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JOEY FLOWERS - FISH HOUSE



ERIC MOSLEY - KEYS SANITARY



JUSTIN DREAVER - CONCH HOUSE



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MR. LEGS 2011

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The 29th Annual Mr. Legs contest is underway in the Upper Keys. Sponsored by the Sigma Omega Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, the contest has raised money for Coral Shores High School scholarships since 1981, while recognizing the best legs in the Keys. This year's contest features 35 contestants: 33 men, 1 dog, and one cat vying for this much-coveted honor.

Votes can be made with cash dropped into your favorite's Mr. Legs container located at the contestant's place of business. A dollar equals a vote, with all proceeds awarded as scholarships to graduating Coral Shores High School seniors.

Voting is open now and will run through Feb. 11. The winner will be announced on Feb. 18.

Vote now and vote often for your favorite Mr. Legs! Pictured are some of our Coconut Telegraph favorites!

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News from United Way of the Florida Keys

It has been an exciting, rebuilding year at United Way of the Florida Keys, and I want to thank you for your support. With the support of donors and volunteers throughout the Keys, we have provided funding through our yearly allocation of funds for the year 2010-2011 to the following 15 non-profit organizations providing critical services to Keys residents in need:

- American Red Cross of Greater Miami and The Keys
- Big Pine Athletic Association
- Boys and Girls Club of the Keys
- Boy Scouts of America
- Burton Memorial United Methodist Church
- Domestic Abuse Shelter
- Easter Seals Florida/Keys Region
- Florida Keys Healthy Start Coalition
- Florida Keys Outreach Coalition
- Girl Scout Council of Tropical Florida
- Helpline, Inc.
- Keys Center Academy
- Marathon Recreation Center
- Monroe Association for ReMARCable Citizens (MARC)
- Wesley House Family Services

These local organizations, which apply for our support annually, are vetted carefully by us, to ensure among other things low administrative overhead, and no duplication of services. All funds raised in the Keys stay in the Keys, and we have been providing this financial support to non-profit organizations in our community since 1981, so we are coming up on 30 years of doing this work, although in

recent years, admittedly a bit too quietly. With the leadership of a Keys-wide all volunteer board, we have made some changes at our United Way to increase the community impact of our work, and be a more powerful presence throughout the entire Keys, supporting our community.

To highlight one example, we have participated in a first-ever initiative working with a new Monroe County "Food Policy Council" which is working with food pantries throughout the Keys and various local stakeholders including Feeding South Florida to bring down the cost per pound of food, and set up common distribution networks. (This latter point is critical because our lack of transportation infrastructure in the Keys presents real barriers to access to help to those in our community who need it most.)

This council is also starting to get the word out to local restaurants and grocery stores that starting this past January 2010, the State of Florida has enacted legislation to drastically reduce the liability of restaurants that give food away to food pantries, thus removing an obstacle to local sourcing food for these critical volunteer operations directly assisting those in dire need, at a time when reliance on food pantries by many for the first time has soared.

We are in the final weeks of our United Way workplace giving campaign, throughout

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