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PBCC Foundation to Host 'Shifting Sands' Gala in Boca Raton

**Yvonne Boice will Chair January 12 Gala at the New
Countess de Hoernle Humanities & Technology Building**

(Lake Worth, FL – November 6, 2007) **Suellen Mann**, executive director of the **Palm Beach Community College Foundation**, today announced that local business leader and philanthropist **Yvonne Boice** will chair the nonprofit organization's upcoming gala in the new **Countess de Hoernle Humanities & Technology Building** at PBCC – Boca Raton.

"Our 'Shifting Sands' theme harkens back to the building's official groundbreaking in the Fall of 2005," said Boice, a well-known world traveler. "I had brought back some sand from a recent trip to Namibia, which was included in little bottles of sand that were given to all attendees. Best of all, this sand was eventually mixed into the concrete that was formed to build the state-of-the-art structure."

The four-story, \$8 million Countess De Hoernle Humanities and Technology Building is the first new permanent building to be added to PBCC's Boca Raton campus in many years. It will house state-of-the-art technology for classes in architecture, art, music and theatre appreciation and foreign languages, as well as computer and media labs for students. Instructors will be able to incorporate the latest multimedia technology to customize their teaching to a variety of learning styles. The facility also includes a large conference center that will be made available to community and will house the grand opening event.

"We are extremely excited about the addition of the Countess De Hoernle Humanities and Technology Building," said **Suellen Mann**, Executive Director, PBCC Foundation. "If not for the incredible generosity of the Countess, this building would simply not exist. The benefit to students is immeasurable. We are eternally grateful for her support and recognize her for the world-class philanthropist she is. She is a role model for other community minded individuals."

The “**Shifting Sands**” Gala will be held on Saturday evening, January 12, and will include a cocktail party in the outdoor garden followed by a sit-down dinner with music and dancing. Tickets are \$100 per person and are available by calling Cyndi or Bernice at **800.552.2793**.

About Palm Beach Community College:

Serving more than 46,000 students annually, Palm Beach Community College is the largest institution of higher education in Palm Beach County, providing associate degrees, professional certificates, career and customized training and lifelong learning. Florida's first public community college, PBCC offers more than 100 programs of study at locations in Lake Worth, Boca Raton, Palm Beach Gardens and Belle Glade.

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