



Dear Friends:

This year the Beaches Area Historical Society will host its 36th gala *Beach Legends: Celebrating Legendary Beaches Figures*. The fun, which includes a cocktail hour, silent and live auctions, and a sit-down dinner, begins at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 23 at TPC Sawgrass clubhouse. Proceeds will go toward educational programs and operational needs of the Beaches Museum & History Park. Your auction donation is needed to make the 2016 Legends fundraiser a success.

Recognizing that tomorrow's history is being made today, the highlight of the evening will be an awards presentation honoring well-known, contemporary individuals who have made and are making significant contributions to the on-going history of Mayport, Atlantic Beach, Neptune Beach, Jacksonville Beach, Ponte Vedra Beach and Palm Valley.

The 2016 Legends are:

Rev. Don Lynn and his wife, Barbara Lynn – Don and Barbara Lynn have been growing, healing and strengthening the lives of Beach children and adults for two decades. Rev. Lynn cared for the spiritual health of patients and their families as the Senior Chaplain at Baptist Medical Center Beaches since 1990. Barbara served as the Preschool Director at Community Presbyterian Church for 20 years and was a leader in the local effort to improve early learning quality.

Captain George Strate – Almost anyone who loves offshore fishing in Northeast Florida has a fond story to tell about Captain George Strate. As the captain of the Miss Mayport, and later the Mayport Princess, Captain George has over 40 years of experience as a deep sea fishing guide and advocate for the sport, helping adults and children experience the wonder and thrill of the sea.



Coach John “Wimpy” Sutton – Beloved Fletcher High School science teacher for 30 years, member of the Jacksonville Beach Volunteer Life Guard Corp, exercise coach, swimming instructor and coach, fishing captain, member of the Duval County School Board and family man. Wimpy encouraged students, friends and acquaintances to be better than they thought they could be and changed the lives of thousands.

Mrs. Leslie Weed – Nationally known in the world of Autism advocacy, Leslie has helped change the world for children with Autism. Inspired by her own family’s challenges in raising their daughter, Lanier, who is profoundly affected by Autism, Leslie and her husband Bobby co-founded Helping Every Autistic Life (HEAL) in 2004. Headquartered in Ponte Vedra, HEAL supports summer camps, classroom enhancements and community programs for individuals living with Autism Spectrum Disorders and their families across Northeast Florida.

Tom Wood – In 2016, Tom Wood ended his 33 year career as the publisher of the Beaches Leader and the Ponte Vedra Leader. With the philosophy that “strong newspapers build strong communities,” these local weekly newspapers have been a mainstay reporting our news, celebrating our triumphs and tracking our neighborhood concerns. Tom’s leadership has fostered a community voice and helped to build our sense of place at the Beach.

Please return the enclosed auction donation form. Visit www.beachmuseum.org to learn more about the work the Beaches Museum & History Park does to preserve our coastal heritage. Our success depends on the help and support of all sponsors and donors. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,



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