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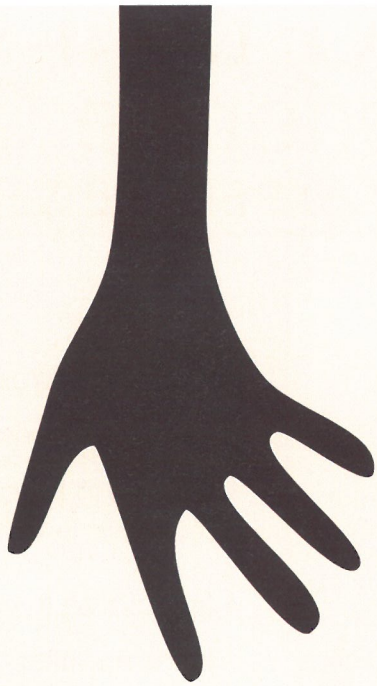

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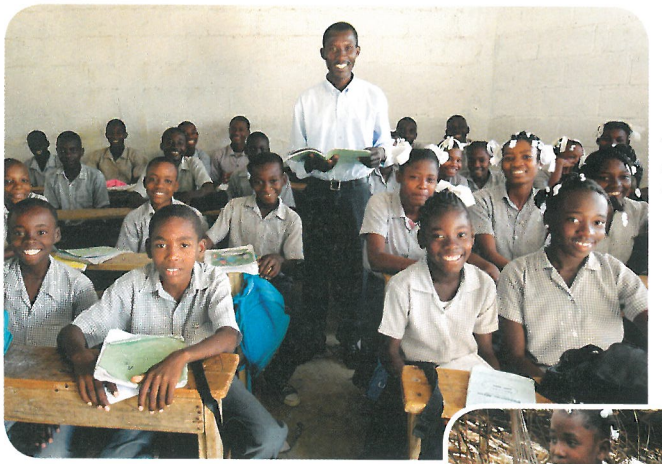
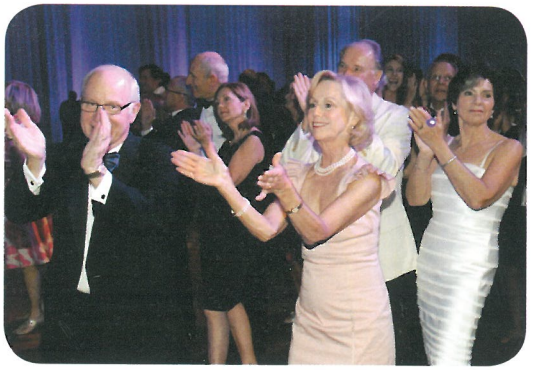
GALAS, GOLF, LUNCHEONS, FASHION SHOWS … THESE ARE THE STAPLES OF NAPLES' SOCIAL SEASON. THE EVENTS ARE SO MUCH MORE THAN FUN WITH FRIENDS, THOUGH. THE DOLLARS RAISED BY THESE SOIREES LIFT UP THE LIVES OF THOSE IN NEED. SEE HOW FOUR NONPROFITS PUT THAT MONEY TO WORK.

BY CHRISTINA WELLS



Left: One of Hope for Haiti's partner schools and a typical classroom.



The crowd enjoyed entertainment by the band High Voltage at Hope for Haiti's 2013 fundraiser, Passport to the Future Gala.

Right: Students learned about reforestation with Hope for Haiti President Tiffany Kuehner.

Left: Cooking School students displayed a freshly baked cake.

Hope for Haiti infirmary nurse counted medications.

"The state-level administrators were so impressed with the progress and accomplishments of our athletes that they agreed to open SUP as a new SOFL sport," says Palmer.

And the event just gets better: the 2012 SUP Luau Race attracted 100 entrants in four categories—men's, women's, kids and Special Olympics—and raised $9,000. The 2013 event drew 115 entrants and raised $10,000.

"We started four years ago with six participants, and now SUP is a state-recognized sport," says Berman. "Twelve Florida counties do exactly what we do here in Naples. Next May, all proceeds from the Fourth Annual SUP Luau Race go toward buying a traveling trailer and paddleboards. Our goal is to go national."

HOPE FOR HAITI

Two Hope for Haiti initiatives are adding an element of good taste to its efforts, which aim to improve the quality of life for the island's people, particularly children, through education, nutrition and health care. The Naples-based organization touches 500,000 Haitians yearly through its outreach and disaster-relief programs.

The organization established the Cooking School in an effort to support Haitian men and women by teaching them marketable skills. School Director Carmene Alverbe teaches recipe development, proper food preparation, sanitation, creating balanced meal plans, planning and budgeting, and presentation techniques. Classes are held Saturday afternoons in Les Cayes, Haiti, and culminate in a final test in which students present dishes to a panel of judges. Upon passing, they receive a certificate of completion that helps them find jobs in their home community. So far, 26 students have graduated who otherwise would not have skills that would lead to jobs.

"There are Haitians in Collier County who have family in or around Les Cayes, and who are very supportive of this school and its goal of preparing students for employment within the hospitality industry in their home country," says Stephanie Jepsen, director of development, Hope for Haiti.

Alverbe recently published *Cooking With Carmene*, which features the chef's favorite recipes. The U.S. Embassy in Haiti has made the cookbook available on consignment to employees. In Naples, the cookbook can be purchased at Clive Daniel Home and through Hope for Haiti. Proceeds help fund program development.

In Southwest Florida, the nonprofit holds annual events to help with its initiatives to help Haitians build sustainable, healthy communities. Neapolitans can boost these efforts by checking out Hope for Haiti's annual soiree March 8, 2014, which carries the theme "Passport to the Stars." ◆

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{In the bedroom, with the candlestick...}

Every detail of your home reflects your personality and sense of style, just as our CDH designers have done here in this beautiful model home by **Fox Custom Development** in **Talis Park.**

Our model is Tiffany Kuehner, President and CEO of Hope for Haiti. The good work her organization is doing is just one of the many charities we wholeheartedly support at Clive Daniel Home!

To learn more about how you can help, visit **www.hopeforhaiti.com**

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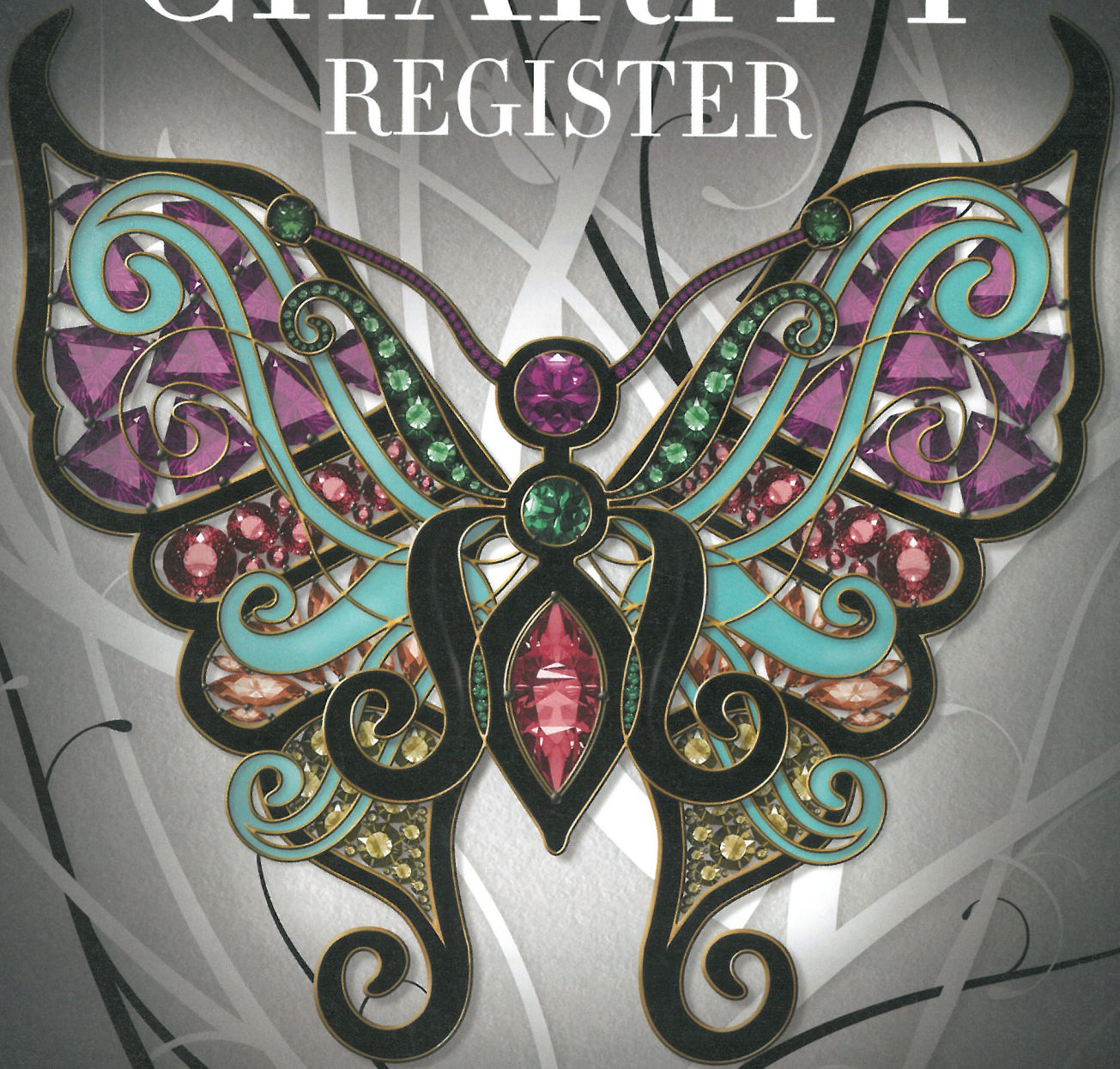

Your exclusive guide to the upcoming season's social scene, featuring the Naples area's most spectacular and intriguing fundraising events. View our comprehensive event calendar at naplesillustrated.com.

HEIL LUTHRINGER FOUNDATION FOR MS

Mission is to provide multiple sclerosis education to afflicted individuals, adult survivors of MS, children of parents afflicted with MS, caregivers and health-care professionals. It also awards scholarships to students whose parents have MS.

Main Fundraising Event: Sixth Annual Hope, Love & Faith MS 5K Run/Walk

Date: March 1, 2014

Location: Artis—Naples

Years Held Previously: 5

Theme/Description of Event: A beautiful 5K run/walk through Pelican Bay.

Honorary Chairpersons: Dr. Debbie Heil, Lisa Luthringer RN, MSN

Chairpersons: Alan S. Galbut, MD, Adam B. Guercio, Esq.

Major Sponsors: Arthrex Inc.; Family Foot & Leg Center; Harter, Secrest & Emery

Ticket Price: $20

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HODGES UNIVERSITY

The mission of Hodges University is to offer associate, baccalaureate and graduate degrees and other programs that enhance the ability of students to achieve personal and professional objectives. In addition to offering courses in 18 professional disciplines and its comprehensive English as a Second Language Program, Hodges University fulfills educational and personal enrichment needs for area seniors through facilitation of the Frances Pew Hayes Center for Lifelong Learning.

Main Fundraising Event: President's Scholarship Dinner

Date: November 7, 2013

Location: The Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club

Years Held Previously: Inaugural

Theme/Description of Event: The event, "Stepping out for Scholarships," will benefit the "Advancing Today's Woman Scholarship Fund," which helps local women pursuing educational goals at Hodges University.

Chairpersons: Michele McKenney, Sandra Lee Buxton

Ticket Price: N/A

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HOPE FOR HAITI INC.

Hope for Haiti is an innovative international development organization based in Naples that focuses on creating healthy, sustainable communities. For nearly 25 years, Hope for Haiti's mission has been to improve the quality of life for the Haitian people, particularly children, through education, nutrition, and health care.

Main Fundraising Event: Passport to the Stars Gala

Date: March 8, 2014

Location: Waldorf Astoria Naples

Years Held Previously: 14

Theme/Description of Event: The annual gala is known as the "fun gala" of Naples with entertainment by High Voltage, dancing, cuisine, silent and live auctions. Guests receive their new "'Passport" each year inviting them to treat themselves to a transformational venue which transports them to another place.

Chairpersons: Jo O'Reilly, Pat Holmes, Mary Lottes

Major Sponsors: GoDaddy.com, Arthrex Inc.

Ticket Price: $350

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SOCIAL SEEN

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MAKE-A-WISH SOUTHERN FLORIDA

Event: The seventh annual Wishmaker's Ball, themed "Rock the Night Away as We Roll Out the Wishes," included cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, dinner and silent and live auctions. Guests also danced to the Motown sounds of The Steve Chase Society.
Venue: Hilton Naples
A *Naples Illustrated*-sponsored event

1. Marco and Marie Hernandez, Scott Sherman, Trish Hilbrands 2. Judith Yevick, Amy Sedlacek 3. Reg and Sandra Buxton

Calendar of events

27 **Habitat for Humanity of Collier County**, Pacesetter Dinner, The Country Club of Naples

28 **Fun Time Early Childhood Academy**, Let the Fun Times Roll at Mardi Gras, The Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club

28 **Humane Society Naples**, 14th Annual Pet Lovers Gala, The Ritz-Carlton, Naples

28 **Community Foundation of Southwest Florida**, Celebration of Philanthropy, The Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club

28 **March 1—Barbara's Friends**, The Golisano Children's Hospital Cancer Fund, FineMark Tour Players Tennis Classic, Bonita Bay Club, Bonita Springs

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1 **American Cancer Society**, Bucket List Bash, Naples Jet Center

1 **Foundation for the Developmentally Disabled**, A Very Special Evening for Very Special People, St. John the Evangelist, Naples

1 **Heil Luthringer Foundation for MS**, Hope, Love & Faith MS 5K Run/Walk, Artis—Naples

1 **New Horizons of Southwest Florida**, Benefit Luncheon and Silent Auction, Hilton Naples

1 **North Naples Rotary Club Foundation Inc.**, Naples Craft Beer Fest, Bayfront Place, Naples

6 **Conservancy of Southwest Florida**, Magic Under the Mangroves, Conservancy of Southwest Florida Nature Center, Naples

6 **Drug Free Collier**, Community Awareness Luncheon, The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort, Naples

6 **Ricky King Children's Fund**, Wines Around the World, Shula's Steak House, Naples

8 **Hope for Haiti Inc.**, Passport to the Stars Gala, Waldorf Astoria Naples

8 **JDRF (Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation)**, Hope Gala, The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort, Naples

8 **Project Help of Naples**, The Chocolate Extravaganza, Robb & Stucky International, Naples

8 **Susan G. Komen Southwest Florida**, Race for the Cure, Coconut Point Mall, Bonita Springs