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Annabel Lee Tavern has a Poe-themed cocktail menu and other references to the writer. PROVIDED BY ANNABEL LEE TAVERN

Edgar Allen Poe's Baltimore

How to spend a spooky weekend in the writer's hometown

Katie Riley
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As the godfather of gothic fiction and the inventor of the mystery genre, Edgar Allan Poe left an indelible imprint on history, influencing writers, artists, and pop culture even to this day. Known for his melancholy writing and macabre themes, Poe introduced the world to dark romanticism through his iconic poems "The Raven" and "The Tell-Tale Heart." While he also lived in New York and Virginia, Baltimore, Maryland, is where Poe launched his literary career and where he died under mysterious circumstances in 1849.

Today, visitors to Baltimore can explore a Poe museum, attend a festival in his honor, or even tour his gravesite.

"His presence everywhere – from murals to museums and events, even the name of our NFL team – is one of the things that makes our city so special," says Enrica Jang, executive director of Poe Baltimore, the organization dedicated to preserving Poe's legacy.

Whether you're a gothic fiction fan, a Halloween junkie, or want to pay tribute to the master of the ma-

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Sexist headlines follow Kidman, Urban split

Alyssa Goldberg USA TODAY

It was a matter of minutes before Nicole Kidman was blamed for her split from Keith Urban.

After their 19 years of marriage, the public is desperate to know what went wrong. But since the news of the impending divorce broke on Sept. 29, headlines and internet trolls spewed one sexist trope after another: She was too sexual in her films. She worked too much. Her ambitious career and "intense work schedule" led to "irrevocable differences" in their marriage.

Daily Mail's sources blamed Kidman's "bottomless need for sexual attention." Page Six wrote that Urban "not-so-secretly hated" Kidman's 2024 film "Babygirl," and an accusatory Radar headline read: "The Sex Scene Question at Heart of Nicole Kidman's Split and How Her Latest Raunchy Flick Was 'Last Straw' for Keith Urban."

In "Babygirl," Kidman's character Romy, a CEO and wife, develops a sexual relationship with her much

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Keith Urban and Nicole Kidman, seen here in 2023, have split up after 19 yers of marriage. FREDERIC J. BROWN, AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

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Woman Build 2026 Co-Chairs Rana Levy and Christy Maasbach with Honorary Co-Chairs Julie Peyton and Mary Allen Saunders [CAPEHART]

Unlocking dreams under palm trees: Habitat for Humanity's 40th anniversary highlighted by Women Build 2026

With its mission to build a more connected community — as well as safe affordable housing for local families — Habitat for Humanity Greater Palm Beach County continues to be a beacon of hope and inspiration for South Florida residents.

By Steve Dorfman • Notables Staff Writer

Just as it takes the proverbial village to raise a child, it takes a comparable community commitment to ensure that everyone in that village has a safe, comfortable and affordable home in which to lay their head at night.

Since 1986, Habitat for Humanity Greater Palm Beach County's mission has been to bring people together to build homes, communities and hope as it seeks to create a world in which everyone has a decent place to live.

To that end, it has built more than 440 new houses, repaired or revitalized nearly 800 homes and positively impacted thousands of Palm Beach County residents.

In just a few months, the organization will celebrate its 40th anniversary — but to get the festivities started early, today marks the launch of its campaign to raise public awareness about its Women Build 2026 initiative.

Julia Murphy and Erika London

The annual two-day building and fundraising event — scheduled for March 12-13, 2026, in West Palm Beach — empowers women and men to build stronger and safer communities as well as help families in need of safe, affordable housing build better lives for themselves and their children.

Participants can select a half-day shift of their choice and build alongside Habitat families, learn construction skills, and establish both new friendships and business connections. Participants commit to a fundraising goal and build individually or form teams with friends or colleagues.

Folks who want to support the initiative financially can do so in one, two or even three ways: 1) via sponsorships, which can be customized; 2) leading a team of your friends and/or colleagues to set a goal and fundraise; 3) making direct donations (no amount is too small).

For 2026, Women Build has set an ambitious but necessary goal: to build three homes in West Palm Beach and raise $750,000 to fund the effort. Organizers say this is a bold new chapter made possible by its collaboration with the Urban League of Palm Beach County, which donated the land,

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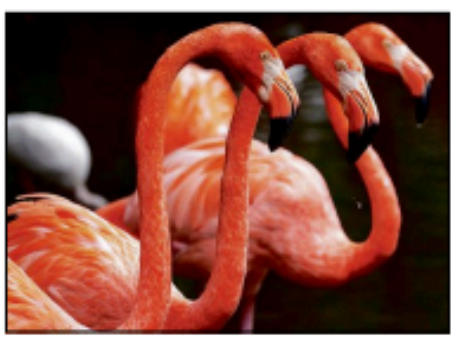

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Palm Beach Zoo & Conservation Society
Cuisine, cocktails and animal encounters at DO at the Zoo.
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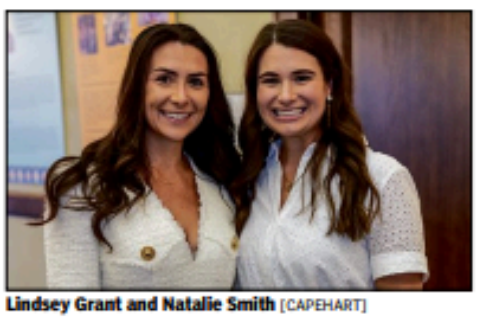

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The Young Friends of the Historical Society of Palm Beach County
Cocktails in Paradise series begins Oct. 21.
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EVENT PREVIEW

Savor the evening and save the wild at 'DO at the Zoo'

DO at the Zoo co-chairs Robyn Tannenbaum, Elizabeth Safro, and Carla Taylor [CAPEHART]

Host committee member Holly Cardinale

Delectable bites, cocktail delights and one wild night await. Palm Beach Zoo & Conservation Society invites you to "flamingle" at DO at the Zoo, the wildest evening under the stars in The Palm Beaches.

On Nov. 13, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., stroll the zoo's lush, illuminated pathways, savor delicious fare, sip creative cocktails and enjoy amazing animal encounters. DO at the Zoo is an adult-only event.

Top culinary talent from The Palm Beaches will serve up creative tastes, from savory small plates to decadent desserts, while premier spirits partners pour wines, signature cocktails and craft brews. Every sip and every bite support the Palm Beach Zoo's mission to protect wildlife and inspire conservation action, making this one of the most meaningful (and flavorful!) nights of the season.

DO at the Zoo is a chic and vibrant al fresco evening that features community, conservation and cuisine. The fun and festive event is led by Chairs Elizabeth Safro, Robyn Tannenbaum and Carla Taylor, with Ruth Baum and Dr. Dan Comerford serving as honorary chairs.

More than just a fabulous party, DO at the Zoo is a philanthropic celebration that supports Palm Beach Zoo as a force for conservation and animal wellbeing. Proceeds benefit expert animal care, education programs and wildlife-saving initiatives locally and globally.

So, gather your friends, bring your flock and get ready for one unforgettable evening under the stars to help save the wild.

IF YOU GO

When: Thursday, Nov. 13; 6:30 p.m.
Where: Palm Beach Zoo & Conservation Society (1301 Summit Blvd., West Palm Beach).
Tickets: $325; sponsorships are available.
Event Chairs: Elizabeth Safro, Robyn Tannenbaum and Carla Taylor
Honorary Chairs: Ruth Baum and Dr. Dan Comerford
Website: Palmbeachzoo.org/daz
Contact: Kaitlyn Seyler, Director of Special Events; 561-533-0887, ext. 477
Email: daz@palmbeachzoo.org

Cuisine and cocktails provided by: Aioli, Anna Bakes, Batch New Southern Kitchen & Tap, Bolay, Breeze Ocean Kitchen at Eau Palm Beach, Café Boulud, Cholo Soy Cocina, City Cellar, Cugini Winery, Del Dotto Estate Winery, Don Ramon Restaurante Cubano, Ela Curry & Cocktails, E.R. Bradley's Saloon, Florie's at the Four Seasons, Galley at Hilton West Palm Beach, Hive Bakery & Café, Honeybelle at PGA National Resort, Isla & Co., MacaronMaestro, Moody Tongue Sushi at Hilton West Palm Beach, Munyon's Paw Paw, Nobu Manalapan, Revenge Rum, The Butcher's Club at PGA National Resort, Tito's Handmade Vodka, Tripping Animals Brewing Co., Tropical Storm Libations, True Food Kitchen, Uno Vino

Sip, savor, and stroll through the illuminated Palm Beach Zoo.

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and in partnership with the City of West Palm Beach.

Next March's event will be the first time in more than a decade that Women Build is taking place in West Palm Beach. The city has long been a key player in the affordable housing arena, and its partnership in this large-scale campaign is both a homecoming and a statement of shared commitment to expanding affordable homeownership.

Prior to March 12-13, 2026, there will be a few key milestones along the way. On Jan. 16, 2026, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Xcel Padel (101 Sansburys Way, West Palm Beach) the community can attend the Women Build Kickoff party. It promises to be a fun and high-energy evening, uniting neighbors and partners as momentum builds toward the March build days.

Another marquee event is the Third Annual Palm Beach Picnic on Feb. 7, 2026, at The Royal Poinciana Plaza, presented in partnership with The Royal, Paul Labrecque, and Palm Beach Illustrated. Guests will enjoy a Royal fashion show, classic yard games, cozy picnic fare, as well as curated beats, bites and libations — all while supporting affordable housing in Palm Beach County.

The Women Build 2025 campaign raised more than $600,000, engaged 52 teams, and mobilized nearly 300 builders. With the more ambitious goal for 2026, Habitat leaders could not be more eager to get started.

Palm Beach Picnic 2026 Co-Chairs Korinne Belock, Camille Murphy Kubicek, and Honorary Co-Chair Grace Hyde Walker [CAPEHART]

"Women Build is so much more than a two-day construction event — it is a movement that embodies the heart of our mission," said Habitat for Humanity of Greater Palm Beach County Chief Advancement Officer Julia Murphy. "As a mother, it is so important to me to help families in our community. There is nothing that resonates more than knowing my own family and child have a safe home to return to every day and that is exactly what we want for every family we serve. We want every parent to have that same sense of security and hope. That is why we have created this movement. It's about people coming together and uplifting each other to create that safe space. As we lead the charge toward our 40th anniversary, I am so proud to watch our affiliate and this community rally together. Together we're not just building homes — we're building hope, confidence, and a stronger future for every family we serve."

IF YOU GO

What: Women Build 2026
When: March 12–13, 2026, at a shift of your choosing.
Where: At construction site(s) in West Palm Beach.
Website: habitatgreaterpbc.org
Call: 516-819-6070

NOTEWORTHY NEWS

Palm Beach Gardens and Royal Palm Beach Girl Scouts earn coveted Gold Award

Palm Beach Gardens residents Isabella Avallone and Marina DiMarzio and Royal Palm Beach resident Mailee Minitello each earned the coveted Girl Scout Gold Award—the highest and most prestigious recognition attainable by Girl Scout seniors and ambassadors in grades nine through 12.

This award highlights the creative and impactful projects these young changemakers have developed to address real-world challenges in their communities.

Avallone's project, "Fix Her," came about when she realized how many of her peers were unprepared for life after high school when it came to maintaining their own living spaces. Recognizing this practical knowledge gap and the broader gender gap in the construction industry, where only 10% of workers are women, Avallone developed a series of instructional videos covering basic tasks such as painting, fixing toilets and changing smoke detectors to empower teen girls by teaching essential home repair skills to foster independence and gain confidence.

Avallone created the "Fix-Her" Instagram account, sharing tutorials and insights into careers in construction, and as a culminating activity, participants applied their new skills to build benches, which were donated to a local high school's special needs department.

DiMarzio wrote "What Happened to Grandma?" — a book designed to help children understand the changes brought on by Alzheimer's disease and dementia. DiMarzio explained the causes and symptoms of dementia in simple, age-appropriate terms and provided guidance on how children can maintain meaningful relationships with grandparents affected by the disease.

Targeting children ages 9 to 11, DiMarzio distributed her book to libraries, schools and memory care facilities, and expanded her reach with the book through sales on Amazon and a read-aloud video on YouTube.

Minitello's project was the launch of "Mind Your Faith: Creating the Bridge from Struggle to Success" — a podcast and YouTube series addressing the growing mental health crisis among today's youth. Recognizing the role of social media, pandemic isolation and societal pressures in contributing to issues such as anxiety, depression and eating disorders, Minitello created a faith-based platform where individuals could share their personal stories of overcoming adversity. Each weekly episode offers listeners support, hope and spiritual tools for healing.

"We are so proud of all of our Gold Award Girl Scouts whose projects are insightful, impactful and relevant," said Girl Scouts of Southeast Florida CEO Lisa Johnson. "With their projects, these young ladies tackle some of today's most pressing challenges with compassion, innovation, and leadership. They are change agents who are making a true impact in their communities and beyond."