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### Palm Beach Zoo event to benefit Elton John AIDS Foundation, Compass

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The Elton John AIDS Foundation and Compass of Palm Beach County will benefit from the sixth annual Lunch Around the World, A Halloween Happening, Oct. 18 at the Palm Beach Zoo in West Palm Beach.

Jan Claire Kemper will be honorary chairwoman of the costume-party themed event from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m.

"The purpose of Lunch Around the World is not just to raise money, but more for awareness," said Randy Bianchi, co-owner of Paradise Properties, corporate sponsor. "We're hoping that parents will bring their children this year. We'll be having a masquerade party in addition."



(enlarge photo)

Shown at last year's Lunch Around the World are, from left, Kate Sellwood, Jan-Clair Stevens Sellwood, and Sondra Stocki and her daughter, Ali House. Stevens Sellwood is the general chairwoman of the event this year and her mother, Jan Claire Kemper, is honorary chairwoman. The two-toed sloth at right is from the Palm Beach Zoo. The sixth annual Lunch Around the World will take place Oct. 18.

Halloween Happening tickets are \$100 a person or \$150 per couple. Tickets for students ages 12 to 21 cost \$50, while children 12 and younger are admitted free.

Founded by Charles and Nancy Case of Jupiter, Lunch Around the World is an annual international grass-roots fundraising effort. Now entering its seventh year, more than \$171,000 has been raised from Lunch Around the World events.

After starting in Florida, events have been launched in 14 states and on the continents of North America, Europe, Asia and Australia.

Proceeds are used internationally by the AIDS Foundation to issue grants in villages in Africa for HIV/AIDS prevention and education. Locally, Compass of Palm Beach County will use the funds to offer free HIV testing, prevention and education.

According to UN AIDS 2007, 33.2 million people now live with HIV, including 2.5 million children.

Compass aims to diminish stereotypes by challenging long-standing misconceptions about the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community. Compass accomplishes this by promoting pride and acting as an educator, advocate and health-service provider.

For more information about the Lunch Around the World, visit [www.ejaf.com](http://www.ejaf.com).

To purchase tickets, contact Nancy Case at [shadechase@aol.com](mailto:shadechase@aol.com) or call 379-4242.

Theater Guild trustee — Paul R. Noble of Palm Beach has been elected to the Palm Beach Theater Guild Board of Trustees. He is a five-time Emmy Award winner.

New York theatrical producer Vicki Halmos and private investor Helen Guest also were re-elected to the board. Both are Palm Beach residents.

With more than 40 years in the television industry, the guild's plan is for Noble to focus on content and programs.

Most recently, Noble served as vice president at Lifetime Television where he specialized in television movie programming. During his tenure with Fox TV and Metromedia Television he produced shows, campaigns and specials and had his own television show about movies.

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He began his television career by producing a documentary about Eleanor Roosevelt for PBS. Over the years, he worked with President John F. Kennedy, artist Marc Chagall, Broadway song writers Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein, lawyer Roy Cohn, actress Arlene Dahl, Henry Kissinger, actor Christopher Reeve, Today host Matt Lauer and composer Marvin Hamlisch.

Noble has co-authored four books with his wife, Paulette Cooper Noble, a columnist for the Palm Beach Daily News. He currently is a board member of the Palm Beach County Commission on Film & Television.

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