

CELEBRATING GOOD TIMES IN LIFE! July 11, 2023



Dear Friends,

The other day I heard one of my favorite "feelgood" songs of the summer: "Celebration" by Kool and the Gang. I'm sure you all remember the lines:

Celebrate good times! Come on. There's a party goin' on right here. A celebration to last throughout the years. So bring your good times and your laughter too. We gonna celebrate your party with you...

Speaking of celebrations, last month, I was given an unforgettable birthday party by my dear friends, Gail Worth, Maude Cook, Suzi Goldsmith, Sally Kimball, Holly Dreman, and Marti LaTour.

Together, on this wonderful occasion, we, and the many other guests who joined us, enjoyed "our good times and our laughter too" at "a celebration to last throughout the years."

More importantly, we didn't just have a party for my birthday. We celebrated our shared interests. We celebrated our love for each other and how we are always there for each other. We celebrated our passion for philanthropy. We celebrated our commitment to make a difference in the lives of those less fortunate than ourselves. We celebrated what Dionne Warwick reminded us at our 28th Lady in Red Gala two years ago: Keep smilin', keep shinin' Knowing you can always count on me for sure That's what friends are for For good times and bad times I'll be on your side forever more That's what friends are for...

Then- as now- friendship, like the deep and profound kind we have for each other – is better than anything materialistic. It is, quite simply, the greatest gift of all. So, my deepest gratitude and love to my friends Gail, Maude, Suzi, Sally, Holly, and Marti, and all those who came to "Celebrate" with me.

At the same time, the gift of friendship is one that I believe all of us at LIFE share. I know that you are always there with your support, your generosity, your dedication to the causes that we all hold so dear, from the well-being of our nation's four million-plus disabled veterans - the men and women who permanently bear the physical and psychological wounds of war - to the welfare of our furry friends, the dogs, cats, and other animals who need healthcare, shelter, food, and medicine during times of natural disasters and abuse....from those, like my mother, suffering from macular degeneration and other retinal diseases to those like my longtime friend Marc Buoniconti and millions of others with paralysis and other spinal cord injuries....from the far too many thousands of children who are food insecure and going to bed hungry every night.

Because of you -- because we share that greatest gift of friendship, of love, and of humanitarianism – we have saved and transformed millions of lives. And that, my friends, is one truly amazing reason we can and should "Celebrate."

Of course, here's another reason: On March 17, 2024, we will hold our 30th Annual Lady in Red Gala- and I've got some very exciting news to announce: Superstar, **Paul Anka**, will once again grace us with his unforgettable songs and timeless voice. And sharing the stage at The Breakers with Paul will be another legend who has kept us roaring with laughter at previous galas, the incomparable **Jay Leno.** All proceeds will go to the Lois' Food4Kids program at Palm Beach County Food Bank and the Pups4Patriots initiative at American Humane.

So, sign up for sponsorships and buy your tables now. Because, as Kool and the Gang told us, it's time to "Celebrate, good times! Come on."

With love and gratitude,

Lois Paul Anka



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Proceeds benefit: Disabled Veterans through American Humane's "Pups4Patriots" Program and South Florida youth through Palm Beach County Food Bank's Lois' Food4Kids Program.

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