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# JA IS BREWING UP SOMETHING SPECIAL FOR THEIR 60TH ANNIVERSARY

PARTNER FUNKY BUDDHA BREWERY IS CRAFTING A LIMITED EDITION BEER

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Junior Achievement of South Florida, was founded locally in 1959 by the Fort Lauderdale Rotary Club and is celebrating its 60th anniversary of training the next generation of business leaders, employees and consumers by educating students about entrepreneurship, work readiness and financial literacy.

An organization that exemplifies the tenants of Junior Achievement and has been a success for close to ten years is Funky Buddha Brewery. The brewery started out with small batch, hand-crafted beers and growing to become one of Florida's most recognized and awarded breweries. Two of Buddha's better known and awarded beers are their flagship Floridian Hefeweizen and their 2016 Gold Medal Winner - Maple Bacon Porter.

It was a natural fit that Funky Buddha Brewery became involved with Junior Achievement's premier annual event – JA Uncorked, a Circle of Wise Women signature event. "For Funky Buddha this will be our sixth year involved with JA and the Uncorked event," beamed John Linn, Brand Director. He went on, "During our first year at the event, attendees didn't know what to make of us because craft beer was in a different place than it is now. We've

been very proud to help raise funds for this charity."

"We met with JA to come up with a specialty crafted beer for their 60th Anniversary celebration, which will be unveiled at the JA Uncorked event. So we created a beer version of champagne. It is a French countryside style ale. This beer will have a bit more wild character to it, as we use grape must (young wine) and ferment that and then bottle it at a high carbonation so that it drinks like champagne. Finally, we flavored it with ginger and lemon," explained Linn.

The specialty beer will be bottled in champagne bottles and a portion of the proceeds from their sale will be donated to Junior Achievement. Painted on one the walls in the Funky Buddha Brewery, in large fanciful type, is a line from poet Arthur O'Shaughnessy and made famous by Gene Wilder in the film *Willy Wonka And The Chocolate Factory*, 'We are the music-makers, and we are the dreamers of dreams.' This truly is a statement that could be made on behalf of both of these wonderful organizations.

The Ninth Annual JA World Uncorked is co-chaired by the Circle of Wise Women's Sharon Gustafson-Florescue with her daughters Shannon Brooks and Susan Rindley-Devlin.

This indoor food and spirits festival features many of South Florida's finest restaurants and a vast selection of beverages from Breakthru Beverage and Funky Buddha Brewery. 



John Linn



**When:** January 19, 2019, 6:30 pm to 10:30 pm  
**Where:** JA World Huizenga Center  
 1130 Coconut Creek Blvd. FL 33066  
[www.jasouthflorida.org/events/ja-world-uncorked](http://www.jasouthflorida.org/events/ja-world-uncorked)

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## 9th Annual JA World Uncorked

January 19, 2019

This food and spirits festival, hosted by the JA Circle of Wise Women features many of South Florida's finest restaurants with live music, dancing, raffles, and a silent auction.

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