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SPOTLIGHT

A Newsletter For Planned Parenthood Supporters

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Planned Parenthood News

Planned Parenthood would like to wish you a Happy and Safe Holiday Season



Planned Parenthood would like to thank you for all your support during this remarkable year. A year that has brought its highs and lows, wins and losses; without your continued support and spirit none of our achievements would have been possible. We look forward to another successful and "action" packed year!

Health Care Reform and Women's Rights



On November 8, 2009 Congress passed the Stupak amendment to the Health Care Reform bill. The amendment will prevent women's access to abortion services and in turn, women's access to comprehensive health care. Thanks to the diligent work of Planned Parenthood supporters, the Senate voted down the same language in their version of the bill on December 8, 2009! To find out the most up to date information on the Stupak (Nelson/Hatch) amendment [Click Here](#).

Planned Parenthood is working hard to stop the amendment from being included in the final Health Care Bill that will go to President Obama's desk. It is imperative we protect women's access to abortion coverage. Help Planned Parenthood stop Stupak, [sign the petition](#) today and join over 100,000 supporters in health care reform. If you haven't already done so, [Thank or Spank](#) your Senator for his vote on the amendment.



Over 1,300 Pro-Choice supporters travelled to Washington D.C. to meet with Congress about the Stupak Amendment. [Click here](#) to view pictures and to see a video of our very own Florida supporters [check it out here](#).

[Drag Me to the Ball a Success](#)



Over one hundred Planned Parenthood supporters gathered for the organization's annual Drag Me to the Ball event on November 7th. Event co-chairs Sandra Saladrigas and Nicole Millar along with their committee members organized the annual event to raise money for Planned Parenthood's Teen Time program which provides affordable health care and medically accurate information that empowers teens to make responsible decisions and lead healthy lives.

Guests enjoyed hors d'oeuvres by Michelle Bernstein and sipped on the evening's signature cocktail, the Velvetini. The evening featured a show-stopping performance by the international celebrity, drag diva, Miss Elaine Lancaster followed by music and dancing with South Florida's hottest DJ, Adam Lipson. The live auction included two exclusive items- an exotic safari in South Africa and a stay at the private, elegant Summerhill Villa in Montego Bay Jamaica.

Take Care

World AIDS Day



Celebrated on December 1st each year, World AIDS Day increases awareness, fight prejudice and improves education around this critical issue. The World AIDS Day theme for 2009 is *'Universal Access and Human Rights'*. It is important to remember that HIV has not gone away, and that there are many things still to be done. Medicine is getting better, but human behavior is not. AIDS deaths in Florida have declined for two consecutive years, thanks to drug therapies, but infections hold steady.

Did you know:

- About 1,500 Floridians died of AIDS from 2006 to 2008
- About 90,000 Floridians have HIV/AIDS. Fifteen are infected every day.
- One-fifth of those who have HIV don't know it.

Have you been tested recently? If not [click here](#) to make your appointment at a local Health Center today.

Attention College Students



Get Inspired and Get Active with VOX on your campus!



Vox Chapters from around the state gathered in early November for the statewide Vox Leadership Training and Retreat in Orlando. Participants joined together for two days filled with important information on event planning, recruitment and maintaining strong and viable Vox Chapters. [Click here](#) to see how you can make a difference on your campus!

Attend a General meeting at any of our current chapters:
Florida Atlantic University VOX Chapter meetings will resume Spring 2010. For more information contact fau.vox@gmail.com.

Florida International University VOX Chapter meetings will resume Spring 2010. For more information contact VOX.FIU.chapter@gmail.com

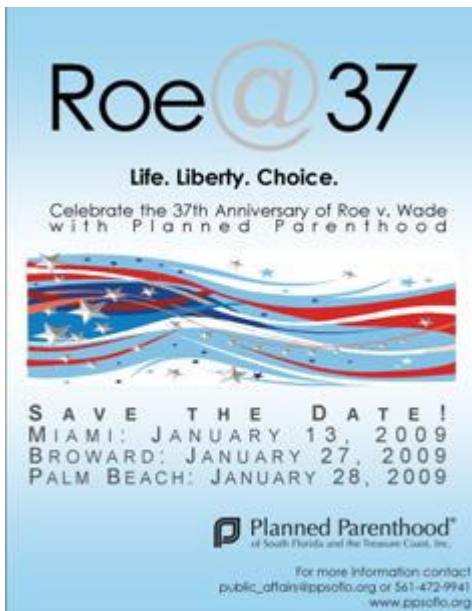
University of Miami VOX Chapter meetings will resume Spring 2010. For more information contact voxumiami@hotmail.com.

Get Involved

Planned Parenthood of South Florida is Looking for Volunteers

There is so much work to be done! We have a number of projects that need great volunteers. Kick the New Year off right by getting involved with Planned Parenthood! Community Service hours available for students. To get started [click here](#).

Roe Events



Miami

Date: January 13, 2010
 Time: 6-8pm
 Location: Globe Cafe (477 Alahambra Circle)
 Cost: \$20 at the Door
 RSVP: public_affairs@ppsoflo.org or 561-472-9941

Broward

Date: January 27, 2010
 Time: 6-8pm
 Location: RSVP for Details- Free event at Private home.
 RSVP: Takeata.Pang@ppsoflo.org or 561-472-9942

Palm Beach

Date: January 28, 2010
 Time: 6-8pm
 Location: Blue Martini (City Place)
 Cost: \$20 at the door
 RSVP: Takeata.Pang@ppsoflo.org or 561-472-9942

Not Just A One Night Stand

Join the host committee of "Cocktails with a Twist" as they Kick Off the 4th Annual event. Local celebrity bartenders will be serving up drinks. For ONE NIGHT ONLY you can purchase your ticket to "Cocktails with a Twist" for only \$100 (a \$50 Savings).

\$10 at the door includes a complimentary drink, a chance to win various prizes, appetizers, and a pin that reads "Planned Parenthood- don't screw with us, don't screw without us."

Date: January 28, 2010

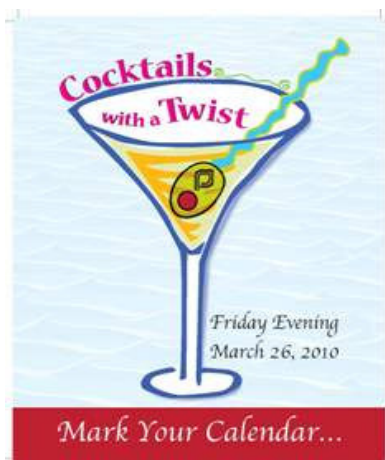
Time: 6-9pm
 Location: Wahoos on the Water (914 NW Flagler Ave, Stuart)
 Cost: \$10
 RSVP: Michelle.King@ppsoflo.org

SAVE THE DATE: 19th Annual Tradition of Choice Luncheon

The luncheon will feature Linda Greenhouse, a Pulitzer Prize winning journalist, and Knight Distinguished Journalist in Residence and Joseph Goldstein Senior Fellow in Law at Yale Law School. Ms. Greenhouse was the New York Times' Supreme Court Correspondent for 30 years, and is author of the biography of Justice Harry A. Blackmun, *Becoming Justice Blackmun*. The Tradition of Choice luncheon raises money for Planned Parenthood of South Florida and the Treasure Coast's award-winning and highly successful Teen Time® Program.

Date: Friday, March 5, 2010
 Time: 11:30 am
 Location: Cohen Pavilion, Kravis Center for the Performing Arts, West Palm Beach
 Price: \$125 / ticket
 RSVP: 561-472-9966 or Noelle.Biesterfeld@ppsoflo.org

SAVE THE DATE: 4th Annual Cocktails with a Twist



Fundraiser to benefit Martin County Planned Parenthood programs
 Date: Friday, March 26, 2010
 Time: 7-10 pm
 Location: TBA
 Price: \$150 pp, or through sponsorship opportunities
 RSVP: Michelle King – Michelle.King@ppsoflo.org

The Planned Parenthood Team

We're Hiring

At Planned Parenthood, our most important resource is our people. Our dedicated staff and interns serve the local South Florida community every day. We currently have an opening in the Public Affairs department in the Miami Area. [Click here](#) to learn more about local employment opportunities.

Seeking Interns

Planned Parenthood is still accepting applications for our Spring internship program in West Palm Beach. Interns will assist the Public Affairs Department in achieving its grassroots organizing and legislative goals. [Click here](#) for more information and application instructions.

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