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# Society & The Arts

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## The Junior League of Boca Raton's 8th Annual Chocolate Decadence

**Back Row :** Andrea Garcia, 2009 Chocolate Decadence Chair for Junior League of Boca Raton; Rich Garcia, 2009 Chocolate Decadence Chef Chair, Culinary Director of Big City Tavern & Gigi's; Candace Goldstein, Real Estate Manager Boca Center

**Front Row:** Margaret Mary Shuff, Publisher Boca Raton Magazine; Kristen Ross, President Junior League of Boca Raton; Jennifer Minton, 2009 Chocolate Decadence Chair for Junior League of Boca Raton.



On Thursday, February 5 from 6-9pm, The Shops at Boca Center will be transformed into a mecca for chocolate lovers with the arrival of The Junior League of Boca Raton's 8th Annual Chocolate Decadence. A true culinary event, Chocolate Decadence sets the stage for South Florida's finest restaurants, chocolatiers, and caterers to share their renowned chocolate recipes with attendees. The festival includes a competition amongst local chocolatiers, restaurants, and pastry chefs for the creation of Best Dessert, Best Drink, Best Confection, and Best Presentation judged by a panel of highly regarded chocolate connoisseurs. New this year, attendees will enjoy the VIP tent presented by Florida Table Magazine featuring cooking demonstrations by celebrity chefs in a Miele kitchen valued at \$20,000. Just in time for Valentine's Day, guests will have a chance to win a 1-carat diamond through the Altier Diamond Drop.

The highlight of the evening is the naming of the Community Sweethearts. Each year, Chocolate Decadence honors members of the community whose contributions to South Florida have made a longstanding impact. The Community Sweethearts for the 2009 Chocolate Decadence are Steven Abrams, Yvonne Boice, Rocki Rockingham and Mary Wong.

Participating restaurants for the 2009 Chocolate Decadence include Arturo Ristorante, Renzo's of Boca, The Addison, 3030 Ocean, Big City Tavern, Zed 451,2 Fat Cookies, 32 East, Blue Martini, Celsius Beverage, Chrissy's Sweet Treats, Cugini's Grill, Donut Divas, Gigi's, Gol - Taste of Brazil, Max's Grille, Opus 5, Panera Bread, Pranzo, Rocco's Tacos, Seasons 52, Slainte Irish Pub, Smart Water, Starbucks, The Boca Raton Resort & Club, Too Jays, TruBoca, Trulucks, and What a Cupcake

Tickets prices are \$40 for regular admission and \$75 for VIP admission. To purchase tickets, call

and for more information please visit [www.boca-chocolate.com](http://www.boca-chocolate.com). Your general admission ticket price includes great food, spirits, live music and entertainment to make this a decadent event enjoyed by all.

*The Junior League of Boca Raton (JLBR) is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women and improving our community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable. Since 1971, the JLBR has been an integral part of our community. This year, JLBR members will contribute more than 35,000 volunteer hours and donate more than \$250,000 to support our mission in the South Florida community. The Junior League of Boca Raton is part of the Association of Junior Leagues International, which is comprised of 292 Junior Leagues across the United States and in four countries.*

## Skip Reports



Skip Sheffield  
Society Editor

Sometimes Society Guy comes up with a very bad idea.

Choosing to ride my motorcycle to meet LPGA golfing star Morgan Pressel last Sunday was just such an idea.

It was clear and lovely evening where I live in east Boca, but clouds

came out of nowhere and it began sprinkling as I rode west of I-95.

I was like a character out of Johnny Carson's joke soap opera, "The Edge of Wetness" in my not-quite-soaked coat and tie.

I'm sure lovely Ms. Pressel has gotten wet at times playing golf and would understand, so I pressed on to posh St. Andrew's Country Club, where Boca Raton Community Hospital was hosting a reception for Ms. Pressel and the second annual Morgan & Friends Fight Breast Cancer charity golf tournament Feb. 5.

The tragedy of breast cancer struck Morgan right at home. Her mother died of the disease in 2003, when Morgan was only 15.

Morgan went to live with her grandparents Evelyn and Herb Krickstein at St. Andrew's Country Club.

The goal of Morgan's fundraising is to buy a state-of-the-art 100

percent digital Kathryn Krickstein Pressel Mamma Van, named for her late mother. BRCH hopes to get the Mamma Van on the road by 2010.

Another very worthy cause, the Lymphoma Research Foundation, is having an important event this Monday, Jan. 12 at St. Andrew's Country Club.

An "Unlock the Cure" Luncheon features a fashion show by Neiman-Marcus and a "Treasure Hunt."

Our Style Gal, Lisa Swill, will represent us at that event and we will publish photos after the fact.

Lymphoma touched me in an eerie sort of way. My first high school "amour fou" was a lovely girl named Phyllis Morabeto.

Our romance didn't survive my going off to college, but I continued to care about Phyllis because she was my first true love.

Years later I heard Phyllis had

died but I was not sure of how or when until I came in contact with her brother, Keith Morabeto.

Keith was a year behind me at Seacrest High School (now Atlantic) in Delray Beach and he originated the alumni web site. On that seacresths.com site is a memorial page for Phyllis.

Keith told me she was diagnosed with Lymphoma when she was 29. She died just after her 30th birthday, leaving behind a grieving widower and two daughters.

If there is any small thing I can do for the memory of that precious girl, I am only too happy to do it. I can't think of anything more worthy than cancer research.

Tickets for "Unlock the Cure" are \$125 and \$300. Co-chairs are Judith Bronsteen and Jane Yudell. Call 561-218-1071 for reservations and information.

*Skip*

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