



PALM BEACH FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIANS & JEWS

# Fellowship News

Winter 2017

## Annual Dinner: Breaking Bread Together to Break Down Barriers

**Feb. 21, 2017**

5:30 - 9:00 pm

The Breakers  
Palm Beach

\$250  
Fellowship Members  
\$275  
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Sally and Chessy Ricca pick up their Fellowship Friday t-shirts at the event kick-off breakfast. See inside for more!



Photo: Jason Smith

**Bret Stephens**



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**Frances Fisher**

### ▼ Annual Fellowship Dinner

Our signature event is highly anticipated every year, with its reputation for top-notch national speakers who inspire, inform, and enlighten, while providing an opportunity for camaraderie among people of all backgrounds.

That tradition continues with our 2017 keynote speaker, Bret Stephens, deputy editor, editorial page, for *The Wall Street Journal*. Winner of the Pulitzer Prize for commentary in 2013 for the *Journal's* foreign-affairs column "Global View," he is responsible for the international opinion pages of the *Journal* and is a member of the paper's editorial board. He is also a regular panelist on the *Journal Editorial Report*, a weekly talk show on Fox News Channel.

Another highlight of the Annual Dinner will be the presentation of the annual John C. Randolph Award to community leader Frances Fisher, whose volunteer activities and philanthropy have garnered her much admiration and many awards through the years.

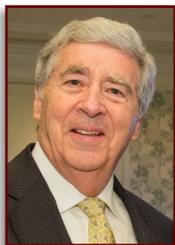
See inside for more information about Stephens, Fisher, and the Randolph Award.

*Sponsorship opportunities and program tribute ads are available; please call (561) 833-6150 for details.*



Join us in support of Palm Beach Unites: Feeding Children Everywhere on Feb. 12 at Palm Beach Day Academy from 1:00-5:00 pm. Sign up for a 1-hour shift online and indicate PB Fellowship as the group you are in. Call the Fellowship office at (561) 833-6150 for more info.

# Chairman's Message: Imagination



John C. Randolph

Welcome to 2017. With the New Year comes new opportunities, new promises and new hopes, all of which are bridled only by the limits of our imagination.

Absent imagination, new opportunities may not present themselves, promises may not be fulfilled, and hopes will be dashed. Indeed, absent imagination, the Fellowship would not exist today, as the Fellowship was conceived by virtue of the imagination of a handful of Palm Beach

residents who sought a way to bring people of the Christian and Jewish faiths together through education and dialogue, with the hope of extinguishing prejudice and bigotry in the Town and elsewhere.

Imagination is a powerful force, a force which allows us to think outside the box, to think of what we might do differently to make this world a better place in which to live, to show others how we care, to make a positive difference in the lives of others through the way in which we live our lives.

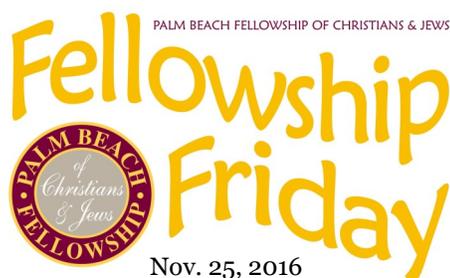
When I consider the power of imagination, I think immediately of my favorite fictional character, Don Quixote, conceived out of the imagination of Miguel De Cervantes Saavedra in the novel *The Ingenious Gentleman Don Quixote of La Mancha*. We best know the stage version, *Man of La Mancha*, conceived from the original novel first published in 1605. From the imagination of Cervantes was created the character, Don Quixote, a man of limitless imagination, a man described as a madman

but who had the vision To Dream The Impossible Dream, To Fight The Unbeatable Foe, To Right the Unrightable Wrong, To Love Pure And Chaste From Afar, To Reach The Unreachable Star.

**“Absent imagination, new opportunities may not present themselves, promises may not be fulfilled, and hopes will be dashed.”**

Friends, it is my hope for us in 2017 that we, as Don Quixote, dare to dream what may seem impossible. There are so many wrongs to be righted in this world; there are many foes to fight and there are countless opportunities to create love where hatred exists. Might each of us put our imaginations to work. Might each of us be dreamers. By doing so individually and collectively through the work of the Fellowship, I choose to believe that we can right wrongs, that walls can be torn down, that bridges can be built, and that respect for one another will prevail regardless of our religious preference, our race, our nationality or our beliefs. May it be so.

What is your hope for 2017? What is your dream? May your hopes and dreams be realized through the power of imagination.



Nov. 25, 2016

“Connecting the community by doing good, together.”

Special thanks to St. Edward Catholic Church for hosting the kick-off breakfast and to the 100+ volunteers who chose to give back to the community the morning after Thanksgiving.



Visit [www.palmbeachfellowship.net/archives/photo-gallery](http://www.palmbeachfellowship.net/archives/photo-gallery) for more photos from Fellowship Friday and other programs and events!

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## 24th Season Highlights



Harvey Oyer III signs his *Charlie Piece* books for some of the 60+ attendees at his Dec. 4, 2016 "Sunday Conversations" lecture, *Saints and Scoundrels: An Historic Perspective of Palm Beach County*, a great start to this new series. Special thanks to Royal Poinciana Chapel for hosting!

### ▼ Sunday Conversations with...\*

This new series offers a variety of lively and informative presentations to bring people together to share common interests. The programs are held at 4:00 - 5:30 pm at the Royal Poinciana Chapel. Join us for the remaining two presentations:



#### Sunday, January 29, 2017

*The Life and Work of  
Addison Mizner*

presented by René Silvin,  
author, historian



#### Sunday, February 26, 2017

*Lessons of the Holocaust:  
Have We Learned Anything?*

presented by Arthur Berger,  
former Senior Advisor to the United  
States Holocaust Memorial Museum



### ▼ Interfaith Dialogues\*

This popular series, facilitated by Tom O'Brien (*above, left*) and Rabbi Howard Shapiro (*center*), will add a new dimension this season when CB Hanif (*right*) joins the panel to add the Muslim perspective.

The goal of the Dialogues is to bring people of all backgrounds together in an interactive, open setting to discuss and explore topics of mutual interest in an effort to gain greater understanding of each other, appreciate our commonalities, and respect our differences.

All sessions will be 5:30 - 7:00 pm at The Episcopal Church of Bethesda-by-the-Sea.

#### Tuesday, January 24, 2017

*Do Christians, Muslims, and Jews  
Worship the Same God?*

#### Tuesday, February 7, 2017

*Different Ways Jews, Muslims, and  
Christians Read Their Sacred Scriptures*

#### Tuesday, March 14, 2017

*The Meaning of Israel to Jews,  
Christians, and Muslims*

\* For Interfaith Dialogues and Sunday Conversations, light refreshments will be served; RSVP's requested. FREE admission for Fellowship Members; \$10 per session for guests (save with a Series Pass - call for info).

## 2017 John C. Randolph Award

The annual *John C. Randolph Award* was established in 2004 to honor a person or organization in the community who exemplifies the mission of the Palm Beach Fellowship of Christians & Jews. It was named for our current chair who also served in that capacity for the first decade of the organization he helped found in 1993.

Our 2017 recipient, Frances Fisher, serves as a tireless volunteer leader and supporter of many charitable organizations. Her interests and causes include the arts, education, health issues, historical preservation, hunger, literacy, and community betterment.

Prior to joining the Palm Beach community, Fisher gained professional experience at the national level in both the public and non-profit arenas in Washington, D.C., most notably as Special Assistant to the Counsel for President George H.W. Bush.

A native of Tuscaloosa, Alabama and graduate of her hometown University of Alabama, Fisher's southern charm and grace is evident in all she does. Dedicated to family, faith, and the community, she is currently a continuing education student of the Beecken Center School of Theology at Sewanee University.

### ► More About Our Annual Fellowship Dinner Speaker

Bret Stephens joined *The Wall Street Journal* in 1998 as an op-ed editor and moved to Brussels the following year, where he wrote editorials and edited a column on the European Union. He left in January 2002 to become editor-in-chief of *The Jerusalem Post*, a position he assumed at age 28. At the *Post* he was responsible for the paper's news, editorial, international and digital editions, and wrote a weekly column.

Stephens returned to the *Journal* in late 2004 and has reported stories from around the globe. In addition to the Pulitzer, he has received several other prestigious awards and was named a Young Global Leader by the World Economic Forum in 2005. He is highly regarded as a public speaker and we look forward to hearing his insights.



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**Essay Contest & Creative Arts Competition Deadline Extended to Jan. 27, 2017**

Open to all Palm Beach County public and private middle and high school students, the Palm Beach Fellowship of Christians & Jews annual Essay Contest & Creative Arts Competition features cash prizes. All entrants will receive a copy of *The U.S. Constitution and Fascinating Facts About It*. The 2017 topic is "Voting."

Guidelines and entry forms are available on the website: [www.palmbeachfellowship.net](http://www.palmbeachfellowship.net) or call (561) 833-6150.



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