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Clubs Host Memorable, — Entertaining Evening For Local Women



Fusion Gals

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Martin County (BGCMC) held its Eighth Annual Gathering of Goddesses on May 13 at the Mansion at Tuckahoe in Indian RiverSide Park in Jensen Beach.

Over 200 supporters, sponsors and vendors attended the event, which helps support BGCMC's H. Wayne Huizenga branch in Palm City. Goddesses were treated to an evening

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of dinner, drinks, dancing, shopping, pampering and salon services.

BGCMC's East Stuart Culinary Club designed and prepared the event's menu, which featured vegetarian lasagna and coconut curry chicken with basmati rice. The Culinary Club is part of BGCMC's Healthy Habits program, which was launched to help reduce childhood obesity by encouraging children and teens to use fresh vegetables and herbs, especially those grown on site at the clubs. Activities include learning to cook healthy meals, how to set a table, meal etiquette and more.

"We want to thank everyone who has helped make this event an exceptional one for nearly a decade now," said Anne McCormick, BGCMC's executive director. "The women who both organize and attend the event are truly Goddesses

to the club members who benefit from their extraordinary generosity."

BGCMC's H. Wayne Huizenga branch in Palm City opened in 2009 and now serves approximately 120 children and teens 6 to 18 years of age through a very low-cost, comprehensive curriculum both after school and during the summers.

Fusion Salon and Spa was the event's Presenting Sponsor and Services Provider. Located in St. Lucie West, Fusion is a full service Aveda salon and spa. Nationally awarded in design and in best business practices, its mission is "to care for your needs in a manner unmatched by the salons you have visited before." To learn more about Fusion Salon and Spa, please call (772) 464-0772 or visit www.fusionwest.com.

Others sponsors were The Firefly Group, Harmony Healing Arts Center, Hesperides Group, InHouse

Advertising, Island Party Rentals, Law Office of Jean Laws Scott, Ram Realty, Seabreeze Publications, Tara Biek Creative, Touché Beauty, Webs by Melissa and Women in the Environment.

Shopping vendors included: Callison Creations, Cordo Bags, Diana's Crystal Creations, Downtown Divas, It Works!, Global Body Wraps, Patty Anderson Designs, Samba Custom Designs, and Stella & Dot Jewelry.

This year's event was co-chaired by Stacy Ranieri and Kathryn Durno, and the Goddess Committee members were: Wendie Berardi, Jessica Briske, Dominique Calero, Maria Hallowich, Taryn Kryzda, Jessica Layne, Lauren Paradise, Jade Smith, Sandra Stiger and Melissa Zolla.

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About Boys & Girls Clubs Of Martin County

Boys & Girls Clubs of Martin County (www.bgcmartin.org) inspires and enables all young people, especially those who need us the most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens.

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For more than 100 years, Boys & Girls Clubs of America (www.bgca.org) has enabled young people, especially those who need clubs most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens. Today, some 4,000 Boys & Girls Clubs serve more than 4.2 million young people through club membership and community outreach. Clubs can be found throughout the country and on U.S. military installations worldwide, providing young people 6-18 years old with guidance-oriented character development programs conducted by trained, professional staff. Key programs emphasize leadership development; education and career exploration; community service; technology training; financial literacy; health and life skills; the arts; sports, fitness and recreation; and family outreach. In a Harris Survey of alumni, 57 percent said the club saved their lives. National headquarters are located in Atlanta.



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