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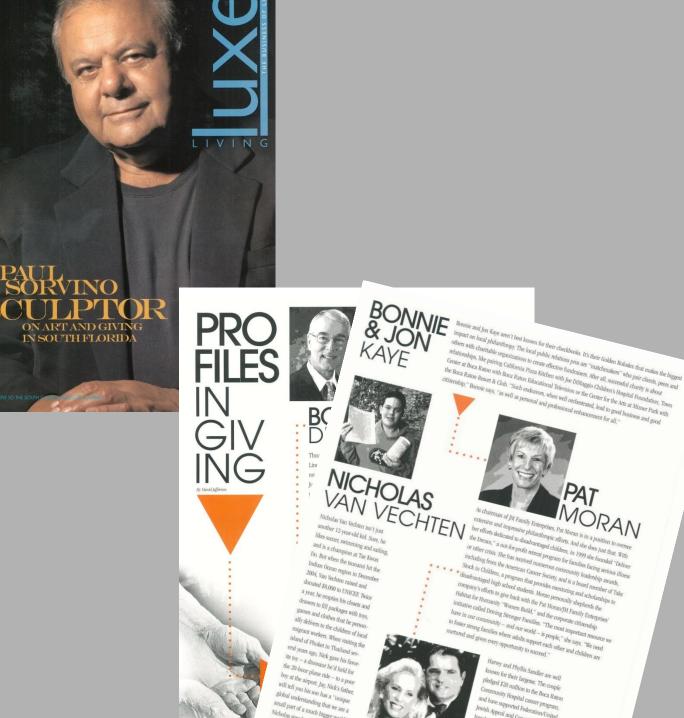


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known for their largesse. The couple pledged \$20 million to the Boca Raton Community Hospital Cancer program, and have supported Federation Jewish Appeal and Congregation B'nai Israel. "Caring for the community is the responsibility of everyone - in any way they can. Devoting time, energy, and resources makes a difference in the lives of many," Phyllis Sandler says. "It is a comfort to have cancer care available close to home, as this new center will provide. In fact, it is a blessing."

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Once you have narrowed your list to five do

a more formal exploration via organization Websites. Then call the contacts listed to

set up a meeting, as you will want to learn more about the organization's mission, membership, accomplishments to date

and vision for the future, current needs, upcoming events, etc.

Many companies limit their involvement

to donating monies, buying tables at galas or foursomes at golf tournaments that

significantly raise much needed awareness

don't have to pick just one cause) you will easily find creative, inexpensive supportive

Nonprofits need everything from donations of office space, furniture, staffing,

to support for fund-raising networks, introductions to new funding sources and dedicated board members and volunteers

computers/equipment and supplies,

opportunities.

and funds. But, there are many ways for companies of all sizes and budgets

to creatively "bring something to the nonprofit table." Once the "giving back" philosophy permeates your organization, and the meaningful matches are made (you

### Business & Community Find Your Nonprofit Soulmate

By Bonnie S. Kave

Somewhere in South Florida's abundant community of worthy nonprofits is the perfect match for your business. The challenge for most businesses, large and small, is choosing which to support and how to begin.

First, make sure that the organization and mission you choose has meaning to you and your company. Your selection will determine and propel the significance of your support, internally and externally.

The cause you choose can be tied to your industry (disease-related for hospitals, legal aid for attorneys, chambers of commerce initiatives), your comunity's immediate needs (hurricane relief, cultural arts expansion, environmental issues, parks and recreation programming), an employee's personal plight (domestic violence, affordable housing, illness-related) or company branding (the opening of a new facility, lobbying industry association platforms).

If your choice has meaning to you and your organization, it will easily become a part of your daily 'think' pattern, work routine and corporate strategies. You and your staff will then naturally find ways to enlist and increase involvement with the financial, human and in-kind resources your company has available.

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To find "meaning" for a "match," begin by researching organizations through a variety of informal and formal ways. Read your data meswspaper, survey employees colleagues and family on their current involvement, conduct Internet searches by category, and review published community and society calendars.

> Like many busy professionals, you might lack sufficient time to personally do this research and matchmaking yourself. Consider creating an in-house staff committee to research and make recommendations to you. Then arrange a meeting between you, your committee and the nonprofit. You can also retain a professional "public/private community matchmaker," which can be an individual or public relations/ marketing firm that is already knowledgeable and deeply rooted in a variety of community initiatives.

Once you find your match, the rewards for your efforts are limitless. A company pulling together to help the community gains team spirit, increased internal and external are spect, and collective pride in knowing its efforts lead to a greater good right in their own backyard.

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### FOUNDING A SOLUTION

You and your company are likely inundated with requests for donations, silent auction gifts, sponsorship dollars, gula table purchases, etc. to benefit a host of morprofit missions and causes. Several request will be from collegues and clients you do not want to disappoint, family friends or perhaps those will be from collegues and clients community relations initiatives and/or business endesors.

endeavors. Most likely, 90 percent of the requests will Most likely suppresent or use require a with specialized vital missions in a variety of genres. You want to give to all, but your philanthropic budget line may not even cover 25 percent of the requests pouring in.

Getting the gift for giving

To simplify your decision making and reduce your personal' responsibility, review time and areas your may want to consider establishing a company finded foundation. This would also catruptly your engangy's community impact and community finder foundation. This would also catruptly your engangy's community impact and community finder foundation. This would also catruptly your and the second second second second second second second your company secting op a foundation cruit bet review the merits of the requestory presentations by ablanced, unbiased group ofindividuals that will review the merits of the requestory presentations and the second second second second second between the review the merits of the requestory presentations and the second s

#### Where do you start?

Begin with informal research to first see if the concept of setting up a foundation is of interest to you and benefits your company's mission, vision and business objectives. A quick review of various foundations on the Internet should give you insight on how other companies have set up their own foundations and how you might consider developing your own.

Search the Websites of foundations established by large companies, such as the *IM* Family Foundation, California Pizza Kitchen Foundation and the Simon Youth Foundation.

and the Strinon Youth Foundation. Entrepreneurs who operate and own several companies and business owners of smaller private companies often prefer to establish their foundations in their own family name. Visit sites for such family foundations as the George Snow Foundation, John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, Anthony R. Abraham Foundation, Amaturo Four Arison Foundation and John E. and Nellie J. Bastien Memorial Foundation.

While researching foundations, note-

- What types of causes do they support? Is the a single mission type listed? Are there areas the they don't support file, religious and political groups?
- How is it funded 6.e. by the corporation, employee donations, fundraising events, etc.3?
- Are there geographic restrictions? Some foundations only grant funds to organizations or causes that operate within the communities in which they have facilities and locations or deliver
- Do they have monthly quarterly or annual dealines for request reviews? When do they announce their gifts fits a winter or spring, or an actual date? and how fits check presentation to accompany a news release, letters to requestors, etc.3?

Once you have done your informal research, you should contact your corporate accountant, and an attorney who specializes in incorporating, developing and administering corporate-based and

family foundations, to coursel you on both the financial and legal aspects of this venture, and to help you determine whether or not establishing a foundation is of benefit to your organization. Once the foundation is legally incorporated, financial arrangements and a bank account are secured, key causes are determined, and application process and guidenness sty you need to appoint a review committee and clearly outline to members their responsibilities, the process and deadlines. Committee members cau be selected from inside (management, staff members, exclose and deadlines. Committee members can be selected from inside (management, staff members, exclose and deadlines. Committee members can be selected from inside (insigned). This importance to the tetrers must be seen to all funds. The fundation is not but isside

requestors as to whether or not they were awarded funds. The foundation should announce, publish and distribute its guidelines via news releases to the media, letters to key nonprofit organizations and Web site posting.

media, letters to key nonprofit organizations and Website posting. Since a foundation must file an annual report to the government, you might want to consider developing and distributing a well-designed annual proport (which can be as bedie as four pages to community and business leaders, yoar current and prospective clients/customers, media, etc. While establishing a foundation can take several months to finalize, you can begin developing announcing and publishing your new corporate giving guidelines for the upcoming season. This will belp corar lerguests and create positive avareness of your generosity throughout the community.

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## **DOING THE BOARD WALK**

When business leaders are approached about joining the board of a nonprofit, many are honored and looking forward to the networking opportunities these select positions offer. Butit's important to remember that being a board member comes with great

responsibility. Nonprofits select, elect and use their board members to reach numerous goals, including fundraising, awareness, community outreach, business leadership, community positioning, advocacy and lobbying Because they tap board candidates for certain strengths, it's vital that potential members know the specific attributes the groups are targeting them for and what is expected of them before making a commitment.

With acceptance of a board position, make sure you are able to remain "a hero" in the eyes of both the organization and its select "club" of board members. If you accept a position that you cannot completely fulfill or exceed expectations for, all your goodwill and best tentions can become an albatross of guiltladen excuses.

A group of your professional and personal peers may be disappointed with your performance – tarnishing the reputation ou have worked so hard to build within the business and nonprofit communities.

Before accepting a board position, consider the following:

#### The time involved

If you travel and/or need to be available to indle unanticipated crises for your company. do not commit yourself to an organization that requires you to attend weekly meetings or work on several committees. If you have young children in a school carpool, you do not want to commit to early morning meetings. If you IF YOU ACCEPT A POSITION THAT YOU CANNOT COMPLETELY FULFILL OR EXCEED EXPECTATIONS FOR, ALL YOUR GOODWILL AND BEST INTENTIONS CAN BECOME AN ALBATROSS OF GUILT-LADEN EXCUSES.

ready serve on several boards, be sure that adding one more commitment will allow you to deliver for each without conflict.

#### The monetary commitment

Many boards require a minimum gift members. This can range from an annual or lifetime membership to an annual gift, or a one-time significant minimum contribution of \$1,000, \$10,000 or much, much more. It the amount is more than you can afford, ask if the donation can be a "give or get," meaning you can either give the required amount or be responsible for raising that amount from the community or colleagues throughout the year. The "get" option, if available, works well for those with limited cash who can draw upon a universe of relationships.

#### **Clarify expectations**

Surprise tasks can be serious distractions to your everyday business routine and build unnecessary angst.

#### Learn the board walk

Because of the challenging and competitive fundraising environment in which nonprofits function, they now offer many types of board participation. These include advisory boards, executive boards, boards of directors, patron circles, ambassador circles, trustee designation, etc. Know which one best suits your needs.

#### Can you make a difference?

While a nonprofit may believe you can make a significant impact on its future, it is you who truly needs to feel you can make a meaningful difference. If you are not sure that you can be a rainmaker for the organization. you need to do more research and soul searching. Ask yourself if you are personally attached to the cause, such as

a health-related mission that has touched your family, friends or colleagues

- an education-based organization such as the university you attended or the institution from which you get many of your employees
- · a cultural arts-based organization that supports

an issue-related mission that taps into your personal passions/experiences or industry needs, such as a humane society, environmental cause, church or synagogue, or your children's private school

The Chinese philosopher Confucius said "if you love what you do, then you will never work a day in your life."

The same is true of board members who are vital influences helping to make their community's future brighter. To be one of the best, you must have a

natural personal connection and interest in the nonprofit, heightened passion for its cause, plus steadfast commitment. Remember the board walk bottom line. Accept well and you will do well.

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# PLAN FOR 2007 NOW

Similar to the way retail and entertain companies plan their "return on investment" strategy 12 to 18 months shead of each season, all businesses should now be considering their "return on community involvement" (ROCD strategy for 2007.

Our firm has coined the phrase as a catch-all for the many golden "positioning" opportunities that support and help businesses meet or exceed their

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a competitor may have already sown up its exclusive industry category for a high profile event that attracts key markets/audiences

\* that hallowed "positioning" chairman spot has been spoken for

\* affordable sponsorship levels are filled

#### · events are sold out

When event dates and related details a not blocked off early enough in their PDAs, the unfortunate "tail wagging the dog" scenario prevails. The later planned commitments and travel schedules dictate which covered events company executives will miss. Without blocking out their calendars, executives may book business trips on the days of great events, and cannot back out of them once conflicts are realized. So, begin planning your 2007 ROCI strategy

- today
- Approach the process as a marketing/relationship-building tool for your company both internally (staff) and externally (client, industry colleague).
- Rarring debys coursed by unanticipated incidents such as hurricane impacts, or the addition of totally new inaugural events, most annual events occur on the same dateor weekend as the previous year. Research this past season's listing of nonprofit

events, and pencil (not pen) in the initial events/ dates of interest.

Effectively choose/match the event GN team, black tie gala, concert, golf tournament and the invites (chert, government coldical vendoe/to you overall business and/or philanthropic objectives. Then prioritize the involvement levels to meet your "community" budget.

 Visit the organizations' Web sites to learn more about their missions and events, and the related opportunities. Call the event coordinator as soor as possible to begin the dialogue of participation options

• Once you have selected the events/activities to support, employ the same earnestness that you do in booking your daily business appointments or scheduling your social and children's school calendars. Immediately block each datue of interest on your calendar, and then alert those in and outside your organization that you willinvite to join you. To increase bays in send them updates on the event, the organization's mission and why you are supporting it and inviting them to join you.

While many know months in advance that they have committed to sponsorships that include a company table or golffournow, a large percentage wait until days before to fill the seats. By waiting until the last minore, youlose great relationship-building potential.

Keep a checklist of all deadlines, and allow for ample time to fulfill them.

If an advertisement is part of your sponsorship package, be aire to design one that connects to the event and organization. The homorese etc. Inserting a corporate commercial style ad does in convey the community relations mission of your sponsorship, efforts, etc.

If signage is included, be sure the organization has the exact art and PMS colors to be consistent with your company's branding.

When finalizing your co want to ask the following que nitment, yo

- What are the particulars of the event? file, date time, location, attire, theme, mission/objective pre-event activities, etc.)
- + Is a committee being formed to support it?
- Are there sponsorship opportunities? (These range from minimal arrounts to title sponsor which are much higher in cost and profile)
- If the current ones do not adequately meet my resources and the event needs, can licreate a new sponsorship category?
- \* What can sporsors expect for their contribution (a table, an ad signage, etc.)? Make sure you have all aspects in writing from the enguisation. That way, neither party is unclear or embarrased by incorrect assumptions or unanticipated surprises
- Are there in-kind sponsorship opportunities? (Sometimes your productor service can see them an expense line on their event/campaign budget)
- Is there an ad journal? What are the deadlines and specs for the ads?
- When will I see a wrap-up of sponsorship fulfillment by the organization? What form will it come in? file news clips, chart, etc.)

The earlier you get involved in planning your RCCI strategies for the next season, the more excitement and passion will not more with it. The more planning and passion, the more return you will garner on your investment of time, dollars and community outreach.

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BOCA RATON, FL (July 31, 2011) - Kaye Communications, Inc. will sponsor its first annual "White Coats 4 Care" reception to benefit the inaugural class of Florida Atlantic University's new medical school in the Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine on Monday, August 1, 2011. Event admission is a pledge or donation with a minimum per-person gift of \$100 to underwrite and dedicate a white coat for a new medical student. The important fundraising event, which offers a wide variety of contribution opportunities to support the new school and its students, will take place from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at The Bridge Hotel's Carmen's Restaurant - Top of the Bridge located at 999 East Camino Real in Boca Raton.

To attend the "White Coats 4 Care" reception co-hosted by the Bridge Hotel, guests can select from a meaningful roster of contribution opportunities. In addition to the minimum \$100 gift to underwrite a white coat, gift opportunities range from \$150 to underwrite a student's stethoscope to a full medical student welcome package, and scholarship award, all presented with a personalized welcome note with the donor's name and information about them. Other opportunities for support include the dedication of a chair in a classroom or auditorium, or sponsorship with "naming ability" to underwrite one or two "Care in the Community" health screening and patient care programs staffed by the medical students twice a year for indigent members of the community



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### **Fidelity fund** sells Tao loan to Corus Bank

#### BY BRIAN BANDELL

Cons Rank has more of its millions riding on the groundbreaking Tan high-rise condo in Sunrise after buy-ing out the mescanine lender. Real estate experts are questioning whether buyers will close on units for as much as \$800,000 with a sky-high view of Sawgrass Mills and the Everglades. Tao's bru-mewers are comprised, but developed Weitzer/Kislak Saw-grass has yet to close a sale on any of its 3% units. Chicago-based Corus, on ed the largest condo con-struction lenders in South Florida, bought Tao's mezza-tine loan from Fidelity Real Estate Growth Fund II on Oct. 10, according to Broward County court records. At

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#### Miami firms make big deal – not here BY JANET LEISER

Mamifs Adler Group and America's Capital Partners LLC are doing something different in these dog days of commercial real scatta deals – making what could be the largest industrial deal of the year in the Tampa Bay area. Adler has paid 2824 million, or nearly 3853 asquare foot, for 15 buildings with 332,582 square-foot in east Tam-near 14. Selfer America's Capital Partners LLC began assume the America's Capital Partners LLC began assume that the Americ

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### Dermatologist diversifies for growth

BY BILL FROGAMENI

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cal students and interns. She said she has teaching relationships with both Florida Atlantic University

#### Dr. Marta Rendon uses the dermatoscope on Ana Gonzalez of PGAL Architects.

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ure. Currently, she can be seen in a media campaign for Procter & Gamble's Head & Shoulders shampoo. P&G promotes her as a 'dermatologist to the stars' in ads appearing in glosys fashion magazines like *Elle* and *Cosmopolitan*. Rendon said she treast scleivitize has desired.

orities, but declined to reveal which ones, citing patient confidentiality. The media ex-posure is good for business. Ti separates you, she says. Ti gives you more prestige.

BOLSTERING CREDIBILITY Rendon also bolsters her med cal credibility by instructing medi-Physician assistant Lorraine Kryvicky uses blue light therapy on patient Jamie Gar-

THE CHALLENGES Juggling business and personal life.

Making the leap from being an employ ee on a set income to becoming an entre-preneur.

Dealing with changes in compensa tion from insurance companies.

\_\_\_ LESSONS LEARNED You have to be diver-

You have to work very hard. You can't sit at home and expect your business to grow.

Be passionate about what you do and enjoy it.

cal statustication and interms. She said the has tasking tables with both Florid Aldanite University and Aldanite University Aldanite Unit dream. Reflecting proudly on what the Dermatology and Aesthetic Center has become, she said: "It's like I have my little dermatology world there."

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### The Rotary Club of Boca Raton OPAL Awards

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## Six honored at 12<sup>th</sup> annual Rotary Club OPAL Awards

The 12th Annual Rotary Club of Boca Raton OPAL Awards held Jan. 16 at the Boca Raton Marriott honored six Boca Raton residents for achievements and contributions to the community

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Alan Kaye and Neil Saffer were co-chairs of the event and Jon Kaye was event producer. OPAL stands for Outstanding People And Leaders, and the

award is given in several categories. Recipients were. Mickey Gomez, head of the Boca Raton Parks & Recreation Department, for civil service, Ben and Rosemary Krieger, boards members, donoes and volunteers to various charitable agencies, community service, Kevin Turner, advanced placement human geography teaders and girls varsity soccer oach at Spanish River High School, education, Dr. Ira Gelh, a cardiologist and one of the Fouriers of the Florida Atlantic University Medical School, for healthcare and medicine and Michael Kuman, president of Kumfran Lynn General Contractors, in the private sector cutoror:

Proceeds from the event will fund scholarships. Money raised at last year's OPAL awards provided four-year scholarships, including a laptop computer and bookstore stipend, to six local high school seniors.









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OPAL winners Mickey Gomez, left, Kevin Turner, Dr. Ira Gelb, Rosemary and Ben Krieger and Michael Kaufman

he Rotary Club of Boca Raton hosted the 12th annual Outstanding People And Leaders (OPAL) Awards Gala on January 16, at the Marriott Boca Center. A red carpet "Hollywood Themed Awards Show" was held as a fundraiser for college scholarships that will be awarded to deserving area students.

More than 300 guests attended in celebration of honoring OPAL Award recipients Kevin Turner, Education; Dr. Ira Gelb, Healthcare; Mickey Gomez, Civil Service; Michael Kaufman, Private Sector; and Rosemary and Ben Krieger, Community Service; as Outstanding People And Leaders in our community.

The OPAL Award honorees each received a magnificent marble and brass award with the OPAL icon and an engraved plaque.

Mayor Susan Whelchel presented the evening's invocation and other notable guests included Florida State Representative, Adam Hasner, Boca Raton City Council members: Michael M.J. Mike Arts, Susan Haynie, Michael Mullaugh and Bill Hager with their spouses. In addition, past OPAL Award recipients included, Countess de Hoernle, Kathy and Ron Assaf and Helen Babione. The restaurants of Boca Center

Infe restaurants of Boca Center included Absinthe, Big City Grille, Cucina d' Angelo, Morton's Steakhouse, Opus 5, and Uncle Tai's once again supported the Rotary Club of Boca Raton fundraiser by providing cocktails and signature hors d'oeuvres during the reception which was held outside in the beautiful Boca Center Courtyard.

Community partners for the fundraising event included; Promise Healthcare, Inc., Malinda and Peter Baronoff, Base Line Engineering and Land Surveying Inc., Hodgson Russ L.L.P., Matrix HomeCare, Marriott Hotel, Miami Systems, Inc., Universal Jet Aviation, Sun American Bank, BNY Mellon Wealth Management, Coca-Cola Florida, Mummaw Associates, City National Bank, Ingrid & Fred Fulmer, Kaye Commercial Investment Group, Ritter Foundation, The Rotary Club of Boca Raton, Elaine J. Wold, Zucker & Associates, Allianz Championship, Mary Kelly, Multi-Image Group, Kaye Communications, Inc., Dr. Ron Rubin, Zimmer Consulting Group, The Shops at Boca Center, Historic Sports Car Racing, Flossy Keesely Dream Foundation, Saffer & Company Auctioneers, Chase Music Group, "Soul Survivor" and Southern Wine & Spirits.

Providing college scholarships to worthy candidates has been the primary focus of the Rotary Club of Boca Raton for more than twenty years. Proceeds from the OPAL Gala will again provide scholarships and laptops for deserving Boca Raton area students.

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