

SCHOOLS

Author brings etiquette lesson to students

Loretta Neff, author and founder of EW Foundation, recently read “Tame Your Manners” during her interactive story time to students at New Horizons Elementary School in Wellington. More than 200 children danced, sang and became part of the story. They received a copy of the book after the presentation.

Neff’s books, which also include “Sip Tea with Mad Hatter,” teach character education and etiquette, social skills and an appreciation for philanthropy. The foundation is an educational nonprofit providing books and programs for children, and fundraising opportunities to charities, missions and schools.

“Since 2014, EWF has benefited over 13,000 children with its award-winning character education books and programs, and



Author Loretta Neff reads her book “Tame Your Manners” to students at New Horizons Elementary School in Wellington.



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provided author visits and signed copies of “Tame Your Manners”

and “Sip Tea with Mad Hatter” books to 30 academies and

schools, and 17 charities,” Neff said in a press release.

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Hermé deWyman Miro and Loretta Neff



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CELEBRATING BOOKS, BEL CANTO

EW Foundation brunch supports programs to low-income communities.

The EW Foundation celebrated its fourth annual Musical Brunch on Feb. 4 at Club Colette with books, bellinis and bel canto.

Chairwoman **Suzanne Holmes** — along with international honorary chairwoman **Hermé deWyman Miro**, and honorary chairman and chairwoman **Arthur Benjamin** and **Gail Worth** — welcomed guests to the sold-out event that supported outreach programs and book provision to

low-income communities. Cocktails were followed by a two-course luncheon of Mediterranean quiche and lemon sorbet with candied violets. Classically trained opera singers **Jenene Caramiello** and **Juliette Valle**, along with pianist **Robert Sharon**, captivated the audience with

four award-winning songs. “Many of the children that EWF serves find it hard to escape the harsh reality of their world. The books they receive can be the doorway that leads to a bigger, better world for them,” Holmes said. “For underprivileged children, the needs are too great, and the resources too

few to provide for all that they need to nurture their bodies, their minds and their souls. The money we raise here today will provide tools that could be life changing for children in Title I schools.”

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EW FOUNDATION

'Books, Bellinis & Bel Canto' musical brunch hits all the right notes

Sunday, Feb. 5 — Club Colette, Palm Beach

"Books, Bellinis & Bel Canto" hit the right note when EW Foundation celebrated its fourth annual musical brunch. The sold-out event raised funds for the educational nonprofit's outreach programs and book provision to low-income communities. Event Chair and EW Foundation 'Founders Society' member, Suzanne Holmes, along with International Honorary Chair, Hermé de Wyman Miro, and Honorary Chairs, Arthur Benjamin and Gail Worth welcomed guests to the signature fundraiser.

Classically-trained opera singers, Jenene Caramielo and Juliette Valle, along with pianist Robert Sharon, captivated the audience throughout the luncheon with four award-winning songs.

"It is a joy for me to chair this very important benefit," said Holmes. "Many of the children that EWF serves find it hard to escape the harsh reality of their world. The books they receive can be the doorway that leads to a bigger, better world for them. For underprivileged children, the needs are too great, and the resources too few to provide for all that they need to nurture their bodies, their minds, and their souls. The money we raise here today will provide tools that could be life changing for children in Title I schools." For more information on EW Foundation or to sponsor a school or organization for the Kids of Character program, please call 561-833-0131 or visit ewfcares.org

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Gail Worth and Patty Myura



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Party Pics

EW FOUNDATION

Legacy and Founders Society members of EW Foundation honored at 'Books, Bellinis & Bel Canto'

Monday, Nov. 13 – Table 26, West Palm Beach

EW Foundation Legacy and Founders Society benefactors were honored at a special musical wine dinner. "Books, Barolo & Bel Canto" kicked off the season for the organization in preparation for its signature fundraiser, "Books Bellinis & Bel Canto," taking place on Sunday, Feb. 4, 2018, at Club Colette.

"Because of your generosity, love for children and our community as a whole, we've been able to benefit more than 13,000 children to date with our award-winning books and programs," said Loretta Neff, Founder and Executive Director for EW Foundation. "With your ongoing support, we will continue to impact the lives of children for the better and provide them with skills that will serve them well for years to come."

The EW Foundation (EWF) is an educational nonprofit providing award winning character education books and programs for children and youth, and fundraising opportunities to charities, missions and schools. According to Neff, EWF believes that every child and young adult should receive a quality education that includes a strong social foundation. Through philanthropy, which plays a meaningful role in the organization, the group hopes to greatly enrich the lives of others with their care, commitment, and resources.

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Suzanne Holmes, Bowle Jacobson and Sophia Eccleston



Douglas Jencks and Carol Jaeger



Ozzie Medeiros and Eddie Schmidt



Laina and Dr. Gregory Albert



Loretta Neff and Pier Bjorklund

PALM BEACH POLICE FOUNDATION

Cocktail reception kicks off 12th Annual Palm Beach Policemen's Ball

Tuesday, Nov. 30 – Private Residence, Palm Beach



Bob and Christine Stiller, and Gaye and Jim Engel



Matt Smith and Kirk Bloun



Mary and Mark Freitas

Christine and Bob Stiller hosted a kickoff cocktail reception at their oceanfront house in honor of the upcoming 12th Annual Policemen's Ball at the Mar-a-Lago Club on Jan. 6, 2018. More than 140 guests attended the party

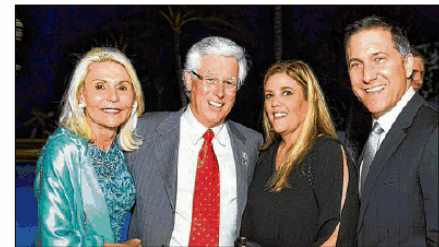
and were welcomed by The Palm Beach Police Foundation President and Co-founder John F. Scarpa, who presented the Stillers with a commemorative gift to thank them for their hospitality and generosity. Scarpa

also thanked Gaye and Jim Engel, Gala Chairmen, and Honorary Chairmen Monika and John Preston for their service and leadership roles in the upcoming Policemen's Ball, which is already sold out.

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Howard and Michele Kessler



Linda Gary, Mike Bellis, Ann-Marie Taylor and Dave Aronberg

**WHAT IS EW FOUNDATION?**

Loretta Neff, Founder and Executive Director EW Foundation

The EW Foundation (EWF) is an educational nonprofit organization providing award-winning character education books and programs for children and youth. It provides fundraising opportunities to charities, missions and schools. We believe that every child and young adult should receive a quality education that includes a strong social foundation. Through philanthropy, which plays a vital role in our organization, we hope to greatly enrich the lives of others with care, commitment and resources.

WHAT IS BOOKS, BELLINIS & BEL CANTO?

Arthur Benjamin, Books, Bellinis & Bel Canto Honorary Chairman

Books, Bellinis & Bel Canto is EWF's signature fundraiser. This year it takes place on Sunday, February 4, 2018, at Club Colette in Palm Beach. Having attended as title sponsor of the event in years past, I found the setting, music and Italian theme beautiful; the presentation clear and succinct; and the story time ending enchanting. Having a unique opportunity to underwrite books for the Foundation's work makes it possible for everyone to contribute (from \$15 to \$10,000 or more), with every dollar going directly toward that purpose.

For at-risk students who are living in poverty or falling behind in school, it takes enormous effort to find a different direction. That is what EWF's *Kids of Character Outreach* is all about and Books, Bellinis & Bel Canto also funds that programming — giving those students a foundation of strong core values and a positive sense of self.

CAN YOU SHARE A BRIEF STORY WHERE CHARACTER AND MANNERS MADE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR LIFE?

Suzanne Holmes, Books, Bellinis & Bel Canto Chairman

I was raised in a poor rural area in Tennessee by my maternal grandparents who did not have the benefits of education, but had strong values and moral character. Even under the adverse circumstances of my childhood, I received an incredible gift of opportunity — I knew the thrill of receiving a subscription to *Reader's Digest* from a great aunt when I was 6-years-old that continued through college; and the joy of receiving the *Sunday* comics rolled up and mailed to me weekly from New York by that same great aunt.

My favorite part of the EW Foundation is the message that Loretta brings to children through reading and performance — and the fact that the Foundation's gift of a new book in the hands of each child will be a treasure to him or her. That kind of caring from an adult should be the gift every child receives. With support from those who care for the welfare and emotional integrity of children, the EWF mission can touch a child's heart and open their mind to a broader world.

WHY DO YOU SUPPORT THE EWF MISSION?

Henri de Wyman Miro, Books, Bellinis & Bel Canto International Chairman

When you meet Loretta, you're immediately drawn in by her infectious enthusiasm and commitment to enrich

the lives of children. I believe her ability to gain significant traction in a relatively short period of time is a testament to her hard work and passion for this great cause. With numerous Title I schools awaiting author visits and book gifts, it gives me great pleasure to provide a legacy gift to EWF and share in Loretta's vision to reach vulnerable children in a scalable way.

It is rewarding to see this impressive nonprofit receive the support of individuals, businesses and schools, who believe in the mission, which will enable countless more success stories to be told and lives to be touched. Fostering education has always been a philanthropic focus area for me, and I found EWF a uniquely different and effective way to reach our underserved youth. Providing books and programs promotes both character education and literacy; but the inclusion of interactive story times, author visits and signed books for each school child also provides a memorable impact for a lifetime.

BOOKS, BELLINIS & BEL CANTO IS DIFFERENT FROM MANY PALM BEACH BENEFIT EVENTS. WHAT MAKES IT A MUST-ATTEND?

Gail Worth, Books, Bellinis & Bel Canto Honorary Chairman

I've placed EW Foundation at the top of my list with other important charities I support in the community. Since 2014, EWF has doubled its metrics year over year, benefiting 37 charities through donations and/or sponsorships and

providing author visits and a signed book for over 13,000 children in 30 schools and 17 charities.

In addition, EW Foundation is unique in that it has a revenue stream from its books and programs, which largely offsets operating costs. At the same time, it serves a dual purpose for children — underscoring character education and literacy for maximum impact. All net proceeds directly benefit the children and the books are tangible gifts that provide life-changing skills. These are just a few of the reasons I support this wonderful cause.

HOW CAN I SUPPORT THIS WONDERFUL CAUSE?

Loretta Neff

Tickets to Books, Bellinis & Bel Canto start at \$150 per person. This event is anticipated to be a sell-out again this season.

Outreach program underwriting begins at just \$15 and provides a book for one child, *Count Me In* at \$450 provides books for one class, *I'll Do More* for \$1,800 provides books for one class grade, and *Lets Go Big!* at \$7,200 provides books for one elementary school. Donors are encouraged to be storytellers and present their gift in person.

For more information visit ewcfarens.org or reach our office at 561.833.0133. To purchase tickets visit booksbellinisandbelcanto.com. #WOTOT: CAPEHART



Henri de Wyman Miro

SCHOOL NEWS

ALEXANDER W. DREYFOOS SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

The Theatre Department will present Cole Porter's Tony Award-winning musical "Kiss Me Kate" at the school's Meyer Hall, 550 Tamarind Ave., West Palm Beach. Curtain time is 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday and Nov. 3-4; and 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday and Nov. 4-5. Tickets start at \$10 and are available at www.seatyourself.biz/awdsoa. For groups of 10 or more, call 561-802-6005 or email b.castillo@palm-beachschools.org

PALM BEACH CENTRAL HIGH

Bronco Band Director James Yaques was selected as one of 25 semifinalists for the Music Educator Award presented by the Recording Academy and the Grammy Museum. The award was established to recognize educators who have made a significant and lasting contribution to the field of music education and who demonstrate a commitment to the broader cause of maintaining music education in the schools.

OXBRIDGE ACADEMY

Ralph Maurer has been selected to serve as the head of school, effective



Bronco Band Director James Yaques



Loretta Neff, founder of the EW Foundation, presents her book, "Sip Tea with Mad Hatter," to U.B. Kinsey students at Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens' 10th annual Literacy Day. The one-of-a-kind educational program offered new and creative approaches to reading while exploring the 2 acres of the historic site. Presentations included interactive stories, canine-assisted therapy, self-created puppets, spoken-word stories, illustration and environmental storytelling.

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in July. He will succeed John Klemme, who announced earlier this year that he has chosen to return to his former position as an English teacher at the school. Maurer will join Oxbridge as head of school-elect in January. He joins Oxbridge after serving as the headmaster of the International School Nido de Aguilas, an independent English-language day school in Santiago, Chile.

WELLINGTON HIGH

The Mighty Wolverine Sound Wind Ensemble and Jazz Bands will present A Salute to Veterans Concert at 2 p.m. Nov. 11 in the school theater, 2101 Greenview Shores Blvd., Wellington. The concert features guest clarinet soloist Michael Forte. A reception will follow. The community

is invited to this free event.

PARK VISTA HIGH

The Striking Cobra Band competed at John I. Leonard High in its second event of the marching season. The band took home first place in the Class 5A Division and was grand champion overall. Park Vista was also awarded Best Visual and General Effect at the competition. Upcoming performances include the Bands of America Super Regional in Atlanta on Saturday and the Florida Marching Band State Championships in St. Petersburg Nov. 18. The band will host the Striking Cobra Invitational at the school on Nov. 4.

SEMINOLE RIDGE HIGH

The World Languages

Department will host its annual Multicultural Dinner and Show Friday. The event begins at 5 p.m. with dinner in the cafeteria. The program moves to the auditorium at 6:30, with a showcase of students displaying their cultural diversity in music, song, dance and drama. Tickets for the dinner and show are \$12. Show-only tickets are \$5 at the door.

The Army JROTC Hawk Battalion color guard and cadet volunteers will take part in the annual Alzheimer's Walk at CityPlace in West Palm Beach from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday.

The Trick-or-Treat Food Drive takes place noon to 2 p.m. Sunday. Trick-or-treating and games are planned, and participants are encouraged to wear costumes. Admission is two food items per child, to ben-

efit Food for Families. Additional food donations are appreciated.

The Speech and Debate Team recently participated in its first local competition, Student Congress, at Suncoast High. Summer Squadrino was awarded Best Presiding Officer in her chamber and fifth place. Morgan Davidson and Antonio Pernas were named Best Presiding Officers in their chambers. Also earning awards in their chambers: Gena Rai, second place; Kailee Matthews, third; and Annamarie Renda, sixth. The debate coach is Janine Braner.

CARDINAL NEWMAN HIGH

The band's annual poinsettia sale will include Christmas trees, wreaths and centerpieces this year.

The deadline to order is Nov. 6. Pickup will be Dec. 2 at the school. For more information, call 561-254-0283 or email khineslaw@gmail.com

BRIEFLY

The Palm Beach Poetry Festival has launched its annual high school poetry contest. Students can submit one original poem, 30 lines maximum, for consideration by Dec. 1. The winning poet will receive \$200. Four runners-up will each receive \$100. For details, visit www.palmbeachpoetryfestival.org

Compiled by Sy O'Neill. Send school news to neighborhood@pbpost.com. Dated items must be sent at least two weeks before the event.

Books, Bellinis & Bel Canto

EW Foundation, an educational nonprofit providing award-winning character education books and programs for children, will hold its Fourth Annual Musical Brunch — *Books, Bellinis & Bel Canto*, at Club Colette on Sunday, February 4, 2018 at 11:30am. The organization's signature fundraiser will be led by longtime supporters **Suzanne Holmes**, Chair; **Hermé de Wyman Miro**, International Honorary Chair and **Arthur Benjamin** and **Gail Worth**, Honorary Chairs.

Guests will be welcomed with a Bellini reception and passed hors d'oeuvres followed by a Mediterranean-style two-course luncheon. There will be performances by classically trained opera singers and musicians, as well as raffle prizes and book giveaways.

"Since 2014, EW Foundation has benefited over 13,000 children with its award-winning character education books and programs, and provided author visits and signed copies of *Tame Your Manners* and *Sip Tea with Mad Hatter* books to 30 schools and 17 charities," said Suzanne Holmes, Chair for the Fourth



Sharon Daley and
Suzanne Holmes

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Annual Musical Brunch. "I am honored to be chairing this entertaining event that benefits such an impactful organization."

Sponsors to date include **TD Bank**, **Hermé de Wyman Miro** and **The International Society of Palm Beach**, **Suzanne Holmes**, **Palm Beach Society**, **FPL**, **St. John**, **Table 26**, **Breakthru Beverage Group**, **Provident Jewelry**, **La Casa Hermosa**, **Very Important Paws** and **Flowers of Worth Avenue Palm Beach**.

Books, Bellinis & Bel Canto raises funds for the organization's outreach programs and book

provision to low-income communities, which were designed to reach the most vulnerable children and provide pathways for their success," said **Loretta Neff**, Author and Founder of EW Foundation. "The event is a unique opportunity for supporters to directly underwrite a book, class, grade or primary school, with the option to facilitate the story time and book signing."

Tickets to *Books, Bellinis & Bel Canto* start at \$150 per person. For more information visit ewcares.org or call 561.833.0131. To purchase tickets visit booksbellinisandbelcanto.com.

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