

# KC BEE LINE



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## KCBCA NEWS

January was certainly a lot of fun with our Coconut Crawl. See all of the photos and results later in this newsletter. But now, we welcome February and the start of our concert series. Concert Chair Carol Fischer has put together a winning line up for this free concert series starting with the ever popular John Bartus on February 5th.

Dust off your lawn chairs, clean up your coolers and get ready to enjoy some great music. Please remember, parking is extremely limited so take that into consideration and make plans that will get you there without having to worry about your vehicle.

Next month will be the big one, KCB Day. We will be looking for volunteers for the day and the day before. If you care to help out, please contact Ted Fischer for details,  
[ted.fischer@verizon.net](mailto:ted.fischer@verizon.net)



## Concerts in Sunset Park

**Scheduled Concerts in Sunset Park**

Feb 5	John Bartus
Feb 19	Rick Leider Band
Feb 26	Ericson Holt with Mick Kilgos
Mar 5	Special KCB DAY Music 7th Street Papa Pete, David Quick, Rick Leider Band
Mar 12	Bob Howard & the Ukalalics
Mar 19	Abstract Radio
Mar 26	Lady A Band
Apr 2	Bob, Crystal, Patty & Joe

## Free Concerts Sundays 4-6pm

Bring a chair, blanket, refreshments.  
**All are Welcome!**

Parking is limited. Please share a ride, bike or walk to the park

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February  
Calendar of  
Events](#)

# Coconut Crawl



What a great day to Crawl! Saturday, January 25th was our most successful Coconut Crawl ever! Thanks to all who participated, volunteered, sponsored and helped in anyway to make this a really great day.

With beautiful weather, a record 168 people crawled to all the restaurants and bars sponsoring this year's event. Many thanks to our sponsors: Key Colony Inn, Island Fish Co., Sparky's, El Molcajete and Havana Jacks. Special thanks to Sue Thompson our Crawl Chair. She, and hubby Brad, definitely added touches to make this Crawl a special event.

We are proud to announce we donated all proceeds of the Crawl, \$3500, to the Education Coalition of Monroe County focusing on Marathon High School Students. Thanks also to Kari Tremblay, winner of the 50/50 who donated \$100 of her winnings to MHS.

Congratulations to the event winners:

Best Hand  
Karen Koos  
(sorry no photo)



Worst Hand  
Patricia Diebold



Best Costume  
Robin Matthews



Best Group Costume  
The Butterflies





## WHAT WERE THE GEMS?

The GEMS were a women's group here in KCB. They had been in existence, off and on, since the 1960's.

The reason for establishing the GEMS was to offer assistance, financially and otherwise, to those who needed help after Hurricane Donna. From that noble beginning the group developed into a social avenue that always remembered the joy of helping others. They got their name from the diamond on the city's logo.

The last version of the GEMS was reestablished in the 1970's as a way for the women who lived in Key Colony Beach to meet each other. There were monthly luncheons, held at various restaurants around town and quite often at the Sombrero Country Club. The luncheons were always very informative and enjoyable.



*Photos from two of their fashion shows. The GEMS would approach local shops to supply the clothing or, as in the top photo, display their own sewing talents.*

The GEMS had silent auctions, white elephant sales, Christmas present trading, fashion shows, guest speakers and anything they could think of to make it interesting for the group. Several volunteers would sit at the Post Office and sell tickets to the luncheons. There were no dues or official membership. As long as you owned or rented in KCB, you were welcome.

Every month there would be a 50/50 raffle and sometimes (most times) the attendees were charged a few dollars more than the cost of the luncheon to help raise funds.

Using money raised, contributions were made to different groups such as Hospice, Animal Shelter and the Domestic Abuse Center. The purpose always remained to assist our community, where possible, as we made new friends with our neighbors.

In 2012 they realized there was no longer a need to have a women's luncheon group, to meet neighbors. KCB had grown and the many other groups and organizations that KCB now had to offer filled that need and the world had changed.

The GEMS held their last luncheon and the women in charge turned their attention to other fundraising activities.

A bygone era.



## What Are the Most Common Jellies in the Keys?

<https://floridakeys.noaa.gov/animals/commonkeysjellies.html>

Fortunately, the most common jellyfish in the Florida Keys, the Cassiopeas tend to give only a mild sting. Their tentacles are upward facing, giving them a characteristic upside-down appearance. As they are common among mangroves, they are sometimes called the 'mangrove upside down jelly.'

The cannonball jelly another species found in the Keys' waters, also tends to have little or no sting. Some attest that they don't feel a sting at all but it's best to be cautious if you've never encountered one. This is the same jelly that is often found washed up on shorelines along Florida's Atlantic coast.



*Cannonball Jelly*

A common springtime jelly is the sea thimble. In some years, swarms of them appear in the Keys around April and May, and they can resemble an oil slick from a distance. It is the larvae of this species that is thought to cause "sea lice" which is common from Mother's Day to Father's Day.

From late August until October, the translucent moon jelly is a common sight. Like Cassiopea and cannonball jellies, its sting tends to be on the mild side for most people.

Though not a true jelly, the Portuguese man o' war (also called a bluebottle, *Physalia physalis*) can drift into the Keys and South Florida during the winter, when there are strong winds from the south.

The small, transparent comb jelly – which is both delicate and completely harmless to humans – is a common sight in the Keys.



*Portuguese man o'war*



*Cassiopeas frequent mangroves throughout the*



*Swarms of moon jellies occur from August to October.*

# FEBRUARY @ Marathon Community Theatre

This month we have a bit of entertainment for everyone - ranging from a Free Fishing Seminar to a 3-Course Dinner Concert! Below you will find our monthly line up of events and shows we have planned to entertain our beloved community.



## February 02, 03 & 04 - ONE WEEKEND ONLY "Celebrating Keys Talent"

Annual Silent Auction Fundraiser & Variety Show

Doors and Concessions open at 6pm. Showtime is 8pm. Come early and mingle while bidding on fabulous auction items donated by local individuals, organizations and business. The VARIETY SHOW begins at 8pm and will feature actors, dancers and singers from the MCT stage as well from throughout our talented local Keys Community. After the show ends stay to enjoy the FREE buffet and champagne toast while the nights auction winners are announced! Tickets are \$45/ea before tax.



## February 13 - CAST NETS: THROWING 101 FREE Monthly Fishing Seminar

Doors & Concessions open @5:30 pm, Seminar begins @6pm. A FREE Monthly Fishing Seminar presented by Captain Chris Still of The Tackle Box. February's subject is **CAST NETS**. Bring your own cast net to learn with or purchase a cast net onsite.



## February 18, 8pm to 12am - CLUB MCT

NEW Monthly Pop-up Dance Event for the 21 and up Crowd

Come dance the night away at our new pop-up dance event! February's theme is 70's DANCE NIGHT with music by DJ TRAE DAE. Theme Costumes Welcomed! **21 and Up ONLY!**

Admission is \$20 cash at the door or you can pre-purchase online or at the box office. ID required to enter.



## February 24 @ 6pm - MATEO&BELLE: A Dinner Concert

Friday February 24th come enjoy an evening of music and fine food with classical guitarist Mateo Jampol and his vocalist daughter Belle in the MCT Gallery. A three course tropical meal prepared by local private Chef Heather MacDonald is included with each ticket. Tickets are \$75 each and include a Champagne Toast to end the evening's festivities!

### Event Menu includes your choice of entrée:

- 1st Course: A Mixed Berry Salad with Macadamia Nuts, Goat Cheese, Mixed Greens and Balsamic Vinaigrette
- Entrée Option 1: Braised Beef Short Ribs with Demi Glacé, Wilted Spinach and Garlic Mashed Potatoes
- Entrée Option 2: Chicken Marsala with Chicken Breast Sautéed with Baby Portobello Mushroom in Marsala Wine Sauce on Linguini Pasta
- VEGETARIAN Option: Broccoli, Tomato, Mushrooms and Parmesan Cheese in scampi sauce on Linguini Pasta
- Dessert Course: Browned Butter Cake topped with Pineapple Flambé

NOTE: If you choose to purchase your tickets online, our box office will contact you by phone to pick your meal choice.

Mingle with other guests or sit with your friends. We will be seating 60 guests, with 6-top tables available for our guests. When ordering, please let our box office know if you are planning to sit with friends or if you are open to sharing with other ticketed guests.

Come enjoy a beautiful evening of music and fine food while supporting your local cultural arts!!!



66TH ANNUAL

# Key Colony Beach DAY

THE CITY'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 2023

9AM TO 4PM • KCB 7TH ST PARK, MM 53.5

MUSIC BY

PAPA PETE • DAVID

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ENJOY THE ALL DAY MUSIC

FOOD • DRINKS • VENDORS  
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Mark your calendars – Thursday, February 9, 3:00pm, Key Colony Inn we will be discussing The Master and Margarita by Mikhail Bulgako. Nothing in the whole of literature compares with The Master and Margarita.

One spring afternoon, the Devil, trailing fire and chaos in his wake, weaves himself out of the shadows and into Moscow. Mikhail Bulgakov's fantastical, funny, and devastating satire of Soviet life combines two distinct yet interwoven parts, one set in contemporary Moscow, the other in ancient Jerusalem, each brimming with historical, imaginary, frightful, and wonderful characters. Written during the darkest days of Stalin's reign, and finally published in 1966 and 1967, The Master and Margarita became a literary phenomenon, signaling artistic and spiritual freedom for Russians everywhere.

Galina will guide us through our discussion for this novel. Hope to see you there!

"I find television very educating. Every time somebody turns on the set, I go into the other room and read a book."  
Groucho Marx



City Hall trailer does have handicapped parking, you just have to search for it. One spot, good luck!



These are the new KCBPD patches. Cpl. Jamie Buxton designed for the police department. Nice job Cpl.!



### 5TH ANNUAL KCB GOLF TOURNAMENT

BROUGHT TO YOU BY KCB FISHING & BOATING CLUB

**Sat March 11<sup>th</sup>**  
8:00 am check in - 8:30 Shotgun start  
18 hole - 4 man scramble  
Cash prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, & 2<sup>nd</sup> place teams, closest to pin on hole #1  
Cost \$200 per Team  
(check payable to KCB F&BC)  
Register your team at KCB Golf Course

**THE WAY WE WERE....**Photos from Concerts in the Park v.2003. It wasn't much fun setting up the palettes and the popup tent every time!



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and Other Items for  
Sale in City Hall**

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