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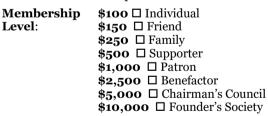
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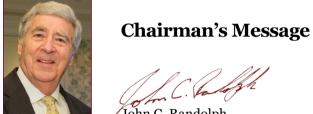
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SEEKING COMMON GROUND for 25 years

2017-18 Season Celebrates 25 years of Seeking Common Ground



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John C. Randolph

As the 2017-2018 season comes to an end, we reflect on an exciting and noteworthy year in the life of the Fellowship, during which we celebrated our 25th anniversary. Our theme was, aptly, Seeking Common Ground, and that goal will not end with the close of the season.

It is hard to believe that so much time has gone by since the Fellowship was founded in 1993 as a result of the concerns of a handful of people who sought to deal with the intolerance, disrespect, and religious discrimination which existed in the Town of Palm Beach at the time. Although founded by a group of Christians and Jews to address a specific problem, anti-Semitism, the Fellowship's broader mission is and has been to address all forms of bigotry, hatred, and intolerance. From the very beginning, the Fellowship has been about inclusivity. That is our aim and that is our goal — whatever our belief, whatever our faith, whatever our race, whatever our culture — that we all learn to understand and respect one another.

We have had a great lineup of programs for you this season, starting with the annual Welcome Back Reception in the fall, followed by our ever-popular Fellowship Friday, Sunday Conversations, and the Annual Dinner, featuring our wonderful keynote speaker, Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks, and the presentation of the 2018 Randolph Award to community leader Joyce McLendon. The old Interfaith Dialogues series was revamped and renamed Pizza & Pathways...in a world turned upside down, and was an immediate hit.

The students who participated in the annual Essay & Creative Arts Competition were celebrated at another "new" event, the May Day Soirée/Annual Meeting. We also sent six outstanding Palm Beach County educators to the Facing History and Ourselves workshop, "The Holocaust and Human Behavior," in Boston last July, and have committed to sending more this summer. I invite you to read more about these programs and events in the pages of this newsletter.

Rabbi Sacks' book about confronting religious violence. Not in God's Name, is apropos to what is happening in the world today and in line with the work of the Fellowship. There is so much anger and turmoil based upon the negative attitudes of those who are unaccepting of others who believe differently than themselves. As part of its mission, the Fellowship seeks to put an end to such attitudes through education and dialogue, by sitting together at the table to attempt to understand what makes us the same and what makes us different and to learn to appreciate those differences. It is our hope that we, with your help, can continue progressing toward our goal of people having more respect for one another, to make the world a better place in which to live, and to never stop Seeking Common Ground.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, thank you to our members and supporters for working with us to help accomplish our goals and fulfill our mission. We look forward to seeing you again next season!













May Day Soirée





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*elected in May 2018

Four New Members Elected to Board for 2018-19

The Fellowship Board of Directors welcomes four new members to its roster of outstanding community leaders to help guide the programs of the organization next season. They include Charles "Chuck" Hagy, Jr., Head of Middle School at The Benjamin School; Suzanne Holmes, Vice President and Relationship Manager at TD Wealth; and Cynthia Kanai, Director of Development at Palm Beach Day Academy; and Debora Weinstein, community leader.



Hagy,

Charles





Facing History and Ourselves

As part of fulfilling its mission, the Palm Beach Fellowship of Christians & Jews supports programs that provide knowledge about diversity and inspire respect for differences. For many years, it has sent Palm Beach County educators to seminars on "The Holocaust and Human Behavior" presented by Facing History and Ourselves, an international educational and professional development organization created in 1976 to engage students of diverse backgrounds to develop a more humane and informed citizenry.

Six Palm Beach County public school and two private school teachers have been selected to attend the seminar this summer on full scholarships provided by the Fellowship. The first part will be presented online July 17-23, followed by the on-site workshop held in Newton, Massachusetts July 24-26. With Holocaust studies mandated by the State of Florida but no funding, this curriculum provides the tools for teachers to bring to their classrooms and schools. Understanding the value of this program, the Fellowship made a commitment to increase the number of educators over previous summers.

The teachers attending "The Holocaust and Human Behavior" seminar this July include:

Kathleen Devine, The Benjamin School Anne Franzen, The Benjamin School Kathleen Keithley, Olympic Heights High School Rachael Kelly, Loggers Run Middle School Sanford Lopater, John I. Leonard High School Bogdan Paraschivoiu, Omni Middle School **Robert Weiner**, Santaluces High School



In addition, the Fellowship is sponsoring two alums of the 2017 Holocaust seminar, Charles Hagy and Chrissie Ferguson, to attend other Facing History workshops in New York in July. Hagy will attend "The Civil Rights Movement: Expanding Democracy," while Ferguson will participate in a program based on the book To Kill A Mockingbird.

A grant from the Palm Beach Country Club Foundation will help support a local one-day workshop tentatively planned for the fall, conducted by Facing History and Ourselves staff. This project will expose more teachers to the programs developed by the organization to help students' understanding of racism, religious discrimination, and prejudice, and to make the connection between history and moral choices in their own lives.

Tell us what you think!

As our Board and committees get to work on plans for next season, let us know what you thought about the programs and events you participated in, what you'd like to see the Fellowship do in the future, why you are a member (or why not, if not!) — and anything else on your mind as to what we are doing right and how we can improve. We want to enter our next 25 years with meaningful programs that enhance and increase our positive impact in the community, and we need you to help us do that!

Please send your thoughts and ideas, kudos and complaints (anonymously, if you wish!), to PO Box 507, Palm Beach, FL 33480 or info@palmbeachfellowship.net. We look forward to hearing from you, and to your active participation and involvement next season!



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The first logo of the Palm Beach Fellowship of Christians & Jews included a white carnation as a symbol of friendship. The flower played a role in the organization's activities through the years such as Fellowship Week, when members handed out white carnations to people in the community.

Debora Weinstein

The logo remained in use until 2005. It has since undergone two revisions.

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November 24, 2017 Connecting the community by doing good, together.

Fellowship Friday is the Fellowship's "mission in action," as we work together to make our community a little bit better. Our projects this season included:

▶ food pantry organization and general residence sprucing up at Adopt-a-Family Program Reach (former Pat Reeves Village) ▶ Root Trail beach clean-up coordinated by Diane Buhler/Friends of Palm Beach

working with the dogs and supplies at Big Dog Ranch Rescue ▶ art project with the residents of Levine

Jewish Residential Services, coordinated by Sandra Thompson and Ralph Pittman ▶ preparing brunch for the families staying at Quantum House while their kids

are in the hospital (coordinated by Donna Plasket and David Breneman)

Visit www.palmbeachfellowship.net for more Fellowship Friday photos.



With an average attendance of more than 100, this popular series brought community members together to share common interests on a wide variety of topics presented by outstanding speakers.



December 3, 2017

Mar-a-Lago: Post to Trump Richard René Silvin | author, lecturer



January 21, 2018

Is Civility Dead...and Does It Matter? Robert Watson, PhD | author, historian



February 18, 2018

Churchill: France, India, and Other Little-Known Controversies Richard D'Elia, PhD | retired Army, professor



March 18, 2018 Beauty and a Couple of Beasts











Special thanks to Royal Poinciana Chapel, St. Edward's Church, Temple Émanu-El, and Well's Fargo for opening their doors to us for these programs.



February 28, 2018 Film: Veils

March 14, 2018 Film: Love the Sinner

> April 11, 2018 Film: Of Many





The revamped/renamed Interfaith Dialogues series provided a fresh format for exploring provocative topics of discussion. Led by longtime Dialogues facilitators, Rabbi Howard Shapiro and Tom O'Brien (with Rev. Burl Salmon filling in for Tom in March), participants enjoyed a light pizza and salad dinner while screening an award-winning short film.

Sitting at round tables encouraged active and lively exchanges on the topics initiated by the films. Based on the success of its inaugural season, the series will be expanded to four Pizza & Pathways sessions during the 2018-19 season.



SEEKING COMMON GROUND for 25 years



Rosalie Franks presents award to Nika Wolfs with Maggie Zeidman and Skip Randolph.

Student Competition Winners ESSAYS

First Place: Sydney Jansen, St. Mark's Episcopal School Second Place: Aayushi Ranjan, Don Estridge High Tech Middle School

Third Place (tie): Jack Regnery, St. Mark's Episcopal School and Nika Wolfs, St. Mark's Episcopal School

Honorable Mention: Lily Guari. Rosarian Academy and

MJ Hanlon, Rosarian Academy

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First Place: Robby Vargas, Rosarian Academy Second Place: Tess Romine, Western Pines Middle School

3-D ART

First Place: Matti Cohen, Rosarian Academy

2-D ART

First Place: Mia Starkman, Pine Crest School Second Place: Victoria Bassey, Western Pines Middle Schoo Third Place (tie): Ava Teo, Pine Crest School and Elyza Lotero, Western Pines Middle School

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Approximately 120 guests enjoyed food, drinks, and fellowship on May 1, 2018, as the Fellowship celebrated the close of the 25th anniversary season!

The event took place in the Palm Court at The Colony Hotel in Palm Beach. In addition to a brief Annual Meeting conducted by chairman John C. Randolph, vice chair Maggie Zeidman reviewed highlights of the season while event photos were shown on a big screen throughout the evening. There was also a brief presentation about Facing History and Ourselves by Chrissie Ferguson, one of the six educators who attended the "Holocaust and Human Behavior" seminar last summer on full scholarships provided by the Fellowship.

The evening concluded with an awards ceremony honoring 15 middle school students whose entries placed in art, writing, photography, and video categories in the 2018 Essay & Creative Arts Competition on the topic, "The Road Not Taken," inspired by the Robert Frost poem of the same name. Education chair Rosalie Franks presented gift cards for school supplies to the teachers of the winning students for providing encouragement and guidance to the students, who received cash prizes, framed certificates, and gift bags for their efforts.

Visit www.palmbeachfellowship.net to view the winning entries and more photos from the event.

Special thanks to Sondra and David S. Mack for their sponsorship of the May Day Soirée.









Clockwise from top left: Kathie Orrico, Patsy and Donald Mintmire; Michael Pucillo, Dick Kleid; Chrissie Ferguson; Eric Lieberman, Diane Buhler, Grier Pressly; Eric Christu, Michael Ainslie; Jan Bolaffi, Stan Godoff, Phyllis Verducci





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SEEKING COMMON GROUND for 25 years

Our annual signature event featured international religious leader, philosopher, and award-winning author, Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks, on January 17, 2018, at The Breakers in Palm Beach. An audience of 230 were enlightened and inspired by the former Chief Rabbi of the United Hebrew Congregations of the Commonwealth, a position he held from 1991-2013. Sacks is the author of more than 30 books, including Not in God's Name: Confronting Religious Violence.

Another highlight of the Annual Dinner was the presentation of the 2018 John C. Randolph Award to community leader and philanthropist **Joyce McLendon**, a founding member of the Fellowship who remains an active member of its Board. The award was established in 2004 to honor a person or organization in the community who exemplifies the mission of the Fellowship.

The day after the Dinner, Frances and Jeffrey Fisher hosted a luncheon with Rabbi Sacks for the Fellowship Board and major supporters at the lovely Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens in West Palm Beach.

Visit www.palmbeachfellowship.net for more photos.



Dinner Co-Chairs Vivienne Ivry and Donna Plasket with Randolph Award recipient Joyce McLendon



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Maggie Zeidman presents Randolph Award to Joyce McLendon



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