



Thanks for another great season!

With the generous support of our members and donors this past season we:

- ▶ sent 9 local educators to *Facing History and Ourselves* seminars in July 2018
- provided the opportunity for more than 100 community members to "give back" the morning after Thanksgiving through *Fellowship Friday* volunteer projects
- presented 3 Sunday Conversations lectures to bring people together to share common interests
- > presented 4 Pathways, Perspectives...and Pizza discussions to explore points of view on topical issues
- recognized 21 middle and high school students for their outstanding entries in the annual Essay & Creative Arts Competition on the topic "Hope"
- ▶ inspired 200 Annual Fellowship Dinner attendees with the words of keynote speaker, Barbara Brown Taylor
- ▶ hosted 24 students and educators at the Annual Fellowship Dinner
- honored Louis Pryor and the late Harold B. Scott with the 2019 John C. Randolph Award for their commitment to making the community more open and inclusive
- ▶ brought members together in fellowship at the Welcome Back Reception and the May Day Soirée

See inside for these and other highlights of the 2018-2019 Season!



Chairman's Message

John C. Randolph

A swe wrap up another season, I think about the many challenges the world has faced with the increase in hate crimes, anti-Semitism, divisive and disrespectful dialogue, racial tensions, and bullying, and the importance, more than ever, of the Fellowship's efforts to illuminate and eliminate these issues. While we are affected by these national and international problems, we feel limited in the impact we can make on them unless we realize that we can start here, in our local community. By working together and focusing attention on the changes, however small, that we can make to foster civil interactions, improve relationships with people unlike ourselves, develop empathy, celebrate diversity, and embrace fairness and equality, there is no limit to what we can accomplish.

As we move forward, let us take inspiration from Anne Frank, who wrote, "How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world."

The moment is now. We will continue to provide meaningful programs and events in support of our mission. We will continue to build bridges with people of all backgrounds. We will continue to come together to show our solidarity and share our grief when tragedy strikes, and take action to prevent such tragedies from happening again. We will continue to support educators and young people to ensure a positive future for generations to come. We will continue to promote the ideals needed to build a better community for all.

We encourage you to add your voice to ours and your neighbors through your participation and commitment to the work of the Fellowship. Let us not wait a single moment more to start improving our world.

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New Board Members elected for the 2019-2020 Season...



...as we bid farewell to Donna Plasket

A Board member since 2016, Donna Plasket has been deeply involved in the work of the Fellowship, from co-chairing the Annual Dinner to judging the Student Competition to participating in Fellowship Friday and other programs/events, such as the Welcome Back Reception, and more. Best wishes to Donna



and her husband David Breneman on their new adventures!

Community leaders Malka Fingold, Richard Kleid, and Sylvia James (left to right) were elected to the Board of Directors for the upcoming 2019-2020 season at the Annual Meeting on May 1.

Fingold has been actively involved with organizations such as the Miami City Ballet and the Jewish Federation of Palm Beach County.

Kleid, a former Palm Beach Town Council member, is active with many local groups such as the Palm Beach Civic and Citizens Associations.

James, a real estate broker, has been involved with many charitable efforts, including Boys and Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County and arts, civic, and health organizations.

We welcome them and look forward to their service on the Fellowship Board!

Reception for Barbara Brown Taylor held the night before the Annual Dinner

Board members, sponsors, and major donors had the opportunity to meet Barbara Brown Taylor at a sunset reception hosted by Board Chair John Randolph and his wife Leslie at their home on March 6, the evening before the Annual Dinner where Taylor was the keynote speaker. Invitations to private receptions such as this are one of the special benefits of Patron and above memberships.





The Fellowship's signature event featured author and noted theologian Barbara Brown Taylor, who spoke on "The Hyphen Between Us." The evening also included the presentation of the 2019 John C. Randolph Award, given annually to a person or organization in the community who exemplifies the mission of the Fellowship, to Louis C. Pryor and the late Harold B. Scott.

Special thanks to Silver Circle Sponsors Frances & Jeffrey Fisher; Speaker's Circle Sponsors Donna Plasket & David Breneman, Vivienne Ivry, and Michele & Howard Kessler; Student Table Sponsors Suzanne Holmes and Debora Weinstein, and Educator Table Sponsors Ellen & Ken Slater.

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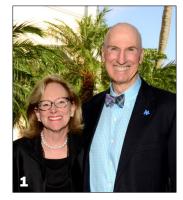


Members celebrate the end of the 2018-2019 Season at the Annual Meeting and Student Competition Awards Ceremony

More than 140 Fellowship members and guests came together at the lovely outdoor Palm Court at The Colony Hotel on May 1 to bring the season to a close. Following inspiring welcoming remarks from Board Chair Skip Randolph, Vice Chair Maggie Zeidman recapped the season with a slide presentation featuring photos of the programs and events. She also talked about the Fellowship's strong commitment to sending educators to *Facing History and Ourselves* seminars (see article on next page) and introduced Anne Franzen, one of the teachers who received a full scholarship from the Fellowship to attend "The Holocaust and Human Behavior" last summer.

Following Franzen's comments, Education Co-Chair Charles Hagy presented awards for the 2019 Essay and Creative Arts Student Competition. Open to middle and high school students in public and private schools in Palm Beach County, winning students received cash prizes for their entries on the topic "Hope." (Visit www.palmbeachfellowship.net to view the wining entries.) The supervising teachers of winning students received monetary support for school supplies, funded by the proceeds of a "Happy Hour for a Cause" by the West Palm 100 service organization.

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



















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to paward winners: Caleigh Little, Katie Black, Samuel Hahn, Amelia Porges, Charlotte Kimmerling, Maya Morales, Bryce Weisser, Luca Balzano, Jackson Lynch;
honorable mention winners: Katarina Orsic, Nicole Perez Rodriguez, Camille Ducoste, Brooke Barboni, Adeline Vining, Lili Hall (not pictured: Olivia Figurella, Gabby Fuentes, Nicholas Hardy, Ella Hayes, Neissa Philemon;
teachers of winning students: Brittany Rigdon, John Peruggia, Melanie Perkins, Steve Gordon, Megan Gilmore, Anne Franzen, Mary Cooney, Robert Bayless (not pictured: Tracy Bartels, Kellie Shellenberger)

Photos: Davidoff Studios







Enter the 2020 Competition!

The Palm Beach Fellowship's Education Co-Chair Rosalie Franks has announced that the theme for the 2020 Essay and Creative Arts Student Competition is inspired by the Edgar Guest poem, "It Couldn't Be Done." Call (561) 833-6150 or write info@palmbeachfellowship.net to get the guidelines and entry form.





Left:

Anne Franzen, an eighth grade social studies teacher at The Benjamin School, shares highlights of the FHAO seminar she attended in July 2018, "The Holocaust and Human Behavior," and how she implemented the curriculum in her classes during the 2018-2019 school year. She made the presentation at the May 1 Annual Meeting.

Ten Teachers Heading to Facing History and Ourselves Seminars in July

The Palm Beach Fellowship of Christians & Jews has again awarded full scholarships to local educators to attend summer seminars hosted by *Facing History and Ourselves* (FHAO), a Brookline, Massachusetts-based educational and professional development organization. The Fellowship has been sending teachers to FHAO workshops for more than 20 years and considers it to be one of its most important projects. Past attendees describe the experience as life-changing and attest to the impact on their students.

Eight teachers will attend "The Holocaust and Human Behavior" in Memphis, Tennessee, July 16-18. With Holocaust education mandated but unfunded in Florida, the training and materials the teachers receive provide them with the vital resources needed in their classrooms, school, and, by extension, the community. The Fellowship maintains contact with the teachers upon their return to ensure implementation of the program and connection with their fellow FHAO alums.

Two educators who have attended the Holocaust and civil rights-related seminars in the past will be attending the "Beyond Borders" workshop in Boston, Massachusetts, July 9-11. This will enable them to build upon the lessons they received in the previous seminars to enhance the impact and effectiveness of their ongoing programs.

- Attending "The Holocaust and Human Behavior" Robert Bayless, The Benjamin School Mary Cooney, St. Ann Catholic School Nathan Ginnetty, The Benjamin School Martyna Klebacka, Loggers Run Middle School Amanda Ladd, Eagles Landing Middle School Bridget Langford, The Gulf Stream School Kyle Schlett, Palm Beach Day Academy Leslie Wilson, Carver Middle School
- Attending "Beyond Borders" Chrissie Ferguson, The Benjamin School Charles Hagy, The Benjamin School

Updates about their experiences will be posted on the Fellowship's Facebook page and website.



Special thanks to Royal Poinciana Chapel, Wells Fargo Private Bank, and Temple Emanu-El for providing the venues for these programs!



This popular series brought community members together to share common interests on a wide variety of topics presented by outstanding speakers.

Next season's presentations will include lectures by René Silvin (December 2019) and Harvey Oyer (January 2020).







January 13, 2019 Royals I Have Known John Browne | former Member of Parliament



February 10, 2019 *A Pictorial History of Palm Beach* **Russell Kelley** III | historian, speaker



First Ladies, from Martha to Melania

Robert Watson, PhD | author, historian

Lively discussions on provocative topics from today's headlines were initiated by the short videos viewed at the start of each session. Encouraged to sit with people they did not know, participants got to know each other while enjoying pizza, salad, and beverages and sharing their thoughts in respectful dialogue.

In a moving moment, Jacqueline Goldman shares her father's Holocaust garment at April 4 Pathways.





Pathways Facilitators: Rabbi Howard Shapiro Thomas G. O'Brien III



January 24, 2019 Topic: Race and White Privilege

February 21, 2019 Topic: Reclaiming and Reinventing Religion

March 21, 2019 Topic: Israelis, Palestinians, and the Settlements

April 4, 2019 Topic: *Holocaust Deniers*



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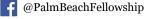
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In Memoriam

We remember Fellowship friends we have recently lost ...

Milton Fine Barbara Kay Elliot Klorfein, MD



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