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Jose Junco at 'Fire and Ice' Gala; Kiwanis presents Nick Kotys Award



Jose Junco, a sought after flamenco dancer-teacher-choreographer throughout the U.S. and Europe, will be featured at this year's Coral Gables Woman's Club "Fire and Ice" Gala on Saturday, Apr. 8, 7 p.m., at their clubhouse 1001-9 E. Ponce de Leon Blvd.

In preparation for the event, Jose Junco visited the women at their Mar. 15 meeting for a mini dance workshop enjoyed by all.

Junco is a fabulous teacher getting the group to perform and entire dance in very little time. Flamenco is a lot harder than it looks, so, Jose's teach-



Jose Junco leads flamenco dance workshop for Coral Gables Woman's Club.



Posing with the Nick Kotys Award are (l-r) Coral Gables Kiwanis past president Doug Kellner, Coral Gables High football great Craig Curry, Nick Kotys Award winner Kevaugh Dingle, and Coral Gables Kiwanis Club president Jason Bryce.

ing abilities are unparalleled. He has worked all over the world, and locally performed with the Greater Miami Opera in the role of the lead Bull Fighter in *La Traviata* to great critical acclaim, as well as the lead dancer in *Die Fledermaus* and *La Gioconda*. He danced with the Ballet Rosita Segovia and in conjunction with the Greater Miami Opera Young Artist Program in Miami, at The Joyce Theatre in New York City, The Civic Theatre in Johannesburg, South Africa, and at the famous Flamenco "Tablao" Café de Chinitas in Madrid, Spain. Jose was even featured in the lead role of the Andrew Lloyd Weber Musical *Song & Dance*.

You can be assured that this Coral Gables Woman's Club Gala will provide great entertainment throughout the night with guitarist, dancing, great food, drinks, silent auction and more. Best of all, proceeds will benefit the club's children's dental clinic that provides more than \$225,000 in free care annually to the children of the working poor in Miami-Dade County. The clinic gets referrals from agencies, schools, and recently took on an additional 20 patients from referrals from St. Vincent de Paul. Tickets are only \$75 per person. For more information or tickets, visit www.gfwccoralgableswomansclub.org.

The presentation of Coral Gables Kiwanis Nick Kotys Award to Kevaugh Dingle, a 6-foot-1, 195-pound, wide receiver from Miami Carol City High School, was memorable for so many reasons this year. For those unfamiliar with this prestigious award voted on by head coaches, it recognizes the most outstanding high school football players in Miami-Dade County.

As if winning the state 6A championship were not reason enough to celebrate, this Three-Star prospect

by 247sports.com, looks forward to playing for the University of South Florida next year under new head coach Charlie Strong, formerly with the University of Texas and, who this Gator remembers from his days a defensive coach at UF. Kevaugh was rated a No. 49 prospect in Florida by the Orlando Sentinel, No. 69 nationally at WR by ESPN, and first team All

County by the *Miami Herald*.

One of the highlights of this awards dinner was the guest appearance of Craig Curry, Coral Gables High School's first black quarterback who led the team to a national championship in 1965. Curry has a remarkable story that deserves its own telling but, celebrating the 50th anniversary of that winning season and historical mark made his attendance even more special.

Coincidentally, this year's Coral Gables Kiwanis president, Jason Bryce, has his own place in the history of that club. Jason is that club's first black president. This annual awards dinner held at the Junior League offices was truly an evening to remember.

Among the many enjoying the evening were Kevaugh's parents, Lynn Bauer, Dr. Hal Wanless, former Coral Gables Mayor Dorothy Thomson, Jack Thomson, and Doug Kellner. Kudos to all involved.

Save the dates coming up for some wonderful events. The Hotel Colonnade's "Scoops of Hope" breakfast will be on Wednesday, July 26. Tickets will be available soon to sell on consignment. Each participating charity gets to keep 50 percent of the amount collected and Give Kids the World gets the other 50 percent. The Hotel Colonnade completely underwrites the amazing full American breakfast with ice cream for dessert. Nonprofits wanting to participate as well as vendors wanting to reserve a limited number of table spaces for \$150 each, may call Gloria at 305-284-7379.

Until next time, keep making each day count.