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## Luncheon supports MS Society

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It was a rainy day in Fort Lauderdale but that didn't deter nearly 850 supporters from the tri-county area from attending the annual National MS Society South Florida Chapter Luncheon at the Broward County Convention Center and raising \$600,000 for the organization.

The festivities began at 10 a.m. with champagne and a silent auction in the hallway that spanned the space of several ballrooms. Guests mixed and mingled and lined up for souvenir photos in front of a backdrop. Luncheon in the ballrooms was accompanied by fine wines.

Ira Feld Davidoff, chairwoman, and Karen Shneier, president of the MS South Florida Chapter, welcomed guests along with Erik Sussman, president of Mass Mutual Financial Group, the event's title sponsor. Honorary co-chairwoman Monica Goldstein and Carrie Schulman continued to inspire guests with their dedication to the chapter.

The luncheon honored David P. Samson, president of the Miami Marlins, with the MS Hope Award for his tireless efforts on behalf of the National MS Society. It is the Society's highest volunteer award.

The presentation of the Dr. Howard Zwibel Scholarship Award went to Alexis Lizarraga. The scholarship is awarded annually at the luncheon to an outstanding neurology resident in the field of MS at University of Miami's Miller School of Medicine.

For information, visit [NationalMSSociety.org/Chapters/FLS](http://NationalMSSociety.org/Chapters/FLS).

**Lobby hotel becomes new exhibit**  
Local artists and mem-



**ARTSERVE EVENT** Leonardo Montoya, left, Danny Dapuzzo and Jaye Abbate. SUBMITTED PHOTOS



**ARTSERVE EVENT** Diane DeLorey, left, Emrico Flasetto and Renee Falsetto.

bers of the community gathered for a cocktail reception to celebrate the "Bold and Beautiful" exhibition currently on display in the lobby of The Atlantic Hotel and Spa. The exhibition is part of the Hotel's ongoing partnership with ArtServe, an organization that features the works of local artists. It will be on display through April and features the works of six different South Florida-based artists.

Guests enjoyed wine and hors d'oeuvres provided by Atlantic's Deauty and the Feast Restaurant as they met with the featured artists including Susan Clifton, a mixed media painter whose work explores fractal shapes that form "fabric mosaic;" Diane Delorey, a painter whose work experiments with movement and space in bold hues and textures; and Michael D. Harris, whose work is inspired by the intricacy of Florida's waterway systems and focuses on recreating them into 3-D forms.

Other artists included in the exhibition are Renee Falsetto, an abstract expressionist who works in oils, acrylics and mixed



**GOLD COAST GUILD EVENT** Nancy and Cindy Pedicord.

media; Leonardo Montoya, an artist whose work recreates popular images with a classical approach and a contemporary twist; and Carlos Pundik, a 3-D artist who creates visual senses through exhilarating and kaleidoscopic work. The sales from the art works support local artists.

ArtServe is a nonprofit arts organization with a mission to provide programs, events, business opportunities, and facilities that help local and emerging artists.

For information about ArtServe, visit [www.ArtServe.org](http://www.ArtServe.org).

**'Speak Easy' to fea-**

**ture fashion show**

"Speak Easy For A Cure" is the theme of the Cystic Fibrosis Gold Coast Guild's 2016 Spring Luncheon and Fashion Show planned for March 14 in the Crystal Ballroom at the Hyatt Regency Pier 66 in Fort Lauderdale.

Nancy Pedicord is co-chairperson along with her daughter, Cindy Pedicord, both long-time supporters of the Guild.

Guests can dress in their pearl strands, feathers and flapper dresses, while raising money to fund research aimed at finding a cure for Cystic Fibrosis.

The luncheon will in-

clude a fashion show by Godfrey, with Bloomingdale fashions.

For reservations, call Reba Amdur at 954-610-4627 or e-mail [rkamdur@yahoo.com](mailto:rkamdur@yahoo.com).

**GLLN kicks off annual gala in March**

The Gay and Lesbian Lawyers Network will present its fifth annual gala on March 13 at The Venue, 2345 Wilton Drive in Wilton Manors. A VIP reception will take place from 3:15 to 4 p.m. and will include an open bar and hand passed appetizers. The main event will include open bar, food stations and a silent auction.

Up for the highest bid is a wedding package valued at \$24,000.

The event will benefit the Pet Project and Latinos Salud, Broward HIV/AIDS service organizations.

Pet Project is a charitable organization whose goal is to promote, preserve and enable persons with life threatening or disabling conditions, senior citizens, and those who are suffering from economic factors to keep their pets.

Latinos Salud was founded in 2008 to cre-

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