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## Andy Roddick Foundation Charity Weekend

**Gala Dinner/Dance:** 6:30 p.m. Dec. 12, The Polo Club of Boca Raton, with cocktail reception and live and silent auctions; tickets \$250.

**Kids Zone:** 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Dec. 13, Boca Pointe Country Club. The first 200 kids 12 and under receive a free T-shirt, hat and Babolat junior racquet.

**Celebrity Tennis Exhibition:** 1-4 p.m. Dec. 13, Boca Pointe Country Club, with autograph session to follow; tickets \$25-\$100.

**Information/  
Tickets:** 561-620-9449, andyroddick.com/charities; on Facebook search for Andy Roddick Weekend.

## ADVANTAGE ANDY RODDICK

Tennis star wraps an extraordinary year with ninth charity weekend

For Andy Roddick 2009 has been a year of joy and triumph as well as challenge. He married model Brooklyn Decker, revitalized his game, put up an unforgettable – yet ultimately unsuccessful – fight in the Wimbledon final, lost in the third round of the U.S. Open and accepted the Heineken Star Award for his athletic and philanthropic achievements. He caps the year with another triumph: On Dec. 12 and 13, he and Decker host the Ninth Annual Andy Roddick Foundation Charity Weekend, which has raised more than \$10 million for children's charities. The guest list for the gala and tennis exhibition includes players Serena and Venus Williams, Andy Murray, Brenda Schultz-McCarthy, Shahar Peer and Boyd Tinsley of the Dave Matthews Band.

We caught up with Roddick at home in Austin to ask about his foundation, his tennis, his marriage and Billie Jean.

**C&S: Do you have a favorite story about the impact of your foundation?**

**AR:** Many good stories, nearly all of them beginning with the smiles on children's faces. One in particular that has stuck with me was receiving a thank-you note from a young student who was excited for the first day of school because it would be the first time he'd ever entered a classroom wearing new clothes and shoes. It did wonders for his self-esteem. Also, every e-mail from Safe Haven for Newborns stating that the foundation helped save another baby has me jumping for joy.

**C&S: What was it about Brooklyn Decker that made her the one?**

**AR:** I 'stalked' Brooklyn because she was so beautiful and informed about all sports. Curiosity got the best of me. I somehow managed a date and fell in love with a truly

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*beautiful and intelligent woman. How lucky can one guy be?*

**C&S:** Brooklyn has been credited with encouraging you to reinvigorate your game. True?



Brooklyn Decker and Andy Roddick

**AR:** To be successful, you need people to believe in you. Brooklyn is my biggest fan and the most positive person I know.

**C&S:** Can you describe your training?

**AR:** I'd describe my training regimen in five words: disciplined, arduous, stimulating, constant, exhausting.

**C&S:** If you could play any match over, which would it be?

**AR:** With so many matches over so many years, there have been many ups and a few downs. I really don't want to play any of them over.

**C&S:** Whom do you most admire?

**AR:** There are many people I admire, and I've created a workout room that provides me inspiration. The walls have a wrap-around mural featuring many of them: Abraham Lincoln, Chris Evert, Jimmy Connors, Lance Armstrong and my dear little friend Garrett Starr, who has spent six of his eight years fighting cancer.

**C&S:** With your success and fame at an early age, what has kept you grounded?

**AR:** I try to show respect for everyone.

**C&S:** What makes the holidays special to you?

**AR:** Being with family and seeing Christmas wonders through the eyes of J.C. and Ann Marie, my nephew and niece.

**C&S:** Will your English bulldog, Billie Jean, be spoiled with gifts?

**AR:** Billie Jean is spoiled every waking minute.

**C&S:** Any goals for 2010?

**AR:** Winning Wimbledon is at the top of my list.

—Elizabeth Rahe

## Salsa adds spice to Hard Rock Live

Hot moves steam up the dance floor at the Annual World Salsa Championships Dec. 17-19 at Hard Rock Live in Hollywood. Dancers from around the world will compete in four categories; L.A. Style, which emphasizes the first beat of the music; New York Style, which emphasizes the second beat; Cabaret, which combines traditional salsa dancing with tricks, lifts and flips; and Team, in which six to 20 dancers perform cabaret-style. Each night, after watching the competition, spectators can try out their own moves as the dance floor opens and top salsa bands play. Need to sharpen your salsa skills? Check out classes and seminars from beginner level to advanced.

**The Annual World Salsa Championships, Hard Rock Live, 1 Seminole Way, Hollywood, 954-327-ROCK, [hardrocklivehollywoodfl.com](http://hardrocklivehollywoodfl.com).**

— Elizabeth Rahe



The World Salsa Championships will be televised worldwide.



Fredo Valladares, center in hat, leads a Destinations in Design tour at the Acropolis in Athens.

## Tours explore intriguing design around the globe

Cruising the Aegean for the wonders of Greek and Turkish architecture. Searching the Andes for the secrets of ancient Incan and early European design. Mining Miami for the gems of Art Deco, Mediterranean, Modern and Progressive building styles. Destinations in Design combines travel to fascinating locales with the exploration of art, culture, architecture and design, offering professional continuing education credit in the bargain. "Our tours are relevant for interior designers, architects, or simply those looking to broaden their horizons through a beautifully planned travel program," says education director Fredo Valladares. Tours for no more than 20 travelers focus on relevant trends in the design industry, including green building practices. A cruise to the Baltic next summer will explore sustainable design used for decades in Denmark, Finland and Sweden, contrasted with the opulence of St. Petersburg, Russia. Also on tap: Brazil and Miami.

**Destinations in Design Group, 16731 Harbor Court, Weston, 866-443-0864 or 954-389-8697, [destinationsindesign.com](http://destinationsindesign.com).**

— Elizabeth Rahe



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Isle of Capri, Roberto Coin's collection

## Staying home tonight – calling in for jewelry

Sometimes, at the end of a trying day, all one wants to do is go home, share a drink or a nibble and a laugh with neighbors, and ease into those final hours without venturing too far afield.

Sensing that desire of its customers, the owners of Weston Jewelers took its showcase on the road - literally. A traveling showcase of its fine jewels and watches came to residents of Hawks Landing in Plantation, along with all the trappings of Happy Hour.

The clubhouse at the West Broward development hosted a lively wine-sipping crowd of about 75 friends and neighbors. Many were Weston Jewelers customers who stopped in to say hello and check out the latest from the Roberto Coin and Chopard collections and other watches, necklaces, earrings and bracelets. Edward and Tracey Dikes were there to greet customers and help them try on some of the offerings.

Throughout the evening, the convivial crowd nibbled on steak crostini from Morton's Steakhouse, and BMW of Fort Lauderdale was there to showcase cars from its 700 series and raffle off a bicycle. It was the second such Hawks Landing event for Weston Jewelers, which sees the traveling showcase as a worthwhile supplement to its in-store jewelry parties.

"It's a nice way for us to introduce ourselves to different communities," says Paul Slutsky, VP of marketing for Weston Jewelers. "And, people are more apt to show up for an event that's right in their neighborhood."

— Ellen Forman



Breitling Chronomat

## Dan Marino Foundation continues opening doors to hope

A new eatery planned for downtown Fort Lauderdale will serve life lessons along with lunch. Open Door Café, expected to open in the Broward County School Board K.C. Wright Building in the coming months, will help developmentally challenged young adults to learn employment, social and life skills. Created in conjunction with Broward County Schools' Working Opportunities from Within (WOW) program, and the Summer International Group, the project is the Dan Marino Foundation's latest partnership to help children and young people with special needs live full, productive lives.

The foundation, founded 17 years ago by Claire and Dan Marino after their son Michael was diagnosed with autism, supports treatment and transition programs, outreach services and research to help individuals and families dealing with autism

and other developmental disabilities. The foundation built the Miami Children's Hospital Dan Marino Center in Weston, providing medical services, therapies, sensory gym, adaptive aquatics center, an orthotics division and new urgent care center. The Dan Marino Sr. Resource Library at the center is a first stop for parents seeking guidance and support after hearing their child's diagnosis.

The foundation's multifaceted approach includes many other vital programs:

**Marino Autism Research Institute – MARI** is a virtual institute formed by the University of

Miami, Vanderbilt University, Nova Southeastern University and University of Southern California to develop and implement cutting-edge research.

**Childnett.tv** – A free web TV channel dedicated to autism and other neurodevelopmental disorders that showcases personal stories, therapies and the latest medical breakthroughs.

**Life Launch and Summer STEPS** – Programs designed to foster self reliance in adolescents and young adults with disabilities by providing social, life and job skill training; conducted in partnership with Children's Services Council of Broward County.

**Autube.tv** – An issues-driven web channel enabling an exchange of ideas for people with autism.

**Kids@Home Future Prep Independent Living Program** – Services that assist youth aging out of the foster care system. Life coaches empower these young adults to transition into self-sufficiency. Funded by the Children's Services Council of Broward County.

**Marino Swim Central Adaptive Aquatics** – A required certification for swim instructors working with special needs students mandated by the Florida Legislature in 2008.

**The Dan Marino Foundation, Weston, 954-389-4445, danmarinofoundation.org.**



Claire and Dan Marino



— Elizabeth Rahe