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Give Peace a Chance

"The September Concert" to Remember 9/11 victims and to Celebrate the "Sister Cities International" program

by Angela LeMay

CLEARWATER

On Thursday, Sept 11th, the City of Clearwater joined communities around the world from Beijing, China to New York City as they filled the skies with the universal language of music in The September Concert.

The September Concert is a series of free musical performances held

in cities around the world on Sept 11th every year in remembrance of the 9/11 tragedy. The concerts offer a way for communities to commemorate this historic date and focus on bringing all people together, reaffirming our hope for world peace and celebrating life and universal humanity.

Sister Cities International is a movement founded in 1956

after U.S. President Dwight D. Eisenhower convened a White House Summit on Citizen Diplomacy. In a speech delivered on September 11, 1956, President Eisenhower called on Americans to forge people-to-people ties with communities abroad and to build a lasting peace based on understanding and respect.

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Peace Community Choir inside the Peace Memorial Presbyterian Church
Photo by Simaen Skolfield



The Hellas Dancers of the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church
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Robert A. Freedman, CEO and president of Ruth Eckerd Hall
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Italian Fashion Designer Gives 100% of Saturday's Sales to the Community Learning Center

By Angela LeMay

CLEARWATER

In today's economic climate, many have the tendency to "cut back" and adopt the mentality of "look out for number one". But not downtown Clearwater merchant Angela Giofrè, who owns "Giofrè" - a woman's clothing store featuring high-end Italian designs.

Saturday, September 6th, Angela opened up her beautiful boutique located at 8 South Ft. Harrison, to raise funds for the renovation of the building previously known as the "Bill Irlle Dinner Theater" located at 1411 Ft. Harrison. The theater was purchased by The Community Learning Center and, upon completion of the renovation, will supply the much needed additional space for their expansion.

The Community Learning Center, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, has successfully tutored children for the past 10 years, positively impacting thousands of children each and every year in Pinellas County. Due to the increasing demand for their services they have simply run out of space, so they acquired the building on Ft. Harrison Ave and embarked on the renovations needed to supply the community with a center

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Angela Giofrè (right) with a happy client (left)
Photo by Simaen Skolfield

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What's the Word on the Street... Cleveland Street?

"Fro-Yo"

by Angela LeMay

CLEARWATER

For those of you who haven't been enlightened yet it's an abbreviation for "frozen yogurt". So, what's the big deal? Hasn't frozen yogurt been around since the '70's? That's what I thought 'till I tried fro-yo from Caliyogurt; it is nothing like the typical over-sugared plastic tasting brands.

I've honestly not tasted anything as delightfully habit forming as the fro-yo at Caliyogurt located in downtown Clearwater at 519 Cleveland Street. This was pretty amazing to me, as I am not a big fan of ice cream. I only eat ice cream about three times a year; my ice cream-loving friends think I am odd for that reason. Now I crave Caliyogurt. I was relieved to find out that this tangy brand of frozen yogurt is All Natural and Fat Free and it has healthy active live cultures.

Upon further research, I discovered that the fro-yo "craves" have been going on in California since ca. 2005 which was where owner Phillip Park of Caliyogurt first discovered this tart-tasting creamy delectable. Being an entrepreneur



Phillip Park, owner of Caliyogurt, with Joy Gendusa
Photo by Brad Kugler

Phillip seized the opportunity to create his own brand of fro-yo, now offered at his Caliyogurt stores. When I asked why he decided to open a store in Downtown Clearwater, Phillip chuckled and said, "It was totally by accident". He elaborated

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Caliyogurt at its Grand Opening event
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and told me that Joy Gendusa, member of the Clearwater Downtown Partnership, was referred to his Tampa location for an after dinner dessert from a neighboring restaurant. Phillip said Joy started coming to his store regularly; "nearly every day". Then she started bringing her other friends and associates - Jennifer Lindsay, Debbie Ward, Shannon Johnson and others- all the way from Clearwater to taste his fro-yo. He said Karla Jo Helms brought her own cooler just so she could take back a supply of Caliyogurt to Clearwater. Finally, his new fan club started to persuade him to open a Caliyogurt location in downtown Clearwater bringing in more and more troops. How could he resist?

Many months were spent on the renovations of the space on Cleveland Street, which is a treat in itself. Phillip collaborated with Jennifer Lindsay, Artist and project manager of Jennifer Lindsay Designs (jenniferlindsaydesigns.com) to create a beautiful and modern shop in downtown Clearwater.

"We used eco-friendly products all over the shop; our custom blend floor and counters are made out of recycled glass and mirror... We specified a unique 'wave wall' that is eco-friendly and some low voltage lighting, among other items. We decided to create a healthy environment in which to enjoy our healthy product! We fully accomplished this", Jennifer Lindsay proudly reported.

On August 26th, Phillip Park celebrated the grand opening of his Downtown Clearwater Caliyogurt with City officials, other business owners and many of his newfound friends and fans.


So there you have it, we now have the first "eco-friendly" store in Downtown Clearwater, at 519 Cleveland Street. It's a refreshing new place to enjoy guilt-free, all-natural, fat-free, fro-yo and visit with old friends and make new ones.



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From the Desk of Sheriff Jim Coats



Too many people, knowledge of what law enforcement agencies do is limited to what they might have seen in television dramas or news stories. For this reason, many people have only a limited understanding of how a professional law enforcement agency operates and what its employees do. Deputies and other uniformed members of the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office are the most visible part of the agency, but there are many employees whose efforts are not as visible, yet they are vital to our success. These jobs include a wide variety of accounting, clerical, communication, maintenance and many other support positions without which the Sheriff's Office would have difficulty in providing meaningful service to the public.

One important, yet seldom recognized function of any law enforcement agency is professional record management. When it comes to maintaining the Sheriff's Office criminal records database, the job is handled by our Records Division. In most cases, until there is a need for a copy

of report, the round-the-clock important tasks performed by the members of this division go largely unnoticed.

To accomplish their mission, the Sheriff's Office Records Division is separated into three different units, each of which has specific responsibilities pertaining to law enforcement records. Criminal records are constructed, validated, archived, and disseminated by members of this unit as necessary in accordance with Florida public record laws. For this reason, criminal records from the present dating back to the 1950s are currently preserved.

The Automated Record Management System (ARMS) Unit is responsible for entering offense and incident reports into the Augmented Criminal Information Support System (ACISS). Members of this unit work around the clock entering data provided by deputies into the ACISS database to document criminal and non-criminal investigations. Last year this unit completed nearly 105,000 Sheriff's Office reports.

The Validation Unit is responsible for confirming that all information entered into the Florida Crime Information Center (FCIC) database is accurate. This information includes all entries pertaining to missing persons, and a wide variety of stolen items such as firearms, vehicles, and jewelry.

The Records Request Unit handles all public records requests pertaining to offense, incident, and traffic crash reports. This unit also satisfies requests for local criminal background checks. Last year this unit processed about 91,000 public records requests.

Public record requests can be made in person at the Sheriff's Administration Building located at 10750 Ulmerton Road in Largo. Requests can also be made over the telephone by calling (727) 582-6200 and selecting option #2. Some reports contain information that is confidential or exempt from release by law, and therefore will be redacted from a report before the record is made available. In accordance with Florida Statute 119.07, a nominal fee may be charged for obtaining some records. Copies of some reports, specifically traffic crash reports, are available online by following the "Accident Report Download" link on our website at www.pcsoweb.com.

For additional information about the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office Records Division, please contact Records Supervisor Pam Parker-Manning at (727) 582-6281. Professional record management is just one more way we are striving to achieve our goal of "Leading The Way For A Safer Pinellas."



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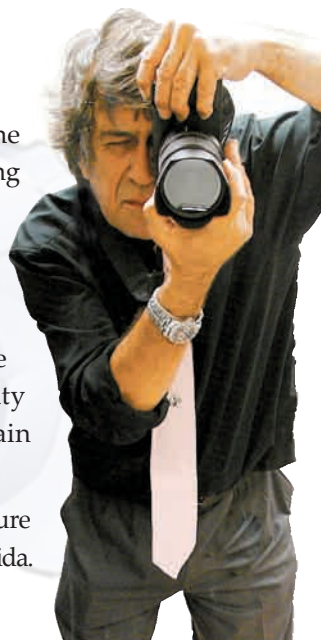
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Simaen Skolfield Staff Photographer

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Mr. Skolfield is an independent professional digital-image-capture photographer, 'writing with light', at home here in Clearwater, Florida.

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The event commenced at 6 p.m. on the steps of City Hall with a brief ceremony led by the City of Clearwater's Cultural Affairs Manager, Margo Walbolt, the Clearwater Fire Department's Color Guard, Lauran Irion who sang "America the Beautiful" and a welcome address by Mayor Hibbard.

The Dunedin Highland Middle School Highlander Bands provided a drum and bagpipe procession to the follow-up concert held directly across the street at the Peace Memorial Presbyterian Church.

The concert began with a performance by the Tampa Bay Golden Strings Youth Orchestra. Followed by singer/musicians Jill Jackson, John Seda and Rudy Richardson leading the Peace Community Choir and audience in sing-a-longs to the songs "Let There Be Peace on Earth" by Sy Miller, "Give Peace a Chance" by Lennon - McCartney and the 2008 Anthem of Hope "Let it Be" by The Beatles.

The children from Life Force Cultural Academy delighted the audience with a beautiful dance ensemble. Venus Jones enlightened us with her "Spoken Word" performance and the Hellas Dancers of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church inspired and energized all.

The performing artists, coordinators, sponsors and audience came from diverse backgrounds to participate in this remembrance concert that put forth the message of Unity and Peace.

In addition to being moved by the gathering of such a diverse group of people from the community who came together for a common purpose, my hope for peace was rekindled by the message Robert A. Freedman, CEO and President of Ruth Eckerd Hall imparted in his speech:

"Being Jewish, a very big part of our lives has always been to remember the Holocaust. You can never really understand, but you can remember. One has to keep that memory

alive and the knowledge of destruction of life brought on by Hitler to six million Jews and perhaps even five million other people – who were not the "right kind of people" – Gypsies, Ethnic Poles, Slavic people, the disabled, homosexuals and political and religious dissidents.

"Holocaust museums, which have become museums of tolerance, exist to help us remember, to never forget. Thousands each year visit concentration camp remnants to try to grasp the enormity of the genocide. And, these museums and camps remind us that we have to be ever diligent to genocide no matter where it happens. Whether it is Darfur, Rwanda, Armenia or anyplace in the world that these tragic actions occur – WE MUST REMEMBER!

"If we don't, we are perhaps doomed to allow it to happen again and to lose our vigilance about places in the world today that show a lack of tolerance.

"What is it that motivates one human being to make a decision to kill another human being? And, in the case of 9/11, an act that destroys lives and hopes of thousands in one act of cowardice. I cannot say I know the answer to that question. But I do know that the arts, the performing arts, can play a pivotal role in bringing understanding among different peoples of different cultures. The arts tell us that instead of hating something that is different from ourselves, we can celebrate, revel in and enjoy incredible diversity.

"Over the course of my career as an arts presenter, one of the great joys has been



Poet Venus Jones
Photo by Simaen Skolfield



Beth Daniels, Clearwater Arts Foundation Director
Photo by Simaen Skolfield

to bring to audiences, artists from all over the world into your particular community. Such experiences help break down barriers, stereotypes and bring understanding that would be impossible without such an arts experience."

"The great novelist Kurt Vonnegut once said that music helped him through tragic times and also talked of what kind of epitaph he would like and concluded it should say: The only proof he needed for the existence of God was music. A colleague of mine once said that the 'arts are an investment in human potential.' I would add to that - the arts are an investment in human understanding."

The City, the Clearwater Arts Foundation and Clearwater Sister Cities Inc. jointly sponsored this event. The Peace Memorial Presbyterian Church opened its doors in its contribution to bringing culture and peace to the community.

To watch video coverage of this event, visit www.tampabayinformer.com



Dunedin Highland Middle School Pipes and Drums
Photo by Simaen Skolfield



"Wave I" by Robert Schoeller
The City of Clearwater and Robert Schoeller Studios present the painting "Wave I" by artist Robert Schoeller on display at City Hall: 112 S. Osceola Ave.
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- First Annual Clearwater Jazz 'N Art Walk in downtown Clearwater, October 18th and 19th 10am – 5pm. www.clearwaterjazz.com

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The Community Learning Center building at 1411 Fort Harrison Ave.
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Italian Fashion Designer Gives to the Community Learning Center
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for learning, arts, after school programs, human rights program and more.

At the fundraiser, many people generously shopped, not only for the quality and beauty of the Giofrè designs but more importantly to help The Community Learning Center and its purpose. One hundred percent of the days sales - totaling close to \$19,000 - was generously donated by Angela Giofrè to The Community Learning Center's renovation project.

When asked how she got involved with The Community Learning Center. Angela told us that she had been planning to open an

art school for kids in Clearwater and she was looking for a space. Then she found out about The Community Learning Center's project and decided to put the two projects together. Angela stated, "when I was a little girl, I knew what I wanted to be. They didn't let me do it, you know. They told me that art school was for boys. I was in Italy, I was in the South of Italy...for me it was very hard... In the [end], I won... I feel that I have to give to kids what I didn't have."

To watch the full video coverage of the fundraiser and the inspiring interview with Angela Giofrè visit our website at www.tampabayinformer.com and click on the featured videos titled "Giofrè Raises Funds for The Community Learning Center."



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Why Kids Need Calcium and Magnesium!

by Desiree Lotz



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Kid's Crazy Birthday Parties

Have you ever noticed that when you first arrive at a kid's party how well-behaved most of the children are and, before too long, they're running around a bit crazy and progressively getting more frenzied and argumentative?

This is usually after they've been consuming the candy, colas and cake. It's even worse if they haven't had a good meal before going to the party. Things can really start deteriorating and it often gets quite unpleasant as they get more difficult to handle.

What Causes All That Frantic Energy?

One of the reason this happens is that as they consume sugar and the white flour cakes and fizzy colas, their calcium and magnesium stores, which may already be low, get depleted even more. Sugar and noise deplete these nutrients almost instantly.

As the nerves need calcium and magnesium as well as B complex, especially young growing ones, deficiencies can make kids feel awful. Deficiencies can make them misbehave and act out of character - even a bit insane.

Birthday Party Survival Guide

When my kids were young and went to parties, my solution was to give them a good meal of protein and vegetables, usually salad, a good multi vitamin plus a glass of Instant CalMag-C. As a result, they could enjoy themselves and I could relax.

I always took a bottle of Instant CalMag-C with me to the parties because the other kids got into the same situation. I'd give them and their

mothers each a glassful, with the result that our parties were fun for the kids and peaceful for the moms.

They loved it, especially the way they felt afterwards, literally in about 15 minutes and, of course, the mothers loved the calmness that settled on their young ones.

Children have varying tastes, so you can mix their Instant CalMag-C with a natural fruit juice - never use sugar or sweetened juices as that would just counteract the good effects.

Growing Nerves Need Calcium and Magnesium

If your children are hyper or misbehaving, coat their nerves with a glass of Instant CalMag-C and see them calm down in minutes.

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Commissioner Susan Latvala (left); Cat Coats, wife of Sheriff Jim Coats (middle) and Lisa Mansell (right), Community Affairs Director for the Church of Scientology
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Community Leaders Stepping Out... in Fashion for Charity

7th Annual "Fashions with Flair"

By Angela LeMay

CLEARWATER

The charity fundraiser, held at the Belleair Country Club, packed the house with nearly 350 attendees from the greater Clearwater region.

Since 1994, Clearwater Community Volunteers have raised money, food and toys for family and children's charities such as the Boys & Girls Club, Everybody's Tabernacle's Homeless Emergency Project, C.L. Kennedy Community Center in Tampa, the Red Cross, Victims of Katrina and Winter Wonderland.

CCV holds various fundraising activities throughout the year. However, Fashions with Flair" is the largest attended and, in my opinion, "the most elegant". Each year the event includes a silent auction, great food, entertainment and the fashion show of beautiful community leaders participating as models.

According to CCV Chairwoman, Pam Ryan-Anderson, the proceeds from this year's event – which also benefited the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Central and Northern Florida® – were up over last year!

Since its inception, the Fashion Show models have included numerous women notable for their leadership roles in our community, such as Pinellas County Commissioner Susan Latvala, Florida House Representative Kim Berfield, Cat Coats, wife of Pinellas County Sheriff Jim Coats, Kay Dillinger, wife of 6th Judicial Circuit Public Defender Bob Dillinger, Dr. Linda McClintock Greco, wife of former Tampa Mayor Dick Greco, Margaret Word-Burnside, Editor of Tampa Bay

Magazine, Pat Harney, Community Affairs Director for the Church of Scientology, Lisa Mansell, Deputy Community Affairs Director for the Church of Scientology, and Seema Desai, wife of Dr. Ashkay Desai.

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Renowned community leader Joanie Sigal was the emcee for the event
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By Doc Shillington, N.D.

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A word we could use for the basis of every disease in the human body is the word "STOPPAGE". We could have a stopped flow to any area whether it's the blood stream, the lymphatic flow, even the nerve supply. Stoppage is the BASIC, on why any area of the body gets diseased. This is a case where the body can't get Nutrition in, and also can't get the Wastes out.

Many people think of nutrition as "Food IN through the mouth and Waste OUT through the bowel". But every cell in your body needs to be fed. You can drink the most nutritious juices and take the greatest most potent herbs in the world, and even assimilate them into your blood, BUT unless that nourished blood gets to the exact cell that needs it, that cell won't get fed and IT WON'T GET WELL!!!

The power of bodywork is amazing. MASSAGE and EXERCISE can get more blood circulating through the body and nourishment delivered to the organs, increasing the amount of vitamins, minerals, amino acids, and enzymes from your juices and herbs to that organ. It also gets wastes such as Carbon Dioxide, Toxins and Poisons out

of those cells. This all has to happen through your blood and your lymphatic systems.

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Use a natural bristle skin brush and scrub yourself thoroughly every day. It stimulates the flow of your lymphatic system. This is the clear fluid of your body that contains pure immune cells and doesn't have a pump like the heart. Skin brushing is one of the best ways to move this lymph fluid around the body. Skin Brush with a dry, natural plant-fiber skin brush, or a Loofah and start at your feet. Move up from there, and always brush towards your heart. Pay special attention to any affected areas, as well as your lymph centers in your groin area, under your arms and around your neck. Don't forget your scalp and face but be careful with the face. Your skin will have the healthiest tone if you do this daily. This is one of the Natural Beauty Secrets of Hollywood's most famous stars and I thought you'd like to know. ☺

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One of four anti-drug murals now on display in Plaza Park

Children's Mural Sends Message to Plaza Park Neighborhood

"It takes children to change a neighborhood." On Labor Day, children from the Plaza Park neighborhood put this to the test. They created and painted a mural that says, "Say No to Drugs, Say Yes to Art."

There it stands. Four sides, each illustrating the message. Original designs, drawn by nearby Clearwater Academy Art Class, were chosen and scaled to size by professional illustrator, Susi Galloway. The mural was painted by neighborhood children during a Labor Day event in the park, a "pot luck" of music, dancing and food celebrating the end of the summer. The event was orchestrated by Elyse Aronson, known as the children's storyteller, Mz. Goose, the Modern Day Mother Goose, who lives in the neighborhood. Other organizations helped, especially Artists in Action International, an organization with headquarters in Clearwater, Florida, and the up and coming Plaza Park Neighborhood Association. Also on hand,

were other local organizations, such as the Way to Happiness, the North Greenwood Neighborhood Coalition, Youth for Human Rights and the Drug-Free Marshalls, who obtained pledges from participants to be drug-free.

Last week, members of Clearwater Academy Art Class put the finishing touches on the mural under the guidance of their art teacher and muralist, Cara Dunning.

The mural will remain in the park, which is on Pennsylvania Avenue, between Jones and Plaza Streets in Clearwater, until September 22nd. "I embarked on events in Plaza Park and this mural because I saw a park where few children played, so concerned were they that drug deals occurred in the park," says Aronson. "We are using art to say we want children to take back the park so beautifully designed for them by the city."



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