

Fellowship News

Palm Beach Fellowship of Christians & Jews

A Celebration of our 2021-2022 Season of Fellowship!

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Chairman's Message

Making a Difference, Together



John C. "Skip" Randolph

(The following is the text of the Chairman's Message delivered at the Annual Fellowship Dinner on May 4, 2022.)

Isn't it great to be back together in person after more than two years of being apart?

This year, we celebrate 29 years since our founding by a handful of caring Christians and Jews within the Town of Palm Beach who saw a need to do something about the anti-semitism and bigotry which existed in the Town at the time. Our mission was and is to promote fellowship, understanding, and respect among all religions and cultures by bringing the community together through education, dialogue, and interaction, and addressing issues rooted in intolerance, antisemitism, and unjust discrimination.

Our organization was sorely needed upon our founding in 1993, and despite all we feel we have accomplished in the Town, I believe our organization is still sorely needed. Unfortunately, antisemitism, hatred, and bigotry have increased nationally and worldwide. In the Town of Palm Beach we have enjoyed success by having people sit down at the table together in an attempt to understand one another, to learn what makes us different and what makes us the same, to appreciate those differences and similarities, and to therefore appreciate one another, for our commonalities as children of God.

Sitting down together in an attempt to learn and understand is important in order to establish a more cohesive and peaceful world. Unfortunately, it seems that today people are not willing to do that, opting to ignore that important step and simply to pursue their own game based on their own beliefs without considering the beliefs of others. So, we remain divided, rather than united, we remain in a state of hate rather than respect and love for one another, and we remain in a state of war rather than a state of peace.

Friends, we can make this world a better place in which to live. We have demonstrated that through the Fellowship in the Town of Palm Beach. And, each of you have demonstrated that by your involvement with the Fellowship and just by your being here this evening. You can and do make a difference, one step at a time, one person at a time, one act of kindness at a time. Little by little we can make inroads into the divisiveness that exists in today's world. We will not, by ourselves, end hatred and bigotry. We will not, by ourselves, end antisemitism and racism. We will not, by ourselves, put an end to power plays that lead to war as is now happening in the Ukraine. But, by working together, we can make progress in these areas, thereby making this world a better, more loving, more peaceful place in which to live.

Call me naïve, but I think by working together it can be done. I believe together we can make a difference. So, thanks to each of you for your participation and for all you do for the advancement of Fellowship.

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...and the following Palm Beach Fellowship members and donors for their vital support this past season:

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More members listed on page 4.

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Debora Weinstein, Sylvia James, and Ken Slater *in support of educator/student tables at the Annual Fellowship Dinner*

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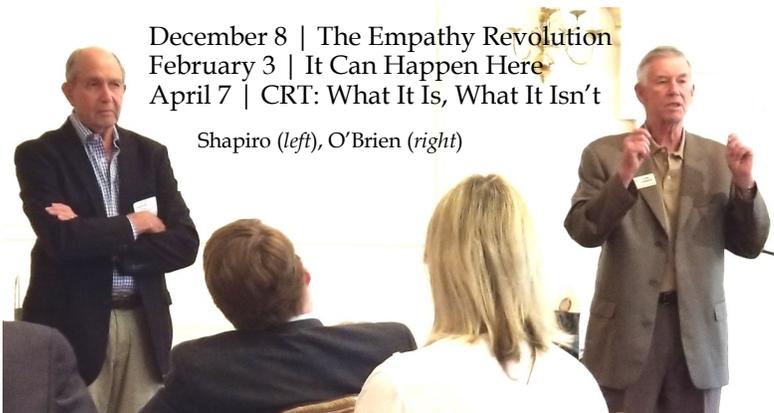
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*Coming together for enlightening programs
and the bonding spirit of fellowship!*

Pathways & Perspectives

Facilitators **Thomas O'Brien** and **Rabbi Howard Shapiro** continued their tradition of engaging participants in thoughtful, respectful, and lively discussions on timely and provocative topics. After meeting virtually for the first two sessions, we met in person for the April program.



December 8 | The Empathy Revolution
February 3 | It Can Happen Here
April 7 | CRT: What It Is, What It Isn't

Shapiro (left), O'Brien (right)

O'Brien Shapiro



Sunday Series

The virtual format due to the pandemic enabled people from all over to share topics of common interest presented by knowledgeable local speakers.

October 24 | Antisemitism Today
presented by Josephine Gon

January 16 | Marlene Dietrich – The Sexy Legend Who Infuriated the Third Reich
presented by René Silvin

Gon Silvin



Fellowship Friday

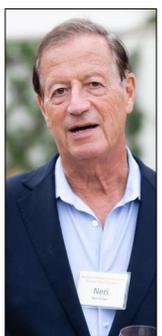
We gathered for a light breakfast at Temple Emanu-El on November 26, 2021, the morning after Thanksgiving, before heading out for community service projects at the beach, Big Dog Ranch Rescue, Levine Residential Services, and the OneBlood Big Red Bus for blood donation.

Mark your calendar and join us for Fellowship Friday 2022 on November 25!

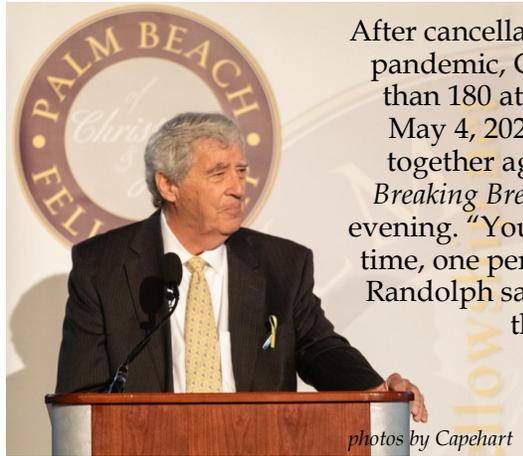


Welcome Back Reception

With a brief window between the delta and omicron variants, and following protocols such as being outside and vaccinated, we came together to kick off the season in person at the annual Welcome Back Reception on November 4, 2021, at the beautiful gardens at The Society of The Four Arts. *photos by Capehart*



Annual Fellowship Dinner



After cancellation of the event in 2020 and 2021 due to the pandemic, Chairman John C. Randolph welcomed more than 180 attendees to the Annual Fellowship Dinner on May 4, 2022, noting how special it was to be able to get together again in person. The theme *Building Bridges by Breaking Bread, Together*, was in evidence throughout the evening. "You can and do make a difference, one step at a time, one person at a time, one act of kindness at a time," Randolph said. "Little by little we can make inroads into the divisiveness that exists in today's world."

BUILDING BRIDGES BY BREAKING BREAD *Together*

photos by Capehart



▲ Rabbi Michael Resnick of Temple Emanu-El Palm Beach delivers the invocation and *hamotzi* (blessing over bread)
▶ Dinner co-chairs Debora Weinstein and Sylvia James





Guest Speaker
SUSAN EISENHOWER

Susan Eisenhower, granddaughter of President Dwight D. Eisenhower, offered personal glimpses into his life, what he stood for, and how he conducted himself. She related the story of when the concentration camps were liberated, he ordered documentation of the Holocaust “because 50 years from now people won’t believe this happened.” She said that after World War II, he sought unity and purpose as his number one goal “and the pursuit of peace.”

Susan described Eisenhower as “the most bipartisan president that we’ve ever had...who put his country first and was a man of principle and character.” One lesson she said she learned from him was to never speak ill of anyone in public. “Insulting people is not going to get you where you want to go if cooperation and unity of purpose is your goal.”

Among her many accomplishments and activities, Susan is an author, policy strategist, and president and chair of The Eisenhower Group, a Washington, DC-based consulting company. A political independent, she is an advocate for setting national priorities and advancing a civil, fact-based discourse on America’s challenges.

“We have to BE for something. I want to thank you for the opportunity to speak to a group who understands that and who has committed itself to continuing to build a community of people who understand that we share much more in common than we can ever possibly imagine.”





Randolph Award

MICHAEL AINSLIE

The Fellowship honored Michael Ainslie with the John C. Randolph Award during the Annual Dinner. The Award was established in 2004 to honor a person or organization in the community who exemplifies the mission of the Fellowship.

The founding chair of The Posse Foundation, which sends young urban leaders to elite universities on full-tuition scholarships, Michael is the former president and CEO of Sotheby's, former president and CEO of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, and a former director of Lehman Brothers.

The Award was presented by Fellowship Vice Chair Maggie Zeidman. "Michael's life is by example, a confirmation of what it means to do good in the world," she said during the presentation. "There is much to be admired in the character of a person who so willingly extends his hand to others, who sees the potential in others and sets out to foster that potential."

With his wife Suzanne by his side, Michael said he is "truly honored, flattered and humbled" as he accepted the award. "This award has special meaning to me," he said. "I'm a glass half full kind of person. I love helping others and organizations that need help."





▲ The Rev. Dr. Robert Dannals, interim rector of The Episcopal Church of Bethesda By The Sea, delivered the benediction to close the Annual Dinner (pictured above with his wife Valerie and with Rabbi Michael Resnick at left).



Facing History and Ourselves

Holocaust Education

2021 Attendees

June and August 2021

Racquel Allen-McGrowder
 Andrea Abbott
 Neete Afrika
 Adam Berzak
 Chelsie Blankenship-Cuenot
 Kimberly Coombs
 Danielle Cooper
 Vanessa Daza
 Yolanda De La Paz Marin
 Ralph Deus
 Rudy DeVries
 Widsar Estime
 Taina Fevry
 Bradley Galvin
 Julie Gates
 Megan Gilmore
 Amy Glenn
 Jessica Gozalez
 Emmalyn Green
 Seth Grossmayer
 Todd Isham
 Franci Jefferson
 Brad Johnson
 Marciana Lobo
 Helene Marshall
 Kerry Mulligan
 Susan Mulligan
 Herele Oakley
 Carolyn Pelicieux
 Susan Prieto
 Precious Skinner-Osei
 Lonedria Smith
 Gwen Tichauer
 Megan Williams

For more than 20 years, the Palm Beach Fellowship of Christians & Jews has been providing full scholarships to outstanding educators in Palm Beach County public and private schools to attend the *Facing History and Ourselves* (FHAO) summer seminar, "Holocaust and Human Behavior."

Due to the pandemic, FHAO had to suspend in-person seminars in 2020, but was able to put together an interactive four-day virtual program. Because of the online format, the Fellowship was able to offer this training opportunity to 38 educators in July 2020.

In 2021, FHAO made the tough decision to offer the course virtually again, with one session offered in late June and the other in early August, with more dedicated educators in attendance. All fees and materials were covered by the Fellowship, as well as a small stipend. By all accounts, the teachers found the seminar meaningful and inspiring as they made plans to incorporate the curricula and teaching methods they learned from the seminar, despite the challenges recent school years have brought.

With assistance from Benjamin School teachers Chrissie Ferguson and Anne Franzen, Fellowship Education Chair Charles Hagy coordinated an implementation workshop in April 2022 to offer support and follow up with all the local FHAO alums, past and present. The three facilitators are also past attendees of FHAO programs.

Area educators are currently applying for the 2022 "Holocaust and Human Behavior" seminar, scheduled to be held virtually July 18-21.



▲ Charles "Chuck" Hagy leads the Holocaust education implementation workshop on April 9, 2022.

► As part of the Fellowship's commitment to educators and students, they are invited as guests of generous board members to attend the Annual Fellowship Dinner. Among this year's attendees are Rebekah Merkel, Michael Louis, Anne Franzen, and Colby Mack (*top photo*); Megan Gilmore (*inset*); Todd Isham, Mary Cooney, Jack MacQueen, Cynthia Kanai (*seated*) and Christie Schwab, Joelle Carmel, Kenneth Prochette, Mary Schmitz (*standing*). Others not pictured: Bob Bayless, Kathleen Devine, and Holly and David Faus.



◀ As of press time, judging was underway for the annual student Essay and Creative Arts Competition, open to all Palm Beach County middle and high school students. The topic for 2022 is COMMUNITY. Categories include essay, poetry, photography, video, music, art.

Winning students and their supervising teachers will receive cash prizes and gift bags, which will be presented at an awards ceremony during the season-ending Annual Meeting (date and location TBA, check the Fellowship website for updates).



Our Mission

The Palm Beach Fellowship of Christians & Jews is dedicated to promoting fellowship, understanding, and respect among all religions and cultures; to bringing the community together through education, dialogue, and interaction; and to addressing issues rooted in intolerance, anti-Semitism, and unjust discrimination.

Join us as we embark on our 30th Anniversary Season during 2022-2023, with the hope of more in-person events and activities to mark this special milestone in Palm Beach Fellowship history!

Exciting plans are in the works to inspire, educate, and bring the community together as we strive to fulfill our mission. With your support, we will continue to provide meaningful programs to explore and share common bonds. We rely on members like yourself to help maintain the high caliber of our activities, and to increase and enhance our efforts, especially working with educators and young people.

We invite you to visit www.palmbeachfellowship.net to see what we've been up to and what's in store!

Membership Application 2022-2023

Join others in the community who are committed to the mission of the Fellowship through their support of its programs and activities. Visit palmbeachfellowship.net or call 561-833-6150 for more information, and add your name to our distinguished list of generous supporters!

Complete this form and mail with your payment to:
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I/we give permission to be acknowledged publicly.

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▼ Scenes from the
2021-2022 Season —
see inside for more!



▼ Six of the “fan favorites” from the **Stand Up, Speak Out** 20-ad series that ran in Spring 2022, created by the Fellowship to encourage the community to *take a stand* for kindness, respect, and justice, to live the mission of the Fellowship and the spirit of *tikkun olam* - repair the world. To get a copy of the entire series, contact us at info@palmbeachfellowship.net.

“Do the best you can until you know better. Then when you know better, do better.”
- Maya Angelou

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“A different world cannot be built by indifferent people.”
- Peter Marshall

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“Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak; courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen.”
- Sir Winston Churchill

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“I cannot do all the good that the world needs, but the world needs all the good that I can do.”
- Jana Stanfield

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