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A Quarterly Publication of Ladies 327, Inc.



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1. Encourage fellowship, camaraderie, and friendship to women who request membership and meet the membership criteria via regularly scheduled monthly activities including, but not limited to, group lunches/dinners/other functions of general interest.
2. Support and shop local small business with scheduled activities and everyday life.
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Our Board of Directors are responsible for overseeing all the organization's activities.
All board members are 100% volunteer

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A New Year, A New Chapter!

As you read this, we are celebrating the wins from last year! **In 2023...**

We spread the word about **8 of our local non-profit partners.**

- Christian Tech Center
- Warrior In Me
- Pearlie Mae Ford
- Heartland Haven Foundation
- Central FL Community Pet Clinic
- National Ovarian Cancer Coalition
- Camp Boggy Creek
- Cookies for Kids Cancer

We highlighted **3 of our annual sponsors** and shared their stories.

- The Colonial Room
- Sanford Brewing Company
- Deborah Moran Realtor

We provided advertising opportunities for **13 new local business advertisers.** We continued to provide ad opportunities for **10 local businesses** who have been advertising with us since our first issue dated Oct. 2021.

CONNECTIONS is a volunteer work! This means that all graphic design, layout, editor, and distribution hours are volunteer hours. No one receives a wage for creating the work. The finished work is then turned over to a local printing business (because supporting local is an active goal for us). Currently, we are printing with Alpha Graphics out of Lake Mary. Offering local advertising at prices well below market costs is the main way that we can support local businesses. Once costs are paid, 100% of profits are donated. Since our inception in Oct. 2021, we have been able to **raise over \$2,000 for Ladies 327** programs and works.

With your help, either as a loyal reader or as one of our valued advertisers, we can keep doing good for years to come.

Fun Fact - Our favorite Ladies 327 project is **Cops for Christmas.** This year, **Ladies 327 and Sanford Police Department FOP Lodge 140** brought Christmas to **111 local children and teens.** On event day, the children can enjoy breakfast, meet Santa, ride a trolley (space permitted), shop with a police officer or volunteer escort, and enjoy a lunch sponsored by Texas Roadhouse of Sanford. The children are selected and pre-registered through Sanford Police Department FOP Lodge 140. This amazing day could not have happened without community donations, sponsors, and volunteers.



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Meet One of Our Non-Profit Partners



Welcome to our Community! For more than 37 years, **Boys Town Central Florida** has been a beacon of hope for vulnerable youth in Central Florida.

Community and belonging are some of the most important things you can offer a child or a family in crisis. A sense of purpose or belonging builds confidence under the guise of knowing where you fit. This is what we strive to provide to the children and families we serve here at Boys Town Central Florida.

Since our founding in **1986** right here in **Seminole County** (our campus is located in Oviedo), our program has grown from a residential campus for children in need, to also provide preventative community resources. Families within our community can utilize our many programs including; home family services, parenting classes, an outpatient Behavioral Health Clinic, the 24/7 toll-free **National Crisis Hotline (800.448.3000)**, and our Intervention and Assessment Program, which offers a short-term respite stay for youth in need.

Nearly **1,500 children were served** and impacted by Boys Town Central Florida services **in 2023!**

Want to **get involved?** Here are a few ways!

- Follow and Share the organization's social media posts
- Purchase necessities from our Amazon wishlist
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- Volunteer with Boys Town/ Organize a volunteer team
- Host a house by providing a meal, decorating a room, or providing items from our wish list
- Share a talent with our students/ mentor
- Host a Collection Drive (Back to School backpacks, Luggage, Gift Card Drive, Toiletries)

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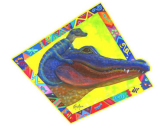
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It is amazing what survivors contribute to the world around them. Take a moment to get to know **Bikers Against Trafficking (BAT)**. They are a 501(c)3 organization, **founded in January 2016**, based out of Lake Mary, FL. They are celebrating their 8th year in service! Their mission is to “eradicate human sex trafficking and restore those impacted...”

BAT commits their time to raising awareness about human trafficking and how to recognize potential trafficking situations and victims. They raise awareness about what we could do should we encounter a situation. They teach and share the resources that exist to help.

Founders, Dr. Patrick (Doc) and Rainey Nave provide “trauma-informed” clinical therapy through a partnership with Family4Today, Inc. for survivors and their families. The organization’s other works include providing daily living supplies for those in need, providing housing assistance for survivors, and accepting as many speaking engagements as possible to educate, train, and spread awareness.

BAT partners with over 530 survivors and families and has international and national chapters. Funds to aid them in their mission come through direct donations which can be sent using their website **BikersAgainstTrafficking.org**, proceeds from Smoking Pirate Cigars (**SmokingPirate.org**), and their upcoming annual fundraising event called the **7th Annual BAT run**. Scheduled for **Feb. 10th**, this amazing event is hosted at Seminole Harley-Davidson and includes live music, raffles, a pancake breakfast, lunch, and a t-shirt. To **pre-register** visit, **seminoleharley.com/event/27784/8th-annual-bat-ride**.

BAT is proud to serve our local community and can be found at many Sanford events. Feel free to visit the tent and learn more about Bikers Against Trafficking or contact them directly at **BikersAgainstTrafficking.org** or **407-300-8971**.



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Nearly 9 years ago, Marcelo and his wife Kimberly decided to open up a little Italian restaurant in the growing town of Debarry, Florida. Marcelo had a passion for cooking and wanted to create a legacy to one day pass on to the younger generations of his family.

After retiring 20 years ago, Marcelo spent years working for several well-known Italian eateries and pizzerias in the central Florida area. After collecting all the skills and experiences needed, he decided that it was time to put these experiences to use in a way that could bring his family together.

Marcelo is an immigrant from Argentina, a country known for its beef and dairy products. Argentina's culture and culinary offerings are hugely influenced by the large population of Italian families who immigrated to this beautiful land and their descendants.

The biggest influences on Marcelo's life were the strength of his grandfather, Anselmo, and his grandmother, Nonna Maria. Anselmo taught his grandson the value of a strong work ethic, while Nonna Maria, an immigrant from Sicily taught the value of family traditions in the kitchen and around the table.

These values and traditions are the alma (soul) of Nonna Maria's Pizzeria and Restaurant.

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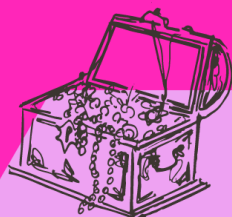
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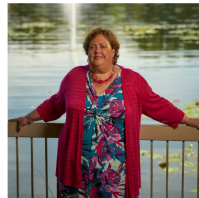
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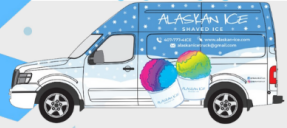


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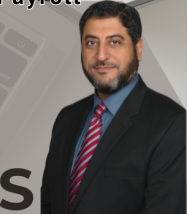
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- 9- Texas Roadhouse Kids Night 5p
- 11- Ladies 327 Dinner 6:30p
- 13- Get Hooked on Lake Monroe Seafood Festival & Fishing Tournament 12p
- 14- Sanford Food Truck Fiesta 1p
- 25- Ladies 327 Lunch 11:30a
- 27- Sanford Ave Block Party 5p
- 30- Chit, Chat, & Coffee 9a

February

- 8- Ladies 327 Dinner 6:30p
- 10- Citrus City Craft Mardi Gras 5p
- 11- Sanford Food Truck Fiesta 1p
- 13- Food For Thought 11:30a
- 13- Texas Roadhouse Kids Night 5p
- 17- Sanford Mardi Gras 4p-9p
- 22- Ladies 327 Lunch 11:30a
- 24- Sanford Ave Block Party 5p
- 27- Chit, Chat, & Coffee 9a

March

- 10- Sanford Food Truck Fiesta 1p
- 12- Food for Thought 11:30a
- 14- Ladies 327 Dinner 6:30p
- 16- Paddy Pull 4p - 9p
- 17- Citrus City Craft St. Patrick's Day Parking Lot Party 1p
- 22- Ladies 327 Lunch 11:30a
- 23- Pints & Paws 11a - 6p
- 23- Sanford Ave Block Party 5p
- 26- Chit, Chat, & Coffee 9a
- 26- Texas Roadhouse Easter Parking Lot Party 5p - 8p

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