

## Film Fest to Benefit Bloom Again



COURTESY "BOXEDORA"

"Boxedora," a short film about a Cuban woman boxer, is part of LunaFest, a traveling film festival to benefit Bloom Again.

**R**ED BANK - Bloom Again, a nonprofit organization that supports economically vulnerable working women when they encounter medical challenges, will host LunaFest Feb. 19 at The Two River Theater.

Lunafest is a traveling film festival featuring short films from all over the world by and about women. Bloom Again was selected by the makers of Luna Nutrition bars to bring the movie night to Monmouth County. This year's selections include "Boxedora," the story of a Cuban woman who defies Castro's ban on female fighting to follow her Olympic dream. All proceeds from the evening will benefit Bloom Again NJ and the breast cancer fund. Tickets are \$85 per person. Drinks and food are included.

Bloom Again Foundation opened its New Jersey chapter

in Red Bank last year. This month they have been able to award a caretaker from Matawan with the money she needed to pay her rent and remain in her apartment. "T" had to quit her job to care for her mother during the final stages of cancer, her rent was raised and she faced eviction. By working with Community Outreach Group in Middletown, Bloom Again was able to step in at a time of medical crisis and help "T" from falling deeper into poverty or even homelessness.

Bloom Again is partnering with several important community organizations that are helping to identify women in need including Lunch Break of Red Bank, Mary's Place by the Sea in Ocean Grove and Bayshore Family Success Center. With the help of its partners Bloom Again can become a major resource for

helping women in Monmouth County.

Bloom again was founded in Los Angeles by best-selling author and internationally renowned public speaker Lois Frankel, Ph.D., a breast cancer survivor. While recovering from cancer Frankel realized how fortunate she was compared to other women with fewer resources. Many women are one paycheck away from poverty. They scrape together what's needed to get by from paycheck to paycheck without federal assistance, but one illness in the family, a car accident, or other medical emergency is life-changing for them. Bloom Again provides a bridge in times of crisis with direct financial aid such as rent, grocery or utility payments.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit [lunafest.org/redbank](http://lunafest.org/redbank) or [bloomagain.org](http://bloomagain.org).

# TWO RIVER PEOPLE

By Lynne Ward

## BLOOM AGAIN FOUNDATION AND LUNAFEST PARTNERED AT TWO RIVER THEATER



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Foundation is an  
volunteer non-  
profit organization that  
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foundation provides  
women with  
independent financial  
resources for living  
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challenges impact women  
and their families.



Another group of Bloom Again board members: Deborah Byrne, Susan Dowden, Kelly Kachinski, Nancy Gravina and Maureen DeFelice.



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and Christine**  
board chair.

Stephy's Place of Red Bank is partnering with Bloom Again. Stephy's Place is a center for grief and loss offering free support groups for anyone experiencing loss. It opened its doors in Red Bank on Sept. 1, 2015 and they currently offers 10 support groups per week as well as other services, which are free of charge. From left: **Kelly Kachinski and Christine Rieger** of Bloom Again, with **Pat Wotton, Elaine Chevalier, Patty Milano and Liz McNally**, of Stephy's Place.



From left: **Danette Alderoty, Jake McCarthy, David and Janice Henderson, Debra Littleson and Margaret O'Meara.**



**Adrienne Supino (left)** is joined by her mom, **Patricia Supino** and friends **Gilda Holzer and Lori Sadwith.**



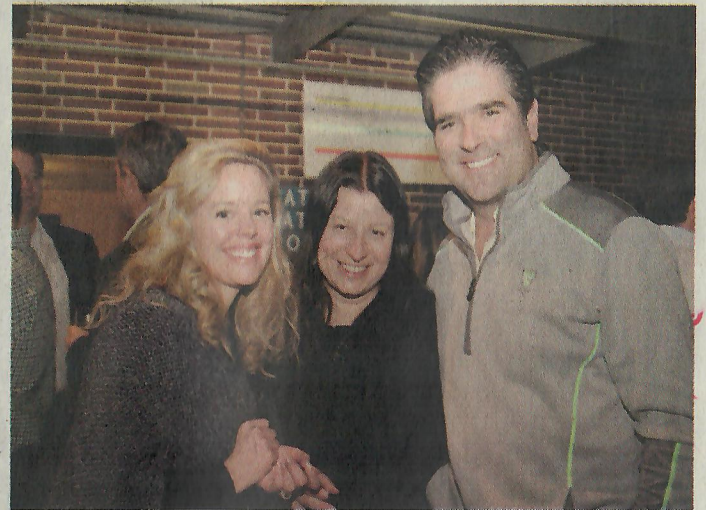
From left: **Kelly Kachinski, Gina Gill, Kelli O'Brien and Jenny Baxter.**



and **Donna Erskine, Stu and Danette Alderoty, cy and Tom Gravina** enjoyed the pre-film reception vo River Theater.



Event supporters (from left): **Carol DeMurin, Scottie Dwyer and John and Sharon Smallwood.**



**Jessica (left) and Brian Hickey** are pictured with **Lisa White.**

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You get hip pain that brings

