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BOCA RATON**

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**2008 Chocolate Decadence - A Sweet Success . . .
Junior League of Boca Raton Raises More than \$50,000 to Benefit Mission**

Boca Raton, FL – The Junior League of Boca Raton (JLBR) in partnership with event sponsor and host, The Shops at Boca Center, recently held the seventh annual Chocolate Decadence with proceeds benefiting the community projects of the JLBR.

More than 1,000 people attended “The Sweetest Party in Town” that featured a menu sampling, hors d’oeuvres and chocolate cocktails. In addition to enjoying delicious food, guests enjoyed a raffle and live music. A special part of the evening was the naming of four community “Sweethearts” who included: John and Margaret Mary Shuff of JES Publishing, Dr. Richard Auclair, retired Obstetrician and Caridad Clinic volunteer, and Charlie Siemon, visionary Boca Raton developer. These four outstanding individuals were recognized for their unique contributions to the local community and area non-profit organizations.

“The proceeds from the 7th Annual Chocolate Decadence event will allow the Junior League to continue to support programs including those that will increase the well being of migrant agricultural workers and their families, to assist children in the many stages of the foster care system and provide financial and volunteer assistance to numerous non-profit organizations in our area,” said Kristin Calder, President of the Junior League of Boca Raton.

“We are grateful to the Shops at Boca Center, the generous sponsors of this event and to the

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Junior League of Boca Raton's Chocolate Decadence Committee for their incredible efforts to make this event a "sweet" success for our entire community," she added.

A pink carpet graced the way for guests to enter the VIP tent. VIPs feasted on delectable foods and desserts from Big City Tavern, Morton's Steakhouse, Cucina d'Angelo, and Hoffman's chocolate. Ultimat vodka, SmartWater, D'vine Wine, PAMA, Daily's, and Schramsberg champagne quenched our guests thirsts and more! Sanctuary Medical Aesthetic Center & NewBeauty provided beauty demonstrations and consultations for our VIPs. The highly anticipated "Altier Jewelers Diamond Drop" sent one lucky winner home with a one-carat Altier diamond. All VIP guests went home with goodie bags full of exclusive gifts.

Guests dined on many treats from Aspen Jacks, Big City Tavern Bar, Blue Martini, Boca Raton Resort, Cabana, Celsius Beverages, Chrissy's Sweet Treats, GOL!- The Taste of Brazil, Gold Coast Seafood Grill, Truluck's Seafood, So Sweet It Is, What a Cupcake, Panera Bread, Passion for Pastry, Romano's Macaroni Grill, Royal Palm Yacht Club, Total Wine & More, and SmartWater. Shopping opportunities were available at the many vendor booths from Pilates classes at Pilates of Boca to beautiful hand crafted jewelry at Russ Wilson Design, as well as many other boutiques.

Another highlight of the evening was the presentation of the "Chocolatier Awards" in several categories to participating restaurants and bakeries. In the Confection category, first place went to Truluck's for assorted truffles in peanut butter, white raspberry, coconut, orange pistachio; second place went to So Sweet It Is for "Boca Trash"; and third place went to Hoffman's Mint, Raspberry, French Chocolate and White Mocha Truffles and Chocolate Fountain with dippings. In the Best Dessert category, first place honors went to the Boca Raton Resort for Raspberry Chocolate Dessert; second place went to the Royal Palm Yacht & Country Club for Chocolate

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Croissant Bread Pudding with Grand Marnier Fudge Sauce and Vanilla Gelato; and third place went to Passion for Pastry for their Semi-sweet Velvet Chocolate Pate with Milk Chocolate Mousse. In the Best Drink category, first place honors went to Gatsby's "Chocolate Toasted Almond Martini"; second place to the Boca Raton Resort's "Boca Raton's Hot Chocolate"; and third place went to Blue Martini's "Cookies & Cream Martini." Finally in the Best Presentation category, Passion for Pastry won first place honors, Royal Palm Yacht & Country Club won second place and the Boca Raton Resort took third place.

Roz Gatewood, spokesperson for The Shops at Boca Center adds, "We were thrilled with the event this year and our partnership with The Junior League of Boca Raton."

Chocolate Decadence is one of many fundraisers that allow the Junior League of Boca Raton to support dozens of community projects and initiatives. Members of the Junior League of Boca Raton will contribute more than 35,000 volunteer hours and donate more than \$250,000 to support their mission in the South Florida community this year.

Any woman interested in becoming a member of the Junior League of Boca Raton is encouraged to attend a Candidate Education Session on Tuesday, April 29th at 7 pm at the Vegso Community Resource Center (Junior League of Boca Raton office) at 261 NW 13th Street, Boca Raton, FL 33432. To RSVP or to receive additional information please contact the JLBR office at 561-620-2553, or visit www.JLBR.org.

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. The Junior League of Boca Raton is part of the Association of Junior Leagues International, which is comprised of 293 Junior Leagues across the United States and in four countries.

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