

IVY NOTES

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June Program Chair: Jennifer Bencie, B '84

MEETING LOCATION - The Field Club. Social period begins at 11:30 a.m., and lunch will be served at noon.

New Members who would like a name badge, please call Bert Kneeland at 228-2378.

In Memoriam: Longtime club member Liz Troutman passed away at the end of April. She was an active club member for years before moving to California a few years ago to be closer to her family.

PREVIEWS

June 4th - Johnette Isham, the founding Executive Director of Realize Bradenton, will talk about the non-profit economic development organization that promotes downtown Bradenton's arts, culture, and history for greater economic development, tourism, and quality of life. Realize Bradenton supports events such as concerts, art exhibitions, and farmers markets, enhancing Bradenton's physical and cultural assets. A designer-educator with over 30 years in arts, education, non-profit, corporate, and municipal settings, Isham has worked for Corning Glass Works, Polaroid Corporation, Rhode Island School of Design, and Rhode Island State Council on the Arts. She moved to Florida in 1988. After 18 years as Vice President for Academic Affairs at Ringling College of Art and Design, Johnette was the Project Director for a LEED gold cancer care facility called the Center for Building Hope in Lakewood Ranch. Her work in the area of design and sustainability was featured at the United Nation's Global Forum for Business as an Agent of World Benefit. Her degrees and advanced certifications are from RISD, Lesley University, and Case Western Business School.

June 18th - Lynda Leedy, JD, will present the history and activities of ONE BAY: Healthy Communities, an eight-county regional effort aimed at improving the health of the Tampa Bay region through collaboration and information sharing. She will also briefly demonstrate the HealthyTampaBay.com website, which has over 120 health and economic indicators available for viewing by region, county and zip code, promising practices from other communities targeting specific health needs and local and national health news. Ms. Leedy is currently the Project Manager for ONE BAY, which is an initiative of the Tampa Bay Partnership Regional Research and Education Foundation. Prior to assuming her current responsibilities, Ms. Leedy worked for the American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, a national medical association for physicians located in Chicago. Her responsibilities there included Interim Executive Director, Deputy Executive Director, Finance & Strategy Executive, Director of Health Policy and Business Practice, and Policy Analyst. Before her work with the Academy, Ms. Leedy was a healthcare consultant. Ms. Leedy obtained her BS in Business from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, and her law degree from Ohio State University. She currently sits on the Boards of the Tampa Bay Healthcare Collaborative, the St. Pete Rotary Club, and the Racquet Club of St. Pete.

REVIEWS

May 7th - Trevor Markham, the Orioles' Ticket Manager and chief contact point in Sarasota, described the team's successful season in Sarasota. He noted that attendance at spring training games in Sarasota is much higher since the Orioles moved their team's spring training facilities here from Fort Lauderdale. He also described the myriad of events that are offered at the stadium after the spring season and urged members to check the event listings in the local newspaper and on the Ed Smith Stadium's website.

May 21st - Dr. Donal O'Shea, the President of New College (Harvard '74), explored with our members the concept that universities are closely intertwined with Western civilization and that our civilization, and the U.S. in particular, lucked into liberal arts education. He claimed that universities are a critical factor in the West's progression to dominance in the world after 1500. He turned to his own field, mathematics, as an example of this concept. He noted that from 1800 almost all math and science developed from the universities of Europe and the U.S. He explained that mathematical ideas mediate ambiguity and that the greater the ambiguity, the deeper the idea and the more difficult it is to learn and appreciate. He then pointed to the application of this concept in literature. Dr. O'Shea posited that the realization of complexity is part of learning to cope with the world.

Dr. O'Shea then turned to a survey of liberal arts colleges, the characteristics of which he stated are that they are an American invention, they are small, they provide strong faculty-student contacts, they are residential and they provide outrageous outcomes. He noted that liberal arts are now being replicated worldwide. He then talked about New College, which he proudly announced has with just 800 students fostered 52 Fulbright grants in the last decade, constituting nearly 30% of those granted to students in the State University System of Florida, which has 300,000 students. He noted that this is a per capita production higher than that of Ivy League institutions. He reported that New College has been ranked by the Princeton Review as the third best value among American colleges, that U.S. News & World Report ranks New College as the fifth highest among U.S. public national liberal arts colleges and that New College has the 11th lowest student debt. He concluded with the statement that ambiguity and appreciation of complexity are the keys to education.

ECONOMICS CLUB

The Economics Club will meet at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, June 11th, at the Bobby Jones Golf Course. Breakfast will be available before the meeting. The speaker will be Stephen Padar, MD, a Sarasota-based neurosurgeon whose topic will be "An Overview of a Sick Healthcare System." This is the only meeting of the Economics Club in June.

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Brown - No events scheduled for June.

Columbia - No events scheduled for June.

Cornell - Friday, June 28th - Cornell "young" alumni and Penn "young" alumni are invited to a Happy Hour from 5:30-7:30 at Darwin's on Fourth. (Here in SRQ "young" indicates classes of the '80s, '90s, and '00s). Please RSVP so we know how many people to expect: Allison Archbold aarchbold@aol.com or Stephanie Kaufman SNkaufman@aol.com. If other Ivy "young" alumni would like to attend, please contact Allison or Stephanie.

Dartmouth - No events scheduled for June. The club's next event will be a luncheon on October 18.

Harvard - No events scheduled for June. The club's next event will be on November 3rd.

Penn - No events scheduled for June.

Princeton - Thursday, June 20th - Lunch at noon at Marina Jack, second-floor dining area. No reservations necessary, but it is helpful to notify Gus Nimick at 924-9515 in advance.

Yale - Tuesday, June 11th - Drop-in luncheon at Marina Jack's at noon. Please contact Ed Williams (359-2862 or vinson10@earthlink.net) for reservations.

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