

## SOCIETY FLORIDA FASHION &amp; ESSENTIALS

## Junior League Plans Woman Volunteer of the Year Event

The Junior League of Boca Raton's (JLBR) 38th Annual Woman Volunteer of the Year (WVOY) Luncheon will take place on Nov. 21st at The Boca Raton, 501 East Camino Real, at 10 a.m. Carrie Rubin has been named honorary chair and Namrata Israni and Rachel Petullo will serve as event co-chairs. JLBR president is Victoria Matthews.

The Woman Volunteer of the Year Luncheon celebrates outstanding women in the community nominated by nonprofit organizations throughout Palm Beach County and Northern Broward County for their dedication and expertise as volunteers, as well as the work they do to further the missions of the organizations they serve. Proceeds benefit the Junior League of Boca Raton.



Racheal Petullo, Victoria Matthews, Carrie Rubin and Namrata Israni

The event includes a runway fashion show by The Boca Raton, the iconic resort and private club.

Honorary Chairwoman Carrie Rubin is a member of the Junior League of Boca Raton and co-chaired the organization's Thrift Shop event, as well as the Tree Lighting event. She served on the Boards of Fuller Center, The Boca Raton Museum of Art, and the Boca Raton Police Foundation. She also helped start Impact 100 PBC and served on the inaugural Board of Directors. She is currently the longest-serving board member besides the founding President. Since 2016 she has chaired the Fall Kick-Off Membership Event and will Co-Chair the Grand Awards in 2026. She will become Co-President of Impact 100 PBC in 2026-27.

Presenting Sponsor of the Woman Volunteer of the Year Luncheon is the Junior League of Boca Raton's 1971 Society. The Award Presentation Sponsor is The Christine E. Lynn Women's Health and Wellness Institute and Boca Raton Regional Hospital Foundation. The Boca Raton is the Fashion Sponsor. The Media Sponsor is Boca Magazine. Assistant Chairpersons are Jennifer Jochum Selman, Kali Williams and Brittany Wright. Committee

members include Donna Doscher, Ann Starovitoiv, Karen Wadowicz, Betsy Owen, Brandi Hyatt, Caroline Steffen, Chase Papoy, Dede Dalbey, Fabiola Hooker, Francine Lang, Joni Goldberg, Clarissa Gleichenhaus, Kara Matuszewski, Kathy Adkins, Linda Gunn Paton, Michele Ribovich, Renata Sans De Negri, Sarah Caro, Sonia Wegweiser, Brittany Ferguson, Brittany Bailey, Gena Pineda, Sara-Antonia Tkalec and Veronica Kraft.

For tickets for the Woman Volunteer of the Year Luncheon, visit [woy25.givesmart.com](http://woy25.givesmart.com) or call 561-620-2553.

Sponsorships are available and tables and tickets will go on sale on Sept 1st. Platinum tables are \$4,000, Gold Tables are \$3,000, Silver Tables are \$2,000 and Silver General Seating is \$200 per ticket.

### About the Junior League of Boca Raton

Throughout the year, JLBR members contribute more than 35,000 volunteer hours and donate more than \$250,000 to support the organization's mission of advancing women's leadership for meaningful community impact through volunteer action, collaboration, and training. The Junior League currently focuses on two community issues, Child Welfare and Non-Profit Support.

For more information about the JLBR, contact the JLBR office at 561-620-2553 or visit [www.JLBR.org](http://www.JLBR.org).

## The Symphonia Presents 'Venetian Refractions'

The Symphonia, South Florida's premier chamber orchestra, and the Boca Raton Museum of Art will host "Venetian Refractions: A Night of Art, Music, and Italian Indulgence" on Friday, Sept. 26th at the Boca Raton Museum of Art in Mizner Park.

Set against the backdrop of the Museum's *Glasstress Boca Raton 2025* exhibit and featuring Italian music played by Symphonia musicians, the evening will begin with cocktails in the Museum's Sculpture Garden followed by an exclusive, music accompanied after-hours visit to the exhibit and a gourmet four-course Italian dinner. Each course will be paired with fine Italian wines and music. Presentations by the chef, sommelier, Symphonia Director and Museum Curator will enhance the experience, connecting flavors, music and visuals.

*Glasstress* is a project in Venice, Italy that brings international artists together to experiment with glass artistry, with an aim to increase the prestige of glass as fine art. *Glasstress Boca Raton 2025* showcases more than 20 extraordinary works by global icons such as Sean Scully, Thomas Schütte, Maria Magdalena Campos-Pons and Jose Alvarez, among others.



Symphonia Orchestra



Laura Prouvost, Jasper glass

"This is a celebration of artistic innovation and cultural collaboration," said Annabel Russell, Executive Director of The Symphonia. "It's a rare opportunity to experience such an immersive event encompassing so many aspects of Italian artistry with music, visual art, wine and cuisine."

Tickets are \$125 and are available for purchase at [thesymphonia.org](http://thesymphonia.org). The Boca Raton Museum of Art is located at 501 Plaza Real in Boca Raton.

The SYMPHONIA, recognized as the region's premier chamber orchestra, provides high-quality classical music for the enjoyment and benefit of the South Florida community. Founded in 2004, The SYMPHONIA'S performances and educational outreach programs feature nationally and internationally acclaimed conductors and soloists, enhancing the cultural lives of area residents, with special emphasis on its younger citizens. For more information, log on to: [thesymphonia.org](http://thesymphonia.org).

The Boca Raton Museum of Art was founded by artists in 1950 as the Art Guild of Boca Raton. The Boca Raton Museum of Art has evolved into a vital cultural resource. The Museum's original building on Palmetto Park Road, now serves as the Museum's Art School, nestled within a three-acre sculpture park. In 2001, the Museum received land in Mizner Park, downtown Boca Raton. Designed by Donald Singer, the current Museum facility, with its emblematic design, reflects the spirit of Addison Mizner's Mediterranean Revival architecture of the 1920s that provided an indelible mark on Boca Raton.

## Latinas Reunite To Kick-Off Hispanic Women of Distinction Luncheon

More than 200 guests recently reminisced over cocktails and hors d'oeuvres hosted by Seminole Hard Rock Hotel and Casino in Hollywood as they welcomed the 2025 honorees to this special sisterhood of South Florida professionals.

"We are incredibly proud to sponsor and host the Dos Culturas event at Seminole Hard Rock Hotel and Casino Hollywood," said Anaclaudia Solozano, Director of Latin Marketing for Seminole Gaming and Seminole Hard Rock. "At its core, this event celebrates the rich tapestry of cultures that make our community so vibrant. It truly embodies our motto, Love All - Serve All - by honoring the shared heritage that unites us here in South Florida."

The Hispanic Women of Distinction milestone celebration was founded in 2001 by the late, Ervin M. Vasquez, M.D., and his wife, Elaine, local philanthropists, with the goal to empower Latinas and to recognize the influence these Hispanic American women have in the South Florida community.

"With a theme of Community, Culture and Charity, the Hispanic Women of Distinction charity luncheon and business expo is one of the largest events recognizing Latinas in the United States," said, Elaine Miceli Vasquez.

Presented by Latina Style national magazine and Nicklaus Children's Health System along with 40 corporate sponsors, the luncheon will take place on Aug. 29th from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the newly renovated Pier Sixty Six resort in Fort Lauderdale. Guests will enjoy a complimentary cocktail from "Tito's Handmade Vodka" upon arrival, while they enjoy Latin music, explore an exciting business expo, fantastic lunch, and entertained with a live performance of Paulo Guisano Brazilian Drum Troupe and Samba Dancers.



Elaine Miceli Vasquez and Anaclaudia Solozano

There will also be a silent auction and raffles to benefit FLITE Center, whose mission is to guide those aging out of foster care, and other vulnerable youth, on a successful journey to independence.

This year, the honorees from Broward, Miami-Dade and Palm Beach counties are: Marisa Azaret, PsyD, Ines Bautista Capote, Naty L. Diaz, Jessy Allain Mena, Yesenia Moreno, Marcela Munera, Danay Rodriguez-Arritola, Michelle Rodriguez, Diana Santa Maria, Estrellita S. Sibila, Ingrid Guevara Vanaalstynne, Caroline Villanueva, Maribel Perez Wadsworth, 2025 Latina Pioneer and Up and Comer honoree, Angelina Nicole Campos.


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