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Orbis raises funds for Camp Good Grief at The Grape



Michael Schimmel, left, Mary Harris, Craig Moskowitz and David Scileppi

Orbis, the newly created nonprofit organization dedicated to bringing together professionals and promoting the South Florida business community, hosted a networking fundraiser at The Grape on April 26 to benefit Camp Good Grief.

The event raised \$500 for the organization, a three-day camp held in the fall, winter and spring for children ages 6-13 who have lost a loved one and are residents of Palm Beach and Broward Counties. Camp Good Grief is organized by Hospice by the Sea.

"It was a terrific event, bringing together more than 60 professionals who raised money for a great organization while also having a terrific time," said David C. Scileppi, an attorney with Gunster Yoakley and co-founder of Orbis. Scileppi noted that at least half of the attendees were new to the growing group.

In addition to raising money for Camp Good Grief, the two-hour event also featured a presentation by Mary Harris, renowned business etiquette and international protocol consultant. Harris demonstrated strategies for professionals to differentiate themselves in the competitive business arena and donated her time and insight to help the cause.

In addition, The Grape donated the wine and appetizers, Mary Harris donated her time by speaking for free, and RBC Centura Bank and Call4Health donated \$250 each.

"It's been very rewarding to hold these networking and fundraising events," said Michael S. Schimmel, an Orbis co-founder. "The wide variety of guests in numerous professional fields were all entertained and educated, and helped a very important cause."

The next Orbis event is scheduled for Thursday, June 14 at 5:30 p.m. Schimmel is anticipating attracting more than 250 guests from Orbis, Riverwalk Trust, and BACH (Benefactors Advancing Covenant House) in a joint cooperative event that will take place at the Museum of Discovery and Science's new Aviation Station exhibit.

Orbis is a nonprofit organization that represents a cross-section of the South Florida business community. Nicole Flier of James A. Cummings Inc., Alec Lindenauer of UBS, Craig Moskowitz of Automatic Data Processing (ADF), Samuel A. Schwartz of @Opportunities LLC and Allyn G. Thomas of RBC Centura Bank are also board members of Orbis.

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