



Police Foundation: Fundraising Events by Thomas F. Murphy

In last month's article we talked about the efforts of Police Foundation's to gain the financial support of the local community, both residents and businesses, and various ways in which donations and gifts can be given. These included the annual appeal, wills and bequests, gifts of appreciated stocks, electronic funds transfers and scholarship programs.

We also spoke about various fund raising events that are either conducted by the police foundation or events where the foundation is the financial beneficiary.

Your Palm Beach Gardens Police Foundation recently held its first Spring Carnival on the grounds of the Amara Shrine Center on RCA Boulevard. The event ran for three days in conjunction with The Honda Classic and was well attended each day and evening. In addition to rides and games, there was lots of fun and food. A highlight of the event was the appearance of "Rescue 5" – a salvaged and restored FDNY fire truck that had responded to the 9/11 disaster in 2001. The vehicle is part of the Remembrance Project and travels all over the country educating people about 9/11 with a particular focus on kids who either were not born yet or were too young to understand when it happened. You can learn more about the Remembrance Project at <http://www.remembrance.co/>. The carnival itself was a success by all measures and the Foundation is looking forward to its 2nd Annual Carnival.

Our next program will be the Legacy Place Food and Wine event scheduled for April 25th at Legacy Place, a unique outdoor destination on PGA Boulevard that has it all. Held every year for the past 5 years, the Legacy Place Food and Wine hosts an eclectic group of wine tastings with samples of outstanding cuisine provided by participating restaurants. The honorary chair of the event will be Ms. Jan Norris, a noted restaurant writer and former food columnist for the Palm Beach Post. Live music and on-site radio

celebrities will add to the festivities. The event runs from 7 pm to 9 pm with a VIP Lounge sponsored by The Capital Grille open from 6:30 pm until 9:30 pm.

A wide assortment of Palm Beach County's most popular and well-respected restaurants will be showcasing their best cuisine created by their most innovative chefs. You can learn more about this event at www.legacyplacefoodandwine.com

Funds raised by the event allow us to fund a variety of initiatives important to public safety, crime reduction and an improved quality of life for all. Preventing crime, saving lives and making your community a better and safer place to live, work and visit is good for your family and it's good for your business.

Next month we'll talk more about the Palm Beach Gardens Police Foundation Scholarship program which will kick off in 2013. We are putting the finishing touches on the program and hope to announce specifics later this month.

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