



JUNIOR LEAGUE OF
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**Junior League of Boca Raton Names Joyce DeVita Woman Volunteer
of the Year**

DeVita Received Nomination from the Boca Raton Historical Society & Museum

BOCA RATON, FL, October 10, 2017 –Joyce DeVita was named the 2017 Woman Volunteer of the Year at the Junior League of Boca Raton’s (JLBR) 30th annual luncheon and fashion show on Thursday, October 5 at Boca Raton Resort & Club. DeVita was nominated by the Boca Raton Historical Society & Museum. In 1995, she chaired the Woman Volunteer of the Year luncheon and fashion show.

This year, 42 women from nonprofits around Palm Beach County were nominated for their dedication and expertise as volunteers. “Every year we are inspired by the accomplishments and commitment of the nominees. Joyce and her fellow nominees are once again outstanding examples of selflessness in our community” said Kirsten Stanley, 2017 Woman Volunteer of the Year Chair.

DeVita is a 31-year volunteer at the Boca Raton Historical Society and Museum (BRHS&M), has served on the Board of Trustees for 11 years and was President for an extended three-year term. During her tenure, she ensured the financial stability and growth of the BRHS&M. A force behind the Boca Bacchanal, she has chaired the event and Bacchanalia twice, and hosted Vintner Dinners for 10 years at her home. Her involvement includes numerous fund raising events and for four years she has chaired the Walk of Recognition.

An accomplished chef, DeVita always contributes to the Museum’s hospitality. She strives to empower the BRHS&M’s mission to preserve Boca Raton’s history, the Town Hall, artifacts and archives by promoting cultural awareness for the community with its museum and educational programs. Joyce is a lifelong volunteer. In her youth, she dedicated herself to many Boca Raton organizations. Joyce is happily married to Thomas DeVita and has a 22-year old son, Adam, attending Columbia University. Her family also takes care of her 91-year old father, who has lived with them for 17 years.

The JLBR’s luncheon once again featured Saks Fifth Avenue Boca Raton as the exclusive Fashion Sponsor. Saks presented a Fall Trends runway show headlined by a curated assortment of looks from the contemporary ready-to-wear line, Cinq à Sept, as well as a personal appearance from the brand’s Founder and CEO, Jane Siskin.

The 2017 Woman Volunteer of the Year Honorary Chair was Barbara Schmidt and sponsors included award sponsors, Boca Raton Regional Hospital Foundation and the Christine E. Lynn Women's Health & Wellness Institute, fashion show sponsor, Saks Fifth Avenue Boca Raton, and media sponsor, Boca Magazine.

The Junior League of Boca Raton's mission focuses on training volunteers, developing the potential of women and improving the community through effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Each of the Woman Volunteer of the Year nominees embodies the League's mission as women building better communities.

The 2017 nominees were: Patricia Roseboom (Alzheimer's Association), Felette Branch (American Cancer Society), Lulis Camerena (Best Foot Forward Foundation), Roni Robert (Boca Ballet Theatre), Pat McCarthy (Boca Helping Hands), Mary Jo Visser (Boca Raton Christian School), Dianne Schellig (Boca Women's Club), Alex Kennedy (Boca Raton Firefighter Benevolent), Joyce DeVita (Boca Raton Historical Society & Museum), Robin May (Boca Raton Museum of Art), Dr. Evelyn Bohm (Brain Matters Research), Dr. Lisa Martinez (Caridad Center), Morgan Green (Caring Hearts Auxiliary), Mary Kaub (Crockett Foundation), Patti Alexander (CROS Ministries), Debra Tendrich (Eat Better Live Better), Daniela Gordon (Experience Camps), Simone Spiegel (Florence Fuller Child Development Centers), Christine Brownstein (For The Children, Inc.), Stacey Packer (George Snow Scholarship Fund), Marilyn Blanco-Corey (Golden Bell Education Foundation and The Inner Circle Executive Club), Marie Herrera (Guardian ad Litem Program Palm Beach County), Helen Bass (Habitat South Palm Beach), Marla Jaffe (Hoping 4 a Cure for Multiple Sclerosis), Susan Brockway (Impact 100 Palm Beach County), Jackie Reeves (Junior League of Boca Raton), Nicole Roman (KidSafe Foundation), Dr. Judith Garcia (National Society of Arts & Letters East Coast), Anne Dufour Zuckerman (Office Depot Foundation), Andrea Reid (Place of Hope at the Leighan and David Rinker Campus), Claudia Vidal Fehribach (Rotary Club Boca Raton West), Dr. Heidi Schaeffer (Soroptimist International), Corinne Rea (Spirit of Giving Network), Dionne Boldin (Student ACES), Mary Sol Gonzalez (The Children's Museum, Inc.), Colleen Schuhmann (The Delray Beach Public Library), Julia Kadel (The Miracle League of Palm Beach County), Nancy Harvey (The Open Door Mentoring For Teen Mothers), Danielle Rosse (The Women's Executive Club of South Palm Beach), Melissa Burkhardt (Unicorn Children's Foundation), Pamela Polani (Women for Excellence), Beth Johnston (YMCA of South Palm Beach County).

Photos from the event may be downloaded at <https://flic.kr/s/aHsm6NoQ7e>

About the Junior League of Boca Raton

Throughout the year, JLBR members will contribute more than 35,000 volunteer hours and donate more than \$250,000 to support our mission of training volunteers, developing the potential of women and improving the South Florida community. To learn more about the JLBR, please contact the JLBR office at [561-620-2553](tel:561-620-2553) or visit

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Mission Statement

The Junior League of Boca Raton (JLBR) is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women and improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. JLBR's community initiatives focus on issues that have been identified as being of greatest concern within the community: Hunger, Child Welfare and Non-Profit Support. JLBR's purpose is exclusively educational and charitable.

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