athletes program**. This program is an innovative sports play experience for children ages 2-7 with intellectual disabilities along with their siblings and their peers, designed to introduce them into the world of sports. This program will prove enormously beneficial on multiple levels including helping the children improve physically, cognitively and socially. This program is designed to address two specific levels of play. Level 1 includes physical activities focused on developing fundamental motor tracking and eye-hand coordination. Level 2 concentrates on the application of these physical activities through a sports skills activity program and developing skills consistent with Special Olympics sports play. The activities will consist of foundational skills, walking & running, balance & jumping, trapping & catching, throwing, striking, kicking and advanced skills. We are very excited about starting this new program in Broward County!

Project UNIFY is a U.S. national project, funded by the U.S. Department of Education for Special Olympics, Inc.. Its goal is to activate young people around the country in an effort to develop school communities where all young people are agents of change — fostering respect, dignity and advocacy for people with intellectual disabilities by utilizing the programs and initiatives of Special Olympics. We are hoping to be a part of this project through grant funding.

**Special Olympics Broward County
has moved their offices to
The Don Taft Program
at Nova Southeastern University
3301 College Ave
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33314
954-262-2150 office
954-262-2157 fax**

SAVE THE DATE

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2009
YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND
THE GRAND OPENING OF THE
SOBC OFFICES
and
2009 APPRECIATION
PICNIC**

**Nova Southeastern University Davie Campus
1:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Grand Opening Ceremonies at 1:00 PM
with the picnic immediately following**

Pinion Soars High with a Successful Fundraising Year

Pinion's Year End Luncheon Celebration and Installation of New Officers was a great success! There were approximately 89 guests in attendance at Anthony's Runway 84. We made a profit of \$4,900, approximately \$2,200 was from the amazing raffle sales. The food was served family style...and believe me this was NOT airline food. We also managed to consume all of the wine that Southern Wine and Spirits donated for the event.

The co-chairs of this event were **Linda Eckert**, **Lisa Scott-Founds** and **Lee Sheffield** and committee **Barbara Hubbard**, **Barbara Corrao** and **Sonja Mayo**. Our thanks to all.



Calendar of Events



2009

Friday, September 18 *Bond with Pinion
Bond, Bowties and Boas*
11 AM - 2:00 PM
The Capital Grille, Fort Lauderdale

Friday, December 4 *Annual Holiday Event*

Pinion Inc.

It is the mission of Pinion, Inc., a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization, to conduct charitable drives and social events within our local community to raise funds for its chosen recipient, Special Olympics. The Broward Special Olympics program provides year round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for individuals eight years of age and older with mental handicaps, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympic athletes and the community.

For more information, please visit our website at www.pinioninc.com.

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New on the web site:

- Print & Mail Membership card
- All of the upcoming events.
- Photos of recent past events.

Coming Soon:

- The e'PINION electronic newsletter.



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