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■ **Naples Equestrian Challenge** hosts its fourth annual Kentucky Derby party from 4-7 p.m. Saturday, May 3, at The Bay House in North Naples. Time-honored "Run for the Roses" tradition will be celebrated with mint juleps and prizes for the Best Hat and Craziest Pants. A 50/50 raffle and the "Wheelbarrow of Booze" raffle will help raise funds beyond the \$50 per person admission, which includes the derby-style buffet and a complimentary mint julep. Cash bar will also be available. Join the owner's box by purchasing a sponsorship from \$500 to \$2,500.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call 596-2988 or visit www.NaplesEquestrianChallenge.org.

■ **The American Cancer Society Bucket List Bash: "Fly Me to the Moon"** takes off at 6 p.m. Saturday, March 1, at the Naples Jet Center. Organizers promise out-of-this-world food and wine, entertainment and silent and live auction items. Tickets are \$450. For reservations or more information, visit www.acsbucketlistbash.com.

■ **New Horizons** of Southwest Florida holds its sixth annual benefit luncheon on Saturday, March 1, at the Hilton Naples. With a theme of "Oh, the Places You'll Go," the afternoon will focus on the doors opened through education.

Tickets are \$75. Call Carolyn Herbold at 498-7789 or email carolyn.herold@gmail.com.

■ The United Arts Council holds its eighth annual **Stars in the Arts** awards



luncheon Friday, March 7, at the Waldorf Astoria, Naples. Winners of the 2014 awards are Linda Cummings, Mally Khorasantchi, Megan McCombs, Jon and Sonja Laidig, Holocaust Museum and Education Center and Naples Botanical Garden.

Tickets are \$95. For more information, call 254-8242 or visit www.CollierArts.com.

■ A former Saturday Night Live Band saxophonist, an award-winning a cappella group and musicians from the Naples Philharmonic join forces with a variety of other performers Sunday, March 9, for the fifth annual **From Jazz to Broadway at Covenant Church of Naples to benefit Laces of Love.**

The lineup includes the award-winning a cappella group BLING!; Misty Drake, a multi-time violin concerto winner with the Naples Philharmonic; and Lew Del Gatto, who performed with the Saturday Night Live Band for more than 20 years. Kevin Mauldin, principal bassist with the Naples Philharmonic; percussionist Chad Craig; Dawn and Billy Birch; Lesly Hale of Kahlua & Cream; Jeanie Darnell, soloist and head of the

FGCU Bower School of Music vocal department; and Bill Barnett and the Covenant Community Choir and Players will also perform.

Show time is 7 p.m. A silent auction will open at 6 p.m. Tickets for \$25 will be available at the door or can be purchased in advance by calling 495-1954. Platinum sponsorships, which include premium seating, are \$100.

Laces of Love works to provide new shoes, especially sneakers, to low-income and disadvantaged children in Collier and Lee counties. For more information, visit www.lacesoflove.org.

■ **The Ides of March** to benefit **Collier Child Care Resources** takes place from 6-9 p.m. Friday, March 14, at Clive Daniel Home. Hosted by Keating Associates, the evening will feature food by CaterMasters, entertainment by singer Matty Jollie, dancing and raffle prizes. Tickets are \$50 in advance at www.eventbrite.com or \$65 at the door. A cash bar will be available.

■ Bayshore Cultural and Performing Arts Center hosts **Swing Into Spring for the Arts** on Saturday, March 22, at Windstar on Naples Bay. The night begins with a reception and music by the Stu Shelton Trio and continues with a live auction, dinner and dancing to the swinging sounds of The Music Makers Show Band.

Tickets are \$145. Honorary chairmen are Richard Tooke and Charles Marshall; Charlane King, Robin Bache-Gray and Stephen Kutler serve as the gala committee.

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COURTESY PHOTO

Missy Saracino, Carrie Bamberger and Fia Carter cheered on their picks at last year's Kentucky Derby party to benefit Naples Equestrian Challenge. This year's party is set for Sunday afternoon, May 3, the 140th running of the race, at The Bay House. See details on page C26.

Tickets are \$95, with proceeds dedicated to The Shelter for Abused Women & Children, Youth Haven and St. Matthew's House. Send checks made payable to Dan Leaman, Wine Tasters president, 5637 Whisperwood Blvd. #601, Naples, FL 34110.

Florida Cancer Specialists Foundation has named the executive committee for the inaugural **Rio Carnival** set for Saturday, April 5, at The Ritz-Carlton Beach Resort. The South American-themed "Rio Carnival" will feature live dance performances, a silent auction,

plated dinner, music and dancing. Tickets to the benefit for the **Florida Cancer Specialists Foundation** are \$500 per person; underwriting and sponsorship opportunities are available. The foundation provides short-term financial support to individuals undergoing cancer treatment in the state of Florida.

For tickets or information about sponsorships, call (855) 585-5433 or visit www.foundation.flcancer.com.

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