

Buzzworthy

ITEMS OF NOTE

Tom Anderson, Florida Representative from Dunedin/Holiday received the 2009 Advocacy Award from the Florida Council on Aging. He has helped to protect the funding for community and home care programs for seniors.

Jim Warren, popular Clearwater artist, spent the summer making appearances in the United States and Europe with renowned fellow artist Robert Wyland.

Jeff Joyner has been named vice president in private banking at Whitney Bank.

Chris Ponte served renowned chef Thomas Keller at his restaurant, **Cafe Ponte**, while Keller was visiting his family in Tampa Bay. Chef Keller owns the French Laundry in Napa Valley, which has twice been named the best restaurant in the world. Keller has also won almost every other culinary award for his innovative cooking style. Keller reciprocated by inviting Chris to come dine at the French Laundry.

Dr. Harold Shinitzky has received two awards from the Florida Psychological Association. He has been named the 2009 Distinguished Psychologist for his significant work in advancing the profession of Psychology, and for his contributions to the profession in the interest of the public.

Richard Gonzmart, president and fourth generation family member of the **Columbia Restaurants**, celebrated the 50th anniversary of their St. Armands Circle restaurant in Sarasota with a complimentary lunch for over 300 couples who have been married for 50 years or more. Sarasota's oldest restaurant, The Columbia is the sister to the Columbia in Tampa's Ybor City that opened 104 years ago, serving Cuban sandwiches and *café con leche*, and is the oldest restaurant in the state of Florida.



Ken Banas and Chris Ruva hosted a party with John Marzulli of Emerald Contractors at their newly remodeled home in Dunedin. Guests were invited to tour the home, with its new pool, master suite and party room, as they enjoyed tropical island food and drinks.

Monique Knapp is proud to announce that **Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School** in Dunedin has received its reaccreditation from the Florida Catholic Conference. To receive the reaccreditation, the school underwent a comprehensive review by the Conference.

Nancy Cimney of the **Sandpearl Resort** on Clearwater Beach is excited about their new Enrichment Program which offers families daytime excursions that include a meandering cruise to Caladesi Island, where they can explore the island as a guide discusses different ecosystems and a Tocabago Indian burial site. They are also offering Astronomy Nights, where guests can look at the stars through a telescope along with an expert astronomer.

Ed Halleran, vice chair of **Ruth Eckerd Hall's** Foundation Board and chair of their Corporate Committee, presented signed, framed posters, compliments of **Susan Benjamin and Syd Entel Galleries** in Safety Harbor to corporate donors at the Hall's "Shine the Spotlight" Recognition Reception.

Dr. Robert Entel has received the Gold Medal Award from the Florida Radiological Society in honor of his years of service to radiology. He is the son of **Dr. Irwin Entel and Syd Entel**.

Susan S. Roper, M.D. of **Countryside Dermatology and Laser Center** in Clearwater presented a medical accreditation lecture on the non cosmetic uses for Botox, which include gastrointestinal surgery, plus treatments for skin diseases and obesity. Her lecture to doctors of Morton Plant-Mease Hospitals was beamed to doctors, who listened at other hospitals.

Shelly Arias of the Bayou Club in Largo, the office manager of **Eric Arias, DDS.**, has become a representative for Authenticity. She provides a source for guaranteed authentic designer handbags and accessories at discounted prices through in-home parties and individual sales.

Judy Davis of Pinellas Park has joined the Baird Realty Group in St. Pete Beach as a luxury and unique home specialist.

Joanne Sullivan is the new executive director of the University Community Hospital Foundation.

Dr. Haig Mardirosian, internationally renowned organist, recording artist, composer, conductor, music scholar and critic, is the new dean of the College of Arts and Letters at University of Tampa.

Richard Vitraelli, president of the Clearwater Beach Chamber of Commerce, presented **Michael (Frenchy) Preston's Frenchy's Restaurants** with the "Small Business of the Year" award. The Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites Clearwater Beach was recognized as the "Large Business of the Year." Special VIP awards were presented to **Terry Schmidt** of the Clearwater Parks and Recreation Department and **Joe Lain**, Clearwater Lifeguard Director.

Chef **Roland Levi**, founder, announced that Chef **Sharon Maxwell** and her husband **Greg**, owners of **Six Tables Fine Dining** on State Road 580 in Dunedin, has been selected for the 2009 Best of Dunedin Award in the French Restaurants category by the U.S. Commerce Association.