

## USCG Auxiliary Flotilla 75 and Suncoast Youth Conservation Center awards Certificate of Appreciation

USCGAUX Flotilla 75, Apollo Beach, recently presented Kathy Guidon, Ph.D, with a Certificate of Appreciation for support of the auxiliary. The Suncoast Youth Conservation Center is a marine-focused conservation education center on the shores of Tampa Bay that provides exciting learning opportunities for youth and families. It's part of the Florida Youth Conservation Centers Network, an FWC program dedicated to creating the next generation that cares about fish and wildlife conservation. Fishing, boating, shooting sports, wildlife discovery, summer camps and conservation stewardship are their focus. The Suncoast Youth Conservation Center is at 6650 Dickman Road, Apollo Beach, Fla. 813-922-7969.

The next project on which the auxiliary and the Youth Conservation Center will partner is in support of Mira Bay's Boat Safety Fun Day, Sunday, April 29, following a day of Complimentary Vessel Safety Checks on Saturday, April 28. If your community would like to offer your residents the same or similar program, call Flotilla Commander Steve Browning at 314-853-3932. Kudos to Mira Bay residents, Chuck Geitner and Liz Winegrad, who helped organize, design and publicize the Safe Boating weekend at Mira Bay.



Kevin Buckley of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary presents a Certificate of Appreciation to Dr. Kathy Guidon, director of the Suncoast Youth Conservation Center. Samantha Toohan, SYCC, and Pat McAlvey, USCGAUX observe.



From left: Tamyra Walker a 2018 camper, Kathy Vore AAUW member and counselor on camp staff and Kaylee Peavler a 2018 camper.

## 2018 Tech Trek celebration

For the fourth year in a row, two girls from Beth Shields Middle School have been accepted to attend Tech Trek 2018. Top achievers in Science or Math are nominated by 7th grade teachers and the girls fill out applications including a long essay; girls are then interviewed by the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) committee of American Association of University Women (AAUW) Sun City Center — SouthShore and recommended to the Florida state Tech Trek program. This year only 64 girls from the whole state were chosen to attend.

The photo shows the two winners for this year opening gifts of camp supplies provided by AAUW members at a celebration pizza party also attended by the two 2017 campers Beatriz Lopez-Gomez and Kimberly Smith and parents.

The SouthShore Branch of AAUW contributes \$1,000 for the expense of each camper. At the camp, the girls experience hands-on activities directed by women who are experts in several occupations related to science, technology, engineering and math.

## Trash to Treasure & Silent Auction fundraiser May 5

The Art Club in Sun City Center is sponsoring a "Trash to Treasure & Silent Auction." The event, chaired by Mel Solochek and Marion Giblin, will take place on Saturday, May 5, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and

will be held in the Art Room at 954 Cherry Hills Drive in Sun City Center. The event is open to Art Club members and their friends.

The Silent Auction will take place between 11 a.m. and noon. You must be

## River Oaks Treatment Center awarded Top Corporate Team at Walk Like MADD Tampa event

River Oaks Treatment Center, an American Addiction Center, located in Riverview recently participated in the 2018 Walk Like MADD Tampa event. Their 20-member team was awarded Top Corporate Team for fundraising efforts. The walk took place March 23 at the University of South Tampa.

So far this year, Walk Like MADD events have raised over \$1 million. This money will go to help support families who have been affected by drunk-driving crashes, support law enforcement heroes and work with state and local legislators regarding current, new and future laws for DUI offenders.

River Oaks Treatment Center is new to Riverview, and they are providing a compassionate, comprehensive and quality recovery experience for adults who are battling substance addiction and co-occurring mental health disorders. Their programs focus on empowering clients with hope and recovery by looking at the totality of the person — spirituality, mindset, and physical well-being.

For more information on River Oaks Treatment Center visit [www.RiverOaksTreatment.com](http://www.RiverOaksTreatment.com) or call 813-605-3977.



River Oaks Treatment Center corporate team.