

# Hollywood Women's Club, Inc.



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## **Hollywood Women's Club Welcomes New President Elect; Shelly deMarco**

I am deeply honored to have been chosen for the position of President of the Hollywood Women's Club. I feel as if I have been drawn to the Women's Club for years, always having been fascinated by the building, and many times slowing down to admire it as I have driven by. Back then, work and a very hectic lifestyle prevented involvement, no matter how magnetic the building or the concept of joining in sisterhood with local ladies. Upon retirement last year I knew it was time. Time to see what the Women's Club was really all about. The warm greeting I received made me feel immediately welcome, and the good charitable works being done made me know I had found my niche. I love being part of the Women's Club, and it seems like my involvement is destined to continue and grow.

We are fortunate to have such a diverse membership; with long time members rich in history, experience, and memories, as well as newer members full of original ideas, fresh perspectives, and an invaluable understanding of today's technology! What a powerful force we are! What an incredible wealth of knowledge and abilities we possess! Together we can do anything. Together we can continue the good works already in progress and expand into new avenues that are worthy of our time and efforts. We will continue the long proud history of charitable accomplishments, civic responsibility and warm loving sisterhood. It will be my honor and privilege to help in achieving the goals of the Hollywood Women's Club in any way I am able. Sincerely, Shelly deMarco



NORMA, SALINA, AND COLETTE IN FRONT OF THE BIRTHDAY CAKE!



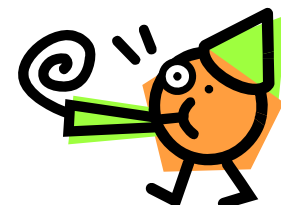
HAPPY 85<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY!

## **What a Blast!!!!**

BY SHERRI VERRET

The 85<sup>th</sup> Birthday Bash was a huge success! There were estimated 50 to 60 people who came! Lots of friends and spouses! The champagne fountain was a hit-as was the open bar thoroughly tended by Blaine! The evening ended with cake, colored sparklers and fireworks-perfectly orchestrated

by Tucker Verret with the help of Teri Cantrell. Many Thanks to all volunteers-from Blaine and Nanette, Marti and Jeff, Shelly and Melissa Walker!





## April Day Meeting Update

BY HERMINE VOGLER

The International Affairs department will have a guest speaker on Thursday, April 3rd at 10:30 AM. Dr. Kamala Anandam will speak about her home country, India, the second most populated country in the world. We need a few petite-sized models to show some of the beautiful saris she'll bring with her.

Emerald Hills. Afterward, we'll go to the nearby ROYAL INDIA Restaurant for a delicious Indian Buffet Lunch, reasonably priced at \$8.95 per person. You can bring friends.

Call me for any questions, 954-983-3016.



Please note, this meeting will be at my home, 208 St. Andrews Road, in

## Upcoming Events!

**April 3 @ 10:30 am** The International Affairs department is hosting an informational meeting on the county of India at the Home of Hermine Vogler.

**April 9 @ 7:00 pm** Come enjoy wine from around the world with your hostesses Sherri Verret, Amanda Zehl, Hermine Vogler, Kathy Hanley, Rita Nemitz, Ellen Lustig, and Lily Booher.

**May 14 @ Hollywood Golf & Country Club** No meeting. New officer

installation. More info to come!

**June 11 @ 7:00 pm** This evening meeting's hostesses are Cheri Calabrese, Darlene, and Kim.

**July 9 @ 7:00 pm** Your hostesses for the evening are Stephanie Farrell, Nanette Swieckowski, and Mardi Podesta.

If you have any questions regarding the meeting you are responsible for please contact Second Vice President,

"FAR AWAY THERE IN THE SUNSHINE ARE MY HIGHEST ASPIRATIONS. I MAY NOT REACH THEM, BUT I CAN LOOK UP AND SEE THEIR BEAUTY, BELIEVE IN THEM, AND TRY TO FOLLOW WHERE THEY LEAD."

—LOUISA MAY ALCOT



## Happy Birthday!!!



**February:** Julie Sweeten, Rita Nemitz, Mardi Podesta, Ellen Lustig

**March:** Maria Oliveri, Lynn Blakemore, Linda Kellert, Vanessa Delany, Debbie Furslew, Heidi Hahn

**April:** Annette Athanas, Jennie Myers, Hermine Vogler, Sherri Verret, Kimberly Longmire, Amanda Zehl

**May:** Colette Salvino, Lily Booher, Penny Johns, Teddi Campelli, Ronnie Dowdle, Kathy Drabik-DiBona, Rebecca Kurland, Ann McQueen, Rachel Clementi

**June:** Genevieve Ford, Selina Frost, Mara Giuliani, Maria De Vito, Darlene Feinzig, Sharon Dufek

## Recipe Corner : Peruvian Pesto

CONTRIBUTED BY MARIPOSA CASTRO

The pesto recipe is Sandro's older brother, Carlos. He walked me through it over the phone and I must say, it's the 2nd best pesto I have ever had (2nd to pesto in Vernazza, Italy). If anyone would like to try at home, here's the recipe (nothing's exact, just throw it all in a blender, boil for 10 - 15 minutes and pour over your favorite pasta or spread on toasted bread with fresh tomatoes and parmesan cheese):

3/4 part washed raw spinach (I used a whole tub of organic spinach pre-washed and packaged)

1/4 part fresh basil (leaf only)

4 TBS olive oil (adjust according to amount of spinach and basil)

1/2 - 1 cup water (depends upon how thin or thick you like your sauce, you will need to help you blend the spinach and basil with ingredients below)

2 tsp chicken stock concentrate (1-2 cubes if dry; I use wet paste from Cosco)

8 oz fresh cheese (Latin style fresh cheese is a bit crumbly and bland which is what you want)

3 - 4 garlic cloves (raw) - just toss them in  
Small handful pine nuts or walnuts

Pepper to taste

1. Blend spinach, adding water to help you blend (use a wooden spoon to push the spinach around, turn off the machine if you need to really mix, then turn back on). Add water as you need to help the blender liquify the spinach.
2. Add all the basil and a little bit more water as you go.
3. Add the chicken paste or cubes.
4. Blend.
5. Add the fresh cheese and pepper to taste.
6. Add a splash of cream, milk or half and half (about 1/4 cup)
7. If you have pine nuts or walnuts lying around, add a small handful and blend into mixture.
8. Blend until 90% liquid, you do not want to blend so much it becomes watery.
9. Transfer pesto to pot and boil on low heat, stirring occasionally, for about 10 - 15 minutes. This process is more to heat up the pesto than cook as nothing in the pesto really needs to be cooked.
10. Serve over freshly cooked pasta.

Buen provecho.



WE ARE LIVING IN A  
WORLD TODAY WHERE  
LEMONADE IS MADE FROM  
ARTIFICIAL FLAVORS AND  
FURNITURE POLISH IS  
MADE FROM REAL  
LEMONS.

~ALFRED E. NEWMAN

## More Birthday Bash Photographs!!!



## Non Profit uses the Arts and Literacy to reach Participants in their Programs.

CONTRIBUTED BY TANIA LEE

“ART IS PREVENTION AND OUR YOUNGSTERS LEARN SKILLS THOUGH THE VARIOUS FORMS OF ART WE TEACH..”

Family of Humanity, Inc. a Hollywood based 501c3 organization has adopted the community of Hollywood and the surrounding areas. The organization offers programs targeting all age groups of the family; children, teens and parents in an effort to promote the health, safety and well being of everyone. This growing organization is being noticed by the community and its programs are being received with open arms.

The organization’s mission is to partner with public and private organizations to provide specialized prevention/intervention programs designed to promote the safety, well-being, and overall improved quality of life for individuals, families, and communities. This is accomplished by providing education and skill development activities that empower people with the knowledge and tools to change negative behaviors and circumstances.

The organization feels that empowering each member of the family is the key to building a successful family. Giving people a sense of hope, independence, self improvement and achievement is something Loretta Brunetti, Co Founder and CEO is proud of doing every day. Targeting the family as a unit – parents, teens and children and offering specialized programs designed to teach each member of the family important skills to function in a healthy and safe environment will result in increased stability for the whole community.

Currently, the organization offers the following programs:

- The H.U.G. Program, Human Understanding & Growth Program. H.U.G. is the community youth program that provides children living in low-income communities with out-of-school-time enrichment activities.
- The Parent Empowerment &

Violence Prevention Program. This program is a community parent education program that provides parents living in low-income communities with the parenting tools, strategies and skills that will enable them to provide a safe, healthy, and nurturing environment for their children

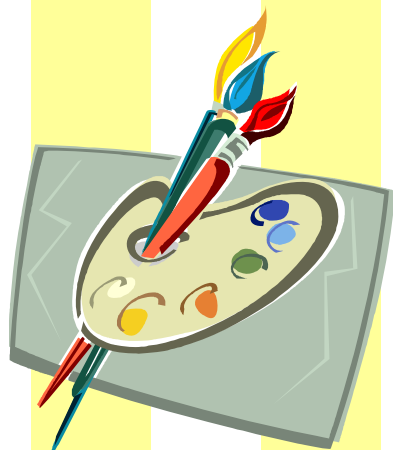
- The Teen Violence Prevention Education Program. This program is a community teen program that provides teens living in low-income communities with education and activities on the prevention of domestic violence/dating violence.

In the programs, young individuals’ ages 8-16 years build confidence and develop life-long skills through art enrichment and team building activities. “Art is the platform we use to teach our kids in the H.U.G Program. Art is prevention and our youngsters learn skills through the various forms of art we teach.” said Loretta Brunetti.

Dance, theater production, music, culinary, quilt-making, mosaic community projects, and gardening are some forms of art used. The kids are encouraged to do art projects themselves to give them a sense of achievement and challenge them to stretch their imagination.

Quilts and mosaics all hand made by the kids have been donated to various organizations as a way of saying thank you to the community and giving back for what they have received through the program and organization.

There is a literacy piece of the program that is fundamental to building productive individuals for the future. These youngsters come each week to participate in a reading activity that is tied directly to an art project. This is deliberately done so they can



associate the two pieces and broaden their scope.

But that's not all. Family of Humanity, Inc. also offers parent education courses to the general public for a minimal fee. This course is taught by educators that apply the principles of the Health Realization Model to teach and mentor participants. The Health Realization Model is a psychology model that helps people understand how the state of mind (moods), thoughts and beliefs are a major determining factor in the quality of lives and relationships.

There is always room to become a better

parent and make healthy choices for children. The education provides parents the opportunity to learn practical skills that can be applied in any setting. Become a seed of influence and champion for change in your family so your kids can become better citizens of the future.

Contributions help further the mission of Family of Humanity, Inc. You can make your donations on line by visiting [www.familyofhumanityinc.org](http://www.familyofhumanityinc.org) or mailing to Family of Humanity, Inc. 3896 Farragut Street, Hollywood, FL. 33021.



IN A COMPLETELY RATIONAL SOCIETY, THE BEST OF US WOULD ASPIRE TO BE TEACHERS AND THE REST OF US WOULD HAVE TO SETTLE FOR SOMETHING LESS, BECAUSE PASSING CIVILIZATION ALONG FROM ONE GENERATION TO THE NEXT OUGHT TO BE THE HIGHEST HONOR AND THE HIGHEST RESPONSIBILITY ANYONE COULD HAVE.[]  
- LEE IACOCCA



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