

More Than 130 Physicians Nominated By The Community Recognized at 26th Anniversary “Honor Your Doctor” Luncheon

*Presented by Rotary Club Downtown Boca Raton Fund
the Spotlight on Healthcare Professionals
Raised
Scholarship Funds for Medical/Nursing
Students*

BOCA RATON, FL, USA, April 29, 2024 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Esteemed healthcare providers of Palm Beach County, Broward County and Nationally were celebrated at the 26th Anniversary “Honor Your Doctor” Luncheon (HYDL) presented by the [Rotary](#) Club Downtown Boca Raton Fund (RCDBR). The award luncheon, held a few days before “National Doctors Day,” was attended by more than 250 guests on Wednesday, March 27th at Boca West Country Club. In appreciation, each nominated doctor received a crystal blue star atop a pedestal engraved with their name.



Co-chair Jon Kaye, Honorary Chair Janice Williams, Gold Doctor of Distinction Dr. Eli Cohen, City of Boca Raton Council member Fran Nachlas, Co-Chair Alan Kaye, Shaheer Hosh of Cristino Jewelers,

The 2024 “Doctor of Distinction” (DOD) who received the most votes was Dr. Eli Cohen of Cohen Center Dermatology & Cosmetics in Boca Raton/Delray Beach. Dr. Cohen was presented with a gold “DOD” lapel pin custom-designed by Rotarian Shaheer Hosh of [Cristino Fine Jewelry](#) and an original proclamation from the Mayor of the City of Boca Raton presented by City of Boca Raton Council Member Fran Nachlas that declared it Dr. Eli Cohen Day. Receiving the second most number of nominations was Boca Raton neurologist Dr. Patricio Sebastian Espinosa who was presented a silver “DOD” lapel pin, also custom-designed by Shaheer Hosh of Cristino Fine Jewelry.

Annually funds from HYDL that was founded by Helen M. Babione 26 years ago, are primarily raised in four ways. These include donation and nominations made by patients and staff of their favorite doctors, nurses, and medical professionals who attend the luncheon as honored guests

of the Rotary Club Downtown Boca Raton; corporate and philanthropist sponsorships; ticket sales and “Chance to Win” purchases sold at the event. Additionally, this year’s “bid for the heart” raised \$70,000.

Proceeds have helped fund medical and nursing school scholarships presented by the Rotary Club Downtown Boca Raton Fund for Palm Beach County eligible students enrolled in the Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine and Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing at Florida Atlantic University, Lynn University and Palm Beach State College, University of Florida, Florida State University and University of Central Florida.

Club founding members and 2024 HYD Co-Chairs Alan Kaye of Transworld Commercial Real Estate and Jon Kaye of Kaye Communications, Inc. PR & Marketing were supported by Honorary Chair Janice Williams of Matrix Home Care and a committee including Ann Brown; Kim Champion; Patricia Duch; Ingrid Fulmer; Gwen Herb; Arlene Herson; Mark Holler; Dr. Allen Konis; Dr. Priti Kothari; Doug Mithun; Marcia Mithun; Linda Petrakis; Maurice Plough, Jr.; Lana Rosenzweig; Dr. Ron Rubin; Barry Siegel; Bruce Spizler; Juergen Streng; Mark Swillinger; Elaine Tai Lauria; Bob Tucker; Gloria Wank; Jeff Weber; Gale Wechsler and Linsey Willis.

In attendance were representatives from sponsors Elaine J. Wold; Marilyn & Jay Weinberg; Boca Raton Regional Hospital/Baptist Health; Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine at FAU; Sun Capital Partners Foundation, Inc.; The Legacy at Boca Raton Rehabilitation and Skilled Nursing Center; Eda & Cliff Viner Scholars Foundation; Rosemary Krieger/Edgewater, Allegiance Home Health, Kaye Communications (KCOMPR), Matrix Home Care, LLC, Transworld Business Advisors and Transworld Commercial Real Estate. Additional supporters included Scott Grody Travel,



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26th Anniversary Honor Your Doctor Luncheon Chairs

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The Rotary Club Downtown Boca Raton meets weekly at the Embassy Suites in Boca Raton on Friday at 12:00 Noon. For information on "health and wellness" fundraising initiatives and membership in the Rotary Club Downtown Boca Raton, visit:

www.rotarydowntownbocaraton.org.

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