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CHECK-UP A crowd gathers outside an exam room at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center while Dr. Maria Chadam takes a look at Daley, a 5-year-old green sea turtle, during Sea Turtle Day on Feb. 28. STAFF PHOTO/TODD ROLLER

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TEDxBoca Raton coming to Mizner

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“If you’ve had sex, you know how to sell” trumps the video from a speaker at TEDxBocaRaton.

Mace Horoff won’t be back this year, but organizers hope they got your attention for the second annual explosion of ideas themed “Breaking Barriers,” from 4 to 10:30 p.m. March 26 in the tented Mizner Park Amphitheater.

Speakers are booked at this independently produced but TED sanctioned event. Each one has an idea worth spreading in 18 minutes or less that may challenge the listeners’ perspective, according to Becky Woodbridge, volunteer organizer. This will be

her fifth TEDx.

“It’s not just about the speakers, but the TED experience,” Woodbridge said. “TED is socially conscious, environmentally conscious and a unique way of doing things. Last year we had a picnic with groups of six people who didn’t know each other, so we ask attendees to dress casual.”



BECKY WOODBRIDGE

In fact, last year’s TEDx at Florida Atlantic University attracted 500 people. This year they’re shooting for 1,000, she said. Tickets are \$75, \$30 for students at tedxbocaraton.com/tickets-2/. Admission includes food and beverage.

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Philanthropist advocates for inner peace

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Barbara and Dick Schmidt keep three sets of schedules: his, hers and the Schmidt Family Foundation.

Schmidt’s father, an early Boca Raton settler, started the foundation in the late 1980s and “when he died, he literally left all his money to charity,” he said. “My father spent half his life making a fortune and the other half giving it away.”

Florida Atlantic University has the Charles E. Schmidt name on the College of Medicine, the College of Science and the Biomedical Center and the Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Let-

ters. The Schmidts’ philanthropy supports everything from the Festival of the Arts BOCA to Florence Fuller Child Development Services, Lynn University, Boca Raton Regional Hospital and

Home Safe, to name a few.

Barbara Schmidt made her mark as the co-founder and president of Ronald McDonald Children’s Charities of South Florida in her former business life as an owner. Once she married Schmidt 23 years

ago, she co-founded the Spirit of Giving Network that does holi-

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