

EVENTS British and Irish

° Tuesday September 14, 2010. Come to the BRITISH NETWORK...A roomful of Brits is never dull. Make British contacts, business or social. Established in 1992, the British Network evenings are a useful, enjoyable networking opportunity to meet British professionals in all fields. Bring your business cards. Non-Brits welcome. Hosted by the Florida Association of British Business [FABB]. FABB was chosen as the 2010 Best British Business Association in the USA by the London Weekly Telegraph newspaper circulated to expats in 47 countries. EVENT LOCATION: The News Lounge, 5580 NE 4th. Court, Miami FL 33137. [One mile north of downtown Miami] just east of Biscayne Blvd. The News Lounge is lively and stylish venue with tasty food and live music from 9.30p.m. MEETING COST: Free--buy own drinks/food. Happy Hour prices on many drinks. DRESSCODE: Professional. TIME: from 6.30 to 9.30p.m. but people linger after. AT MEETING: Union Jack British Newspaper, British licence plates, British items and info. On arrival: Check in with British Bureau's Patricia Kawaja for ID sticker. FUTURE DATES: Tuesdays October 12 and November 9.

° SEPTEMBER 19, 2010 POMPANO BEACH Royal Society of Saint George Florida Branch holds a 70th Anniversary Dinner to commemorate the heroics of the Battle of Britain. British Guest Speakers include World War II Royal Airforce Wireless Operator Douglas Bomford and Angela Bomford the Voice of WPBS Channel 2. COST: \$20 ticket includes a 3 Course Dinner, tax and tip. Sunday 19th SEPTEMBER at 5:30 pm at GALUPPI's Restaurant in Pompano Beach. Must pre-book by calling RSSG President Roy Yates [954] 942-7330

° SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 12, 2010 annual Ascot Day presented by the British-American Business Council Miami. From 11.30---5p.m. Bring family and friends for a English-style sporting day out. Location: Calder Race Track 21001 NW 27 Avenue, Miami Gardens, FL 33056. Cost: \$50.00 BABC Members \$40. Fee includes entry to the exclusive Jockey Club and sumptuous buffet with carvery. Cash bar. Dress Code: No jeans; jackets preferred for men; ladies dress for Ascot--there will be a prize for the most beautiful hat! Also don't miss the opportunity to sponsor a race; only 3 races available, so book now! Sponsored races will be listed in the Track Program, televised live nationally, plus a visit to the winner's circle for free photo with your guest, winning horse and jockey. Racing info only on www.calderracecourse.com MUSY PRE-BOOK FOR THIS BABC EVENT by calling Henry Chau on [305] 302-0157

° SEPTEMBER 16-26, 2010 MIAMI PREMIERE---FROM LONDON. PANDEMONIUM: The Lost and Found Orchestra. From the British creators of the blockbuster hit STOMP, this modern, urban symphonic adventure features a cast of 26 multi-talented performers plus a 30-member choir of local Miami singers. Fresh from sold-out performances in London, Sydney, and Amsterdam, PANDEMONIUM is now poised to take Miami by storm. LFO premiered in London in May 2006 and since has broken box office records at Sydney Opera House, and London's Royal Festival Hall. The London Guardian wrote: "Exhilarating and strangely beautiful, unpretentious, infectious and great fun." DATES: September 16-26, 2010 at Adrienne Arsht Center downtown Miami. INFO/TICKETS www.arshtcenter.org BOX OFFICE [305] 949-6722

° October 2010. West Palm Beach's only resident professional theatre, Palm Beach Dramaworks presents George Bernard Shaw's play Candida on Friday, October 8th (8PM) at their intimate downtown theatre, at 322 Banyan Boulevard downtown West Palm Beach and later The Beauty Queen of Leenane by British playwright Martin McDonagh. INFO/TICKETS www.palmbeachdramaworks.org or (561) 514-4042.

° OCTOBER 8-12, 2010. RAIN----the best Beatles tribute band in the USA is coming here. Round up your Britpals for this show. " If you ever get a chance to see them in your city, grab it"---Union Jack British Newspaper July 2006. " Fellow Brits, rest assured this group looks and sounds like our fabled Fab Four. "The next best thing to seeing The Beatles," have raved the Denver Post, the Washington Post, the Boston Herald and droves of other reviewers. But they weren't British---- I am and I've seen them--Patricia Kawaja. See my 2006 review below. All the music and vocals are performed totally live! RAIN covers the Fab Four from the earliest beginnings through the psychedelic late 60s and their long-haired hippie, hard-rocking rooftop days. RAIN is a multi-media, multi-dimensional experience...a fusion of historical footage and hilarious television commercials from the 1960s lights up video screens and live cameras zoom in for close-ups. RAIN are a quartet of fine musicians in their own right. Sing along to such Beatlemania favorites as Let It Be, Hey Jude and Come Together. DATE: From October 8-12, 2010 at the Arsht Centre, downtown Miami. INFO/tickets: [305] 949-6722 or

www.arshtcenter.org [Written onboard Oasis of the Seas cruiseship--excerpt from July 2006 article by Patricia Kawaja Florida column Union Jack Newspaper : ".....For me the standout memory was the the Beatles show, RAIN. The cruiselines onboard PR people urged me to see them. I only agreed out of politeness, dreading fake American Beatles, with lamentable approximations of our most hallowed British music. There are over 75 Beatle tribute bands in the USA. But the band RAIN must be the best. They look facially like JPG&R, with "John" having such a perfect aquiline Lennon nose I suspect a touch of surgical assistance. They stood astride like each individual Beatle, plucked guitar like George, "Ringo" shook his head side to side as he does, with all their mannerisms down pat, even the Scouse accents grittily perfect when they talked to the audience. RAIN's inspired and unexpected show is chronological, musically and visually, with costume changes from MopTop shiny Beatle suits, to Sergeant Pepper uniforms then white Abbey Road suits and beards, the music changing through the years to match the costumes. Their Beatles music sounds as strong and brilliant as the original. (Bit embarrassed to admit I didn't know if they were lip-synching or not). While they change costumes offstage, there is a film backdrop of 60 and 70s TV newsreel footage to remind us of the era. Miss Brit here was overwhelmed by RAIN's authenticity and quality, as though it really was The Fab Four. So was the audience, the nostalgic emotions running so high, there we all were on the ocean, on our feet Na-Na-Na-Na-Na-Na-Hey-Juding for half an hour, till they had to bring the curtain down and chuck us out. Miss Decorum here never stands up at shows – so Wow, RAIN, Wow. If you ever get a chance to see them in your city, grab it. "

° DELRAY BEACH The second annual Blue Anchor Pub British Car Show, On Delray's famous Atlantic Avenue they're promising an exhibition of British culture and excellence in automotive craftsmanship with treats inside the pub, including hand drawn ales. You can chat with the owners of these glorious cars, socialise with your British cronies, enjoy the British atmosphere or just ogle gorgeous classic British cars. DATE: Sunday October 17, 2010. The show is 11a.m. to 3p.m. but stay after at the pub. To exhibit your own British car, be a sponsor or vendor call Event Coordinator Hunter Cochran tollfree 1-800-921-4295 INFO: www.blueanchorcarshow.com

° OCTOBER 30, 2010 EXCEPTIONAL ANNUAL EVENT THAT ALWAYS SELLS OUT. Don't procrastinate, my British beauties--get out your plastic now! The British-American Chamber of Commerce (Broward) will host a V.I.P Reception & Lunch onboard the World's Largest Cruise Ship Royal Caribbean's Oasis of the Seas. There will be a one hour pre-lunch reception with drinks, followed by a 3-course lunch with wine in the magnificent Opus restaurant. After lunch, you will be invited on a guided tour of the ship \$75.00 per person (Includes all Taxes & Gratuities) PLACES LIMITED DATE: Saturday October 30th from Noon-4pm. LOCATION: Port Everglades, Ft Lauderdale. COST: \$75.00 includes all Taxes and gratuities. MUST PRE-BOOK by calling BACC President Roy Yates on [954] 942-7330 with VISA/MC. Or you can mail a cheque, payable to BACC Broward, 2800 NE 41st Street, Lighthouse Point, FL 33064, but call Roy first to reserve. Mention this website.

° British-American Business Council of Miami, established 1985. Various business and social events for British professionals throughout the year. Non-members welcome. For membership details and calendar phone President Neal Stebbing [786] 302-0144
° Broward British-American Chamber of Commerce [BACC] holds various business and social events throughout the year in the Ft. Lauderdale area. For calendar and/or membership info call President Roy Yates [954] 942-7330

° The Orlando British-American Chamber of Commerce holds various business and social events, including an annual golf tournament, Curry nights, British pub nights and business luncheons and networkers. For calendar and membership details call BACC Office [407] 226-7251

° PALM BEACH area British-American Business Council holds business and social events. For calendar and membership info call President Michael Towner [561] 333-1621.

° The British-American Club of Southwest Florida holds many social events and welcomes new members.

Call President Nick Gower [239] 945-2043.

° Royal Society of St. George [RSSG], for those who wish to celebrate England's heritage. Events throughout the year in Broward and Boca area only. Call Roy Yates [954] 942-7330

° FT. LAUDERDALE: THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION assists and acts for all British ex-service personnel around the world. The Florida branch formed in 1994 and organises the annual Poppy Day Appeal and Remembrance Service every November in Ft. Lauderdale. All Brits are exhorted to attend this service. For info on the Royal British Legion and their next event, call Neil Hennessy daytimes on (954) 560-5236 or Doug Bomford on [954] 472-4639

TO FIND OTHER BRITISH and SCOTTISH EVENTS IN YOUR AREA: 1] Go to the British Clubs/British Pubs/British Shops pages on this website, then phone the ones near you. They will know what local British events are going on.

2] For Scottish festivals, Burns Suppers and Scottish clubs, go to SCOTTISH page on this website.

FOR AUSSIES and KIWIS. Aussie Greg Maxwell arranges events in Miami, Ft. Lauderdale and Boca. Call Greg on [786] 201-9102. He is based in Miami. Mention this website.

