

Leadership, Service and 85 Years of Impact



The Junior League of the Palm Beaches (JLPB) recently brought together more than 200 members, sustainers, community leaders and supporters for its annual *May Dinner & Dance*, a celebratory evening recognizing service, leadership and the organization's inspiring impact throughout the Palm Beaches. **Annie Falk** served as Honorary Chair, with **Michelle Otremba**, **Julie Rudolph** and **Kate Stamm** serving as Chairs of the event, which was held at the Four Seasons Resort Palm Beach.

The event served as both a celebration of the League's milestone 85th Anniversary year and the official installation of its 2026-2027 Board of Directors. **Emily Schachtel** was installed as President, succeeding **Kate Stamm**, who led the organization throughout its 85th year.

During the event, several individuals and organizations were also recognized for their outstanding contributions to the League and the community: Community Partner of the Year - **Cox Science Center & Aquarium**; *President's Award* (Active Member) - **Julie Rudolph**; *President's Award* (Sustainer) - **Sandi Krafczek**; *Leadership Award* - **Michelle Otremba**; and New Members of the Year - **Adeline Chappius** and **Wendy Powell**.

"The Cox Science Center and Aquarium holds a special place in Junior League history, having been founded by League members who recognized the importance of creating meaningful, engaging educational opportunities for our community," shared Stamm. "Today, that vision continues to thrive through the Science Center's innovative programs, commitment to accessibility and dedication to inspiring future generations. It was an honor to recognize an organization whose impact reflects the very values our League has championed for 85 years."

The event was made possible through the generous support of community leaders, businesses and philanthropic partners. The **Michael & Annie Falk Foundation** served as Heritage Sponsor; artist **Cliff Powell** and **Wendy Powell** were recognized as Legacy Sponsors and **Mike and Diana Retzer** serving as Golden Sponsors. Additional Sponsors included **Diamonds Direct**; **HB Wealth**; **Lytal, Reiter, Smith, Ivey & Fronrath**; **Perigold**, **Psychological Affiliates, Inc.**; **Rudolph & Associates**; **Kathryn C. Vecellio**; **Berger Singerman LLP**; **Brian and Pamela Socolow**; and **Critton Luttier** and **Coleman LLP**.

For more information about the Junior League of the Palm Beaches, its upcoming events and to get involved visit jlpb.org.

FIRST ROW: Nicky McDonald, Annie Falk, Annie Cardelus and Pam Williams; Matthew Vanden Bosch, Michelle Otremba, Neda Vanden Bosch, and Lon Otremba; **SECOND ROW:** Nestor and Ashley Bustamante with Julie and Howard Rudolph; Emily Schachtel and Katie Velotta; **THIRD ROW:** Kate Stamm and Jill Davis; Virginia Oatley and Farley Rentschler; **FOURTH ROW:** Diana and Mike Retzer; Kathryn Vecellio and Jill Davis. PHOTOS: CAPEHART

