
Profile

Judy

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Initial

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City

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State

33765

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Alternate Phone

Length of Residency - please select one. * 1 to 5 years**Do you own or represent a business in Clearwater?** Yes No**If yes, where is the business located? Do you conduct business with the City?**

A mobile nonprofit that does do business with the City

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Public Art and Design Board: Submitted

Pinellas Community
Foundation

Employer

Donor Advisor, SOW Fund

Job Title

Occupation - If retired, enter former occupation.

Donor Advisor, writer

Have you served or do you serve on a board in Clearwater? Yes No**If yes, please list the name of the board.**

Why do you wish to serve on this board/committee? If seeking reappointment, state why you should be reappointed.

I have been involved in the arts throughout Tampa Bay since 2021 running the nonprofit Pinellas Diaspora Arts Project, and have sat on selection committees for Creative Pinellas, The Gobiuff Foundation, and currently the City of St. Pete's Barack Obama Library Art Selections Committee but have never gotten to do any of this kind of work for Clearwater, where I reside, and I believe I should do that. I want our city to have the same love of for the arts, and I think the best way I can support that desire is to serve.

What personal qualifications can you bring to this board or committee?

As well as sitting on the selection committees noted above, I have been involved in the arts since I was a child, professionally working in theatre and film; I am a published writer, playwright, and screenwriter, and a community journalist (I currently write for two local community journals). I have a deep respect for artists, and personal knowledge of the journey taken to create art. My community work has given me an appreciation of the residents throughout the Bay and the wonderful work they do to improve our neighborhoods and communities. I believe my experience and love of the arts, combined with my love and respect for our residents, have deepened both my empathy, my vision, and my belief in the life-changing impact of art on wellness and community health, as well as a practical perspective, and deep commitment to collaboration and open-mindedness.

List Community Activities

-Treasurer and founding board member of the Pinellas Diaspora Arts Project, Inc -Organizer Tampa Bay Urban Futures -Editor, Power Broker Magazine -Contributor (formerly managing editor) The Weekly Challenger News -Member, Barack Obama Library Public Art Committee

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Upload a Resume

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Please attach a copy of one of the following documents: 1) valid current Florida Driver License issued to an address within city limits, or 2) Declaration of Domicile filed with the city clerk affirming residency within city limits.

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Are you related to any member of the City Council?

Yes No

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If yes, please provide name and explain relation.

No

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Are you related to a city employee?

Yes No

Question applies to multiple boards

If yes, please provide name and explain relation.

No

Demographics

Some boards and commissions require membership to be racially, politically or geographically proportionate to the general public. The following information helps track our recruitment and diversity efforts. (Optional)

Ethnicity

African American

Gender

Female

05/18/1964

Date of Birth

The City of Clearwater strives to promote diversity and provide reasonable accommodations for individuals with disabilities. If you are requesting accommodation, please indicate below:

By clicking on "I Agree," below, I affirm that the information above is true and correct, and that I understand and agree to the responsibilities and commitment of time associated with an appointment to a Clearwater advisory board or committee.

I Agree

All material submitted to the City of Clearwater is subject to the public records law of the State of Florida including Chapter 119, Florida Statutes.

Judy Morton/Jake-ann Jones

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Nonprofit/philanthropic professional and creative artist with extensive experience in organizational capacity building and storytelling, community outreach, and philanthropic consulting. Additional experience in university-level instruction, program management, accounting, and grant writing. Arts experience includes screenwriting, playwrighting, teaching, and producing.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

SOW Fund Donor Advisor July 2018 – Present
Pinellas Community Foundation Tampa Bay, FL

- DAF advisor directing over \$2 million in grants to communities across Tampa Bay
- Managing a portfolio of over 40 nonprofit organizations, including support in capacity building, grant writing, and marketing
- Community liaison for nonprofits, community organizations, stakeholders, and educators

Editor (as J.A. Jones) January 2026 - current
Power Broker Magazine Tampa Bay, FL

- Researching and editing profile pieces and human-interest stories for an online magazine with annual print edition
- Supporting production of video news content
- Supporting community engagement events and local social action campaigns

Staff Writer and Media Producer (as J.A. Jones) January 2018 - 2025
The Weekly Challenger Newspaper Tampa Bay, FL

- Researching and writing profile pieces and human-interest stories for the community newspaper and its online presence
- Producing video news content
- Leading community engagement events and local social action campaigns

Remote Content Manager March 2014 – October 2017
RixNewsWire.com/Midwest Technology Ventures Indianapolis, IN/Largo, FL

- Created and scheduled weekly subscriber e-newsletter; managed subscriber database.
- Developed social media campaigns; utilized Hootsuite for automated scheduling
- Press release research and collection, content posting, and media communications

Grant Writer, Administrative Support Dec 2014 – April 2016
Hillsborough Organization for Progress and Equality Tampa, FL

- Researched/wrote grants, tracked data and demographics
- Assisted in creating programs, press releases, ad campaigns, corporate communications
- Designed and updated website using WordPress CMS

NONFICTION/JOURNALISM (selected, under J.A. Jones and Jake-ann Jones)

- S.T.O.R.Y. 727's vision for changing St. Pete's trajectory, The Weekly Challenger, May 2025

- **SOMETIMES FARMGIRLS BECOME REVOLUTIONARIES: NOTES ON BLACK POWER, POLITICS, DEPRESSION, AND THE FBI** (with Florence L. Tate), Black Classic Press, 2021
- **COVERING ELECTION ANXIETY, RACIAL INEQUITY, AND MORE IN A KEY BATTLEGROUND STATE**, Nieman Reports, Nov 2020
- **Filmmaker, Musician, Author Jennifer Msumba Shares Art Through the Lens of Autism**, Arts Coast Journal, Aug 2022

PUBLISHED IN COLLECTIONS (under Jake-ann Jones)

- **PLAYS FROM THE BOOM BOX GENERATION**, Theater Communications Group, TCG Books
- **WOMEN WHO WRITE PLAYS: INTERVIEWS WITH AMERICAN DRAMATISTS**, Art of Theater Books

PRODUCER/ORGANIZER

- **TAMPA BAY URBAN FUTURES FESTIVAL** St. Pete, Clearwater, Largo, Tampa, Nov 2022 – Nov 2025
- **TAMPA BAY CHALK FESTIVAL**, St. Pete, May 2023 - 2025

AWARDS/GRANTS

- **2024 Ladies in Film & Entertainment Award**, Sunshine City Film Festival
- **2022 Artist Laureate**, Creative Pinellas, Pinellas County, Florida
- **Cornerstone Artist**, Penumbra Theatre, St. Paul, 2007
- **Jonathan Larson Performing Arts Foundation Grant**, 2003, Magic Kingdom, NYC

KEYNOTES, LECTURES, PANELS

- **Presenter, "Afrosurrealism," Dali Museum, 2025**
- **Keynote Speaker, "African Americans in the Arts," University of Florida, 2024**
- **Presenter, "Black Women in the Arts," Florida Education Fund Summit, 2024**
- **Presenter, "Through the Lens: Amiri Baraka," American Stage/The Factory, 2022**
- **Presenter, "Media Literacy: Racism, Politics & the News," League of Women Voters & The Del-tas, 2020**

TEACHING

- Instructor, Media Journalism, Youth Griot Program, FHSP Instructor
- Media Journalism, Afroflorida Media Collective Bootcamp program, current
- Instructor, Arts, Florida Education Fund, Summer Youth Program 2024
- The City College of New York, Adult Continuing Ed, POISED Program, 2000-2008

EDUCATION

Brown University, Providence, RI — Master of Fine Arts
City College, City University, New York, NY – Bachelor of Fine Arts
American College of Financial Services – Chartered Advisor of Philanthropy Certification