



Fellowship News

Summer 2024

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Fellowship Friday | November 29
Annual Fellowship Dinner | February 27

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▲ Fellowship News cover art by **Ayden Bishop** (Crestwood Middle School), awarded *Honorable Mention* in the Painting/Drawing category of the 2024 Essay Contest & Creative Arts Competition.

See page 18 for all the Art category winning entries.



Chairman's Message

John C. "Skip" Randolph

The following remarks were made by Mr. Randolph at the Annual Meeting on June 27, 2024, directed to the young people at the event being honored for their involvement in the Fellowship's student essay and creative arts contest, but a meaningful message for us all.

Welcome, especially you young people who have taken the time and initiative to be involved in the Fellowship essay and creative arts contest. This event is a highlight in the year of the Fellowship as it gives us an opportunity to honor you students. All of you are winners and it is our pleasure to honor you today.

Your participation is a tribute to our organization, particularly to those who had the initiative, the care, and the foresight to establish the Fellowship over 31 years ago. Your participation honors these founders who include Herb Lee, Norman Leventhal, John Brogan, Phil Whitacre, Joyce McClendon, and Charles Bane, all of whom we honor tonight. This handful of people saw a need to address the rampant antisemitism which existed in Palm Beach at the time. A time when students of the Jewish and Christian faiths, who as young people had become good friends in their early school years, who played together and visited each other's homes, were no longer welcome in their friends' homes when they became teenagers or young adults.

It was a time when people were rejected and discriminated against simply because of their heritage and their faith. It was a common practice in those days and our founders sought an end to it. Their hopes and dreams were partially achieved but not completely. That is why we continue to exist and why we look to you young people to carry on our hopes and dreams.

How do you do that? We do it by standing up for one another. I like to tell the story of an event which occurred in Billings, Montana, many years ago during the season of Christmas and Chanukah. At that time, some antisemitic thugs threw a rock through the window of a young man who had displayed a menorah in his window. This incident was reported in the local newspaper which published, along with the story, a photograph of the menorah. The community was outraged and in response Christians throughout the community placed that photograph of the menorah in the windows of their homes, so as to say, if you are going to attack our Jewish friends, then attack us as well for we stand together with our Jewish friends.

Standing together is what we are all about. It's what the Fellowship is all about. Most of you are aware of the dramatic increase in antisemitism in our country and in the world today. The news media has reported there has been a 400% increase in antisemitism in our country. We see it everywhere, particularly recently among young people in college campuses. It is time that we, like the people in Billings, Montana, take a stand against antisemitism. How do we do that? We do not remain silent. We speak out. We announce we will not tolerate hate or hatred of any kind. Only then will we make the kind of progress that the founders of the Fellowship sought to make.

You young people are our future. And, you are our hope. You have shown us, through your participation in this contest, your interest in doing something to combat hate and antisemitism in the world today. We thank you for that. And, we encourage you to keep up the good work.

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We gratefully acknowledge the **Mary Alice Fortin Foundation**, the **Palm Beach Country Club Foundation**, and the **West Palm 100** for grants in support of Fellowship programs and activities, and scholarships we provide to local Palm Beach County educators for Holocaust education. We also thank Society of the Four Arts, Temple Emanu-El, Royal Poinciana Chapel, and Wells Fargo Palm Beach for the use of their venues for events...
...and the following Palm Beach Fellowship members and donors for their vital support this past season. We hope you will add your name to the new 2024-2025 season roster if you haven't yet done so! (*See page 19.*)

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2023-2024 *Season Recap*

Welcome Back Member Reception



photo by Tom Tracy

We kicked off the 2023-2024 season at the annual Welcome Back Reception on November 1, 2023 in the beautiful gardens at The Society of The Four Arts in Palm Beach. In light of the disturbing and hateful events happening locally and around the world, Board Chair Skip Randolph expressed thanks to everyone for being there, saying, “Each of you are here because you care. You care about the Fellowship and what it stands for...[you care about] our fellow humankind... you care not only about what is going on in this country...but in countries throughout the world.”

In what has become a tradition the past few years, the event included everyone singing “Let There Be Peace On Earth” together. Suzanne Guinane, cantorial soloist at Temple Israel of West Palm Beach, had the honor of leading the group sing this year, accompanying the crowd with her guitar.

Fellowship Friday



photo by Tom Tracy

The morning after Thanksgiving, our enthusiastic volunteers were greeted by Rabbi Michael Resnick of Temple Emanu-El Palm Beach and Fellowship Friday Chair Eric Christu. After enjoying a light breakfast at the synagogue, everyone headed out to community service projects throughout the area. After more than a decade, this event continues to be a perfect opportunity to live the Fellowship mission, as we work together to make the community better!

Under the direction of artist Sandra Thompson and assisted by Board Member Cynthia Kanai and other Fellowship volunteers, residents at the Levine Jewish Residential Services facility expressed their creativity with an art project.

Other Fellowship Friday participants chose to help out at Peggy Adams Animal Rescue League, filling goody bags for a pet adoption event taking place later that day.

At longtime Fellowship Friday venue partner, Adopt-a-Family’s Program Reach, our volunteers cleaned out and organized the food pantry and storage areas for this shelter for families. The facility was also the recipient of food, toys, and toiletries donated at breakfast.

Another perennial project is the beach cleanup coordinated by the Friends of Palm Beach nonprofit created by Fellowship member Diane Buhler, assisted by members John Rothberg and Rebecca Weiss. Perfect for volunteers of all ages, the beach cleanup is always one of the most popular activities.

This season’s Fellowship Friday will be held on November 29, 2024. Volunteer sites and other details will be announced soon.

Annual Meeting and Student Contest Awards Ceremony



photo by Tom Tracy

Fellowship members and the families of the 2024 Essay Contest & Creative Arts Competition winners gathered on June 27, 2024, to honor the students and their teachers. The evening also included a slide presentation with highlights of the 2023-2024 season and yummy hors d’oeuvres and beverages.

“Hate Ends Now” Exhibit and Reception

On December 13, 2023, we partnered with the Southern NCSY to bring the “Hate Ends Now” cattle car exhibit to Palm Beach. In this powerful exhibit, participants enter a replica of a cattle car to watch a 20 minute, 360-degree video about the Holocaust. Docents also shared artifacts at this moving event held at the Royal Poinciana Chapel in Palm Beach, which included a Chanukah candle lighting led by Rabbi Michael Resnick of Temple Emanu-El Palm Beach, and inspiring remarks by the Chapel’s pastor, Dr. Robert Norris.



photo by S. Gilbert

Due to inclement weather, the closing reception was held inside the lovely Seagull Cottage on the church grounds. Special guests also included survivor Aron Bell, the last of the Bielski brothers, who led a resistance movement in the forests of Belarus, saving 1,200 Jews. Their story has been told in several books and the movie “Defiance.” Along with the community members who went through the exhibit during the day were 40 eighth grade students from the Palm Beach Day Academy.

Annual Fellowship Dinner

Our signature event, the Annual Fellowship Dinner, brings the community together to be inspired and enlightened by a nationally known guest speaker. The February 8, 2024 event at The Beach Club in Palm Beach provided another meaningful keynote address in the form of Christian Picciolini, a former white supremacist and author of **Breaking Hate: Confronting the New Culture of Extremism**. Nearly 200 attendees listened attentively to Picciolini’s story of his early life, how he turned it around, and his suggestions for preventing today’s youth from going down the path of hate. For nearly two decades, Picciolini has helped hundreds of people disengage from the hate movements he helped create, winning recognition for his efforts.



Entrepreneur, philanthropist, and community leader Bill Meyer was presented with the 2024 John C. Randolph Award, given annually at the Dinner to an individual or organization who exemplifies the mission of the Fellowship. Meyer gave a rousing acceptance speech which brought the audience to its feet.



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This season’s Dinner will be held at The Beach Club on Thursday, February 27, 2025. The speaker and Randolph Award recipient will be announced after they are finalized. Invitations will be sent just after the first of the year.

Programs

In early April, our dynamic duo, Thomas G. O’Brien III and Rabbi Howard Shapiro, continued their tradition of leading thoughtful, respectful, and lively discussions in their popular interactive program, *Pathways and Perspectives*, with a session exploring antisemitism.



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A couple weeks later, Charles “Chuck” Hagy shared details of the experiences he had during his recent life-changing trip to Eastern Europe in an informative *Sunday Conversation* presentation. Hagy, an educator for more than 30 years, also introduced plans for anti-hate programs at area schools.

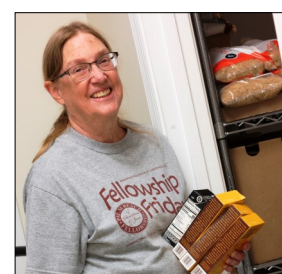
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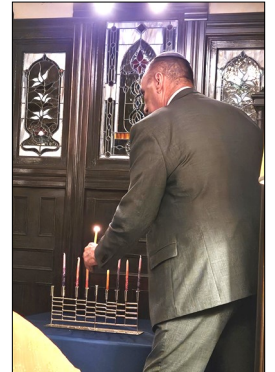
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▼ Rabbi Howard Shapiro



▼ Thomas G. O'Brien III



▼ Charles Hagy



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