Pajama Program volunteer enjoys relaxing on the beach, working out when not helping others

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Who she is: Bobbi Rini is a volunteer in charge of donations for the 501(c)3 nonprofit The Pajama Program. The organization provides new pajamas and storybooks to kids in shelters, group homes and foster care. Many of these kids arrive at the facilities
with only the clothes they're wearing, and many have been abused, Rini said. Many are waiting hopefully to be adopted.

Rini got involved with the group after seeing a spot on “Oprah.”

“From the moment Genevieve Piturro, the founder, began to tell her story, I was hooked. I had no idea that I was searching for something to be passionate about. My life was full. I worked full-time at my chosen profession as a master hair colorist. My family was happy. But the mission of this organization just grabbed me.

“It’s hard to imagine what it’s like to see a child acting excited over a pair of new pajamas. One 8-year-old girl told me that the pajamas we gave her were her very first pair.”

Rini, who lives in Boynton Beach, says she loves Palm Beach County because you can do as much or as little as you want, but there’s always something fun to do.

For more info on the Pajama Program, visit www.pajamaprogram.org.

Here are a few of her favorites:

**Favorite breakfast place?**

Luna Rosa. The food is excellent and I love any place on the water.
Seasons 52 mini desserts are served in shot glasses. Courtesy of Seasons 52

The dining gazebo at Sundy House in Delray Beach. (Taylor Jones/The Palm Beach Post)

Caffè Luna Rosa, 34 S. Ocean Blvd., Delray Beach. Info: 561-274-9404; caffelunarosa.com

**Favorite lunch spot?** I really don't have a favorite. It's more about who I am with. But I do love The Little House, a cozy gourmet secret spot.

The Little House, 480 E. Ocean Ave., Boynton Beach. Info: 561-420-0573; www.thelittlehousebb.com

**Favorite spot for a casual dinner with friends?**

Seasons 52, because you can fool yourself in thinking that you are eating sensibly!! Those mini desserts are the best. On my birthday, I order them all except the fruit, of course!

Seasons 52 On Glades Road, 2300 N.W. Executive Center Drive, Boca Raton. Info: 561-998-9952; seasons52.com

**Favorite place for Sunday brunch?**

Sundy House, hands down. Great food and strolling the gardens is breathtaking!

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*Scene Maker: Hanley Center CEO enjoys bagels at Wellington’s Strathmore and dining under the stars in Palm Beach*
The Sundy House, 106 S. Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. Info: 561-272-5678; www.sundyhouse.com

**Favorite fine-dining restaurant?**

Chops. Ambience, service, great menu.


**Favorite way/place to relax and recharge?**

I recently rented the chaises and umbrellas for the year on our beaches from Oceanside Beach Club. A great bargain at $400 a year! Now I can go to the beach at anytime and I don’t have to drag a chair. Now it’s just a towel, snacks, water and my iPad. Heaven!

Oceanside Beach Club Services has 15 locations from Broward County to Martin County. Info: 561-840-3373; www.beachservice.com

**Favorite boutique or store for browsing or buying?**

Apolonia is the “bomb” in boutiques! If you want next year’s fashions today, this is the place.


**Favorite take-out?**
Mussels Marinara from Carrabbas or Mellow Mushroom pizza.

Carrabba’s Italian Grille, 6909 S.W. 18th St., Boca Raton. Info: 561-544-8838; carrabbas.com

The Mellow Mushroom, 25 S.E Sixth Ave., Delray Beach. Info: 561-330-3040; mellowmushroom.com

Favorite festival or annual event?

The Delray Affair, held each April, for its jewelry and unusual household things and tons of gifts.

The Delray Affair, April 25-27, 2014, stretches 12 city blocks from the Intracoastal to N.W. Second Avenue and on the grounds of Delray Beach Center for the Arts and Old School Square Park.

Favorite place/way to get in a workout?

My gym is the Palm Beach Gym, where I do yoga and Pilates. Members have become social friends, and we have the best instructors, who have become like family!

The Palm Beach Gym, 660 Linton Blvd., Delray Beach. Info: 561-278-7111; pbgyms.com
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