

FIU dean wins Dade ATHENA award

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Joyce Elam was awarded the 2007 ATHENA Award for Miami-Dade County for her efforts in giving back to the community and helping women achieve at the University's College of Business. She received the honor at the 2007 Williamson Cadillac HUMMER ATHENA Award luncheon hosted by the Hyatt R

Teri Logan, associate head of Miami Christian School, chaired the event and Jen Herrera of WPLG-Ch. 10 was guest emcee. Finalists for the award were Rodriguez, Joanna Schwartz and Nicole Wild.

Title Sponsor Ed Williamson and Coral Gables Community Foundation Executive Director Gloria Burns assisted in the presentation. Music was provided by Ed Williamson on scholarship at the University of Miami, along with Rene Vidal, the music teacher at Miami Christian School, from which Chavarria graduated.

Other committee members involved were ATHENA Vice Chairwoman Victoria Villalba, Joan Reitsma, Jill Beach, Nina Hamilton, Pam Schaefer, John Burns, Linda Hartwell, Clara Isaza, Ada Naranjo, Bonnie Blaire, Mandy Offerle, Lynn Mitchell, Kara Hannon, Nezer Boakye, Jennifer Lowe and Carol

PHOTO HUNT

The Coconut Grove Arts Festival will host its first annual Photo Hunt presented by Photo Pro Inc. from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Oct. 13. The contest is open to

Participants will be provided with four "mystery words" pre-determined by the Festival's Photo Hunt committee. They will then roam the streets of Coconut Grove for the four words, for a total of 16 photos, and return to the Arts Festival office to download them.

The judges will review each participant's entries and select a "Best Photograph" in each of the four categories. A "Best Overall Photograph" will also

The Best Overall Photograph winner will receive a cash prize of \$500. All winners of the Best Photograph award and the Best Overall Photograph will receive a certificate of appreciation, and their photographs will be displayed in the Arts Festival's gallery. In addition, each winner will have their photograph published in the 45th annual Coconut Grove Arts Festival Yearbook.

There is a \$50 registration fee for the Photo Hunt, \$40 with valid student identification and \$40 for Palette members. Those interested may download a

NEW NEIGHBORS

Alston Blair, known for his vibrant voice and one-man musical show, will perform at the monthly meeting of the New Neighbors Club of South Dade. The meeting will be held on Wednesday at Signature Gardens, 12725 SW 122nd Ave. Tickets for members and guests are \$22 each. Reservations required. Call Barbara Richman at 305-444-1111.

SUCCESSFUL YEAR

The Woman's Cancer Association of the University of Miami recently presented \$280,000 in grants for cancer research and comfort for the bereaved with the Madelin Ravlin Memorial Award and Julion Barredo, M.D., with the Archy Clot Memorial Award. Grantees are David I. Sandberg, M.D.; Lisa I. Luongo, M.D.; Patricia Cantwell; and Lourdes Grenier, L.C.S.W. and Nan Van Den Bergh, L.C.S.W., Ph. D.

Patricia Delinois, returning fourth vice president and chairwoman of the Silver Angel Tea, also swore in new officers at the event. They are: Bonnie V. Delinois, president; Frances Baboun, second vice president; Laurie Benedek, third vice president; Kathy Logan, fifth vice president; Carlos Talavera, corresponding secretary; and Carlos Talavera, director.

87 YEARS OF SERVICE

The Coral Gables American Legion Auxiliary Unit 98 recently celebrated its 87th anniversary year with a candlelight ceremony. Installed at the event were: Hanchey, first vice president; Betty Germann, second vice president; Adrienne Reed, treasurer; Denise Beran, chaplain; Toni Meltzer, sergeant at arms; and Lupe Bornn, secretary.

The group, which is known for its work at the V.A. Medical Center, is collecting food and comfort articles for care packages to be mailed to soldiers overseas. The group will be the first place in Division 2 at the Florida State Convention of the American Auxiliary in Orlando.

To find out more about helping the troops visit www.legion.org/support and choose Support Links.

TECHNION MEETING

Jessica Rosental Levy of the American-Israel Political Action Committee, known as AIPAC, will be the guest speaker at the opening meeting of the AIPAC luncheon will begin at 11 a.m. Oct. 15 at Mylos Restaurant, 1111 Ponce de Leon Blvd., Coral Gables. Tickets are \$17. RSVP to Estelle Roth, 305-23

NAOMI CHAPTER

FIU professor of sociology Abe Lavender will speak at the next meeting of the Naomi Chapter of Hadassah at 7:45 p.m. Monday at the Elks' Lodge, 1401 N.W. 17th Ave. For information, call 305-595-7492.

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