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by Lisa Sagers



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● Health Central receives grant



Kay Behrans (left), chairman of Health Central Foundation, and John Cappleman, M.D., chairman of the Health Central Board of Trustees, accept a \$725,992 check on behalf of the hospital. The funds represent the grants for the 2006 fiscal year.

Health Central received a \$725,992 check, representing the grants for the 2006 fiscal year, from Health Central Foundation and Health Central Auxiliary. Grants were given for the School Nurse Program, uninsured patients, renovations at Health Central Park, and nursing scholarships, among others.

The foundation's gross revenues for the fiscal year set a milestone at \$1,031,219 with a total amount of 11,968 gifts.

The check will be used to improve the community and programs associated with Health Central.

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● "World's greatest mom" receives recognition



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Florida Hospital dedicates its NICU (Neonatal) Family Waiting Room to Bessie Mae Batchelor (center, holding plaque), mother of Dick J. Batchelor (second from left). Mrs. Batchelor is surrounded by her children and their spouses.

The NICU (Neonatal) Family Waiting Room at Florida Hospital on East Rollins Street was dedicated to Bessie Mae Batchelor, mother of Dick J. Batchelor, chairman of the board for Florida Children's Hospital.

The dedication honored Mrs. Batchelor for "being the world's greatest mom" and instilling the gift of giving in her family.

Florida Hospital executives Terry Newmyer, senior vice president; Marla Santos, senior vice president; and Diana Boyce, vice president, co-presented the recognition plaque.

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• **Street of Dreams announces show winners**

Street of Dreams Inc. announced the winners of its 2006 luxury home show at Bella Collina in Montverde. This year's show offered the largest, most expensive collection of homes ever included in a Street of Dreams.

More than 45,000 people attended the show throughout a six-week period. As the seventh Street of Dreams event in Central Florida, it was the highest attended show to date, compared with all previous shows in the area.

Attendees were given the opportunity to vote on their favorite house in each of four categories, including best of show, best architectural design, best landscape design and best interior design.

Winners are as follow:

Best of Show: River Oaks Development Corp.'s "Villa Esperanza"

Best Architectural Design: Ray Coudriet Builder Inc.'s "Montebenichi,"

Best Landscape Design: Dave Brewer Inc.'s "The Venetian," landscape design by Jeff Houghtaling at JBD Design

Best Interior Design: River Oaks Development Corp.'s "Villa Esperanza," interior design by Karleen Bensinger and Steve Opitz of Furniture Classics Inc.

Street of Dreams features fully furnished, custom-built homes showcasing the latest trends in interior and exterior design and architecture. The next Central Florida show will be held at the Lake Club on Markham Woods Road in Lake Mary during the spring of 2008.

For more information, visit www.streetofdreams.com on the Web.

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• **Foundation celebrates anniversary through charitable donations**

For the past 10 years, the Kathy Stilwell Foundation has hosted the Celebration of Life Gala to help local charities in need. In celebration of its 10th anniversary, a total of 10 charities will receive a donation.

The main gala beneficiary is Grandma's House at Westminster Care of Orlando, a homelike setting that promotes intergenerational living and learning for children and older adults. The Kathy Stilwell Foundation will take submissions from other local charities to choose the remaining nine.

The foundation is looking for charities that improve the lives of others in the areas of education, children with special needs and older adults. Each of the chosen nine will receive a donation of \$1,100 and be recognized at the gala Feb. 23, 2007. Each will also be asked to purchase two tickets to the event and contribute four items for the silent auction.

This year's gala will be held at the Rosen Centre Hotel on International Drive. The event will include silent and live auctions, a sit-down dinner and a performance by John Charles.

For more information, call (407) 599-9336 or visit www.celebrationoflifegala.com on the Web.

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• **Whole Foods Market breaks ground in Southwest**
by *Christine DeSouza*



Whole Foods Market breaks ground at the corner of Sand Lake and Turkey Lake roads. Participants are (l to r.) Zalman Shoval, former Israeli Ambassador and Toledo Inc. chairman of the board; Stanford Alexander, chairman of the board of Weingarten Realty Investors; and Juan Nuñez, Whole Foods' Florida region president.



Michael Singer Inc.

When completed, the new 50,000-square-foot Whole Foods Market in Southwest Orlando will include the largest produce department in Florida.

Whole Foods Market, a leading natural and organic foods supermarket, broke ground for a new store at the intersection of Sand Lake and Turkey Lake roads, just west of Interstate 4. This is the company's second area location.

Attending the groundbreaking, were Juan Nuñez, Whole Foods' Florida region president; Tom Ross, senior partner of Toledo Inc., the investment group that owns the property; Zalman Shoval, former Israeli ambassador to the United States and Toledo Inc. chairman of the board; and Stanford Alexander, chairman of the board of Weingarten Realty Investors, a Houston-based real estate investment trust.

According to Nuñez, the new 50,000-square-foot supermarket will be a "community store." It will include the largest produce department in Florida, organic meats, seafood and chefs who will prepare food for its restaurant.

The new store will employ more than 150 people.

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• **Local Girl Scouts walk for breast-cancer awareness**

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Girl Scouts of Citrus Council participate in the first-ever Think Pink Walk for Awareness, a 2K walk sponsored by The Jacobson Group at Re/Max Town Centre.

Girl Scouts of Citrus Council participated in the first-ever Jacobson Group — Think Pink Walk for Awareness, a 2K walk to raise awareness about breast cancer.

The event, sponsored by The Jacobson Group at Re/Max Town Centre, began with a special reading by author Shenin Sachedina. Breast-cancer survivors, as well as their family members and friends, accompanied Girl Scouts on the walk through Universal CityWalk and Universal Studios.

The grand finale was a celebration rally that featured a special dance performance and chance to speak with breast-cancer survivors about their experiences.

After the event, Universal Orlando Resort provided tickets for the girls to spend the day at Universal's two theme parks.

For more information, call (407) 896-4475.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

• **Sleuths Mystery Dinner Shows**, which has been entertaining audiences since 1987 with whodunits performed in English, has introduced its first Spanish comedy-mystery, *El Cumpleaños del Abuelo*. The show combines Spanish culture and humor, and it is the first and only Central Florida show performed completely in Spanish. Sleuths Mystery Dinner Shows is located at 8267 International Drive, behind Ripley's Believe It or Not in the Gooding's Plaza. For more information, call (407) 363-1985 or (800) 393-1985.



The cast of El Cumpleaños del Abuelo, Sleuths Mystery Dinner Shows' first Spanish comedy-mystery, helps guests step into a world of intrigue.

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• **Christini's Ristorante Italiano** in The Marketplace at Dr. Phillips re-opened its doors with a new rustic and romantic look of an Italian Villa. The interior design includes rich mahogany wood, Old World fabrics, and rustic flooring that gives guests the feeling of dining in Italy. "We wanted our guests to feel like

they have entered an Italian Villa setting with the same quality of food and friendly service that has been a tradition for over 23 years," said Chris Christini, owner. For more information, call (407) 345-8770 or visit www.christinis.com on the Web.

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Caryn Greenberg, one of the top producers in condominium sales in the downtown Orlando market, joins Re/Max Town Centre as a sales consultant.

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• **America's First Home** is helping to bring holiday cheer to the area with thousands of Christmas lights adorning its Austin home model in Kissimmee and Springfield model in Groveland. Wreaths and red bows add to the traditional Christmas look. Co-founded by father-and-son-team Bill and Barry Frey, America's First Home provides quality homes in the Southwest and Central Florida areas. Named as one of Builder magazine's Fast Track 2006 companies, America's First Home combines the services of a conventional home builder with a mortgage broker firm specializing in finding the most innovative financing sources available. For more information, call (352) 243-0227 or (352) 243-7391 or visit www.AFH.net on the Web.

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• **The Fatone Family Foundation** Holiday Party was postponed. Organization representatives are working on a new date that will be announced as soon as it is confirmed. For more information, visit www.fatonefoundation.com on the Web.

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• **Re/Max Town Centre**, a full-service real estate agency with offices in downtown Orlando and one getting ready to open in Windermere, was ranked 11th largest, most active Re/Max affiliate in Florida. Charles Orden opened the company in 2002. Operating out of an office in his home, he sold real estate worth \$8 million. In 2003, Re/Max Town Centre posted sales worth more than \$60 million. This year, the company expects to sell \$500 million worth of homes and commercial facilities. For more information, call (407) 996-3200.

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• **Florida Hospital** received approval for the establishment of a general-surgery residency from the Surgery Residency Review Committee of the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education. The five-year program, which will begin July 2007, will accept two residents per year. ACGME is responsible for the accreditation of post-MD medical training programs. The organization accredits 8,100 residency programs in 27 specialties representing 103,000 residents. In addition, for the 11th consecutive year, National Research Corp. named Florida Hospital as one of the nation's top hospitals on its list of 2006-07 Consumer Choice Award winners. In a survey of more than 200,000 households nationwide, Florida Hospital was voted as having the Orlando area's highest overall quality and image. For more information, call (407) 303-8217 or visit www.floridahospitalmedicalnews.com on the Web.

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• Debbie Garvey of **Southeast Academy of Etiquette** will teach Mannerly Kids I, a children's etiquette class, at Stonewood Grill & Tavern, 5078 Dr. Phillips Blvd., Orlando, on Jan. 20 from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The fun-filled interactive class and multi-course luncheon, for boys and girls ages 6 through 10, teaches social, telephone and dining etiquette. The cost is \$75, and

registration is required. For more information, call (407) 488-6600 or visit www.southeastetiquette.com on the Web.

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• **Buff-It Car Wash & Lube**, located at 12600 S. John Young Parkway, near State Road 417 in Hunter's Creek, is celebrating its 10-year anniversary. Buff-It Car Wash & Lube is a full-service, soft-cloth carwash with an Express Quick Lube and full-service detail shop. The business also provides a large lobby with free coffee and a large selection of auto accessories. For more information, call (407) 251-8220 or visit www.buffitcarwash.com on the Web.

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• **Old Town** on U.S. Highway 192 recently celebrated its 20th anniversary with entertainment as usual. In a world that sometimes changes too quickly, Old Town, though it has evolved, has remained true to the original vision of its founding fathers — an Old-Florida feel, unique specialty shops and family entertainment. Thursday nights' Bike Nite has grown to one of the largest gatherings in the area; and Fridays' and Saturdays' Nite Cruises include the largest Classic Car Cruise in the nation. Live bands play Latin music, jazz and '50s through '80s themes. Old Town's newest event is Once Upon a Time at Old Town, which celebrates different themes in storytelling through crafts and activities. Parking and admission are free. For more information, call (407) 396-4888 or visit www.old-town.com on the Web.

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• Egyptian yoga, which is based on the ancient migration from Egypt and Nubia to India, will be January's feature of the month at **Yogamatrix** Studio, 7601 Della Drive, Suite 5, Orlando. Some studies trace the origins of yoga back to Egypt. The dynamic sequences, remarkable precision, and physical and energetic benefits of this class restore postural alignment, increase vitality, and improve concentration, memorization and awareness. Classes will take place Saturdays at 9 a.m. For more information, call (407) 354-0909 or visit www.yogamatrixstudio.com on the Web.

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