



Prepared: March 23, 2015

- **What:** Events to Launch the Conversation Project in Celebration
- **Where:** West Osceola Branch Library, 305 Campus Street, Celebration, FL 34747
- **When:**
 - **Session 1** (Daytime)
 - **Part 1:** Tuesday, May 19, 2015
 - **Part 2:** Wednesday, June 24, 2015
 - **Time:** 10:00 – 12:00pm
 - **Session 2** (Evening)
 - **Part 1:** Tuesday, June 30, 2015
 - **Part 2:** Tuesday, August 4, 2015
 - **Time:** 7:00 – 9:00pm
- **Co-Sponsored by:** Celebration Foundation Thriving in Place and West Osceola Branch Library
- **Age Group:** Adults 18 and over
- **AV Needs:** Projector
- **Celebration Foundation Contact:** Gloria Niec, 407-566-1234 or cell 561-504-3604
- **West Osceola Library Contact:** Jennifer Parsick, 407-742-8888

Marketing:

- **Article for April Celebration News:**

Have you had the Conversation?



Too many people are dying in a way they wouldn't choose, and too many of their loved ones are left feeling bereaved, guilty, and uncertain. It's time to transform our culture so we shift from not talking about dying to talking about it. It's time to share the way we want to live at the end of our lives. And it's time to communicate about the kind of care we want and don't want for ourselves. We believe that the place for this to begin is at the kitchen table—not in the intensive care unit—with the

people we love, before it's too late. ~ The Conversation Project

“My good friend Ellen Goodman, a retired nationally syndicated columnist, was one of the founders of the Conversation Project at Harvard after losing her mother and her sister, “said Celebration resident, Pat Schroeder, “She realized all of us know that we should have a conversation with our loved ones about end of life matters, but we all procrastinate and suddenly it is too late. I am delighted Celebration is launching the Conversation Project because we can all gently nudge each other to have that conversation!”

The Celebration Foundation is pleased to partner with the West Osceola Branch Library located in Celebration to sponsor Donna Gray, Project Coordinator of the Conversation Project in Central Florida to start the Conversation in Celebration.

- Poster design – Jennifer to work with Library Marketing
- Celebration Foundation website and Facebook pages – Kimberly Vinson
- Press Releases –
 - Celebration News April and May issues (Gloria)
 - Osceola News Gazette
 - Local Calendar item
- Celebration Front Porch – Kimberly Vinson
- Contact Growing Bolder – Gloria to check with Lyn Berelsman

Volunteers Needed: Jennifer – do we need volunteers?

Refreshments:

- Water, cookies, napkins and plates provided by Celebration Foundation

Speaker: Donna Gray, RN BSN CHP
 Project Coordinator
 The Conversation Project of Central Florida
 407-739-8854

Agenda for Part 1

- Welcome:** Jennifer Parsick
- A bit about the library
 - Why the Conversation Project is important to the Library
 - List of recommended books
 - Book display in back of room
- Introduction:** Gloria Niec, Executive Director Celebration Foundation
- Testimony:** Pat Schroeder, Former Congresswoman
- Keynote:** Donna Gray, Project Coordinator The Conversation Project in Central Florida
- Intro/History of the Conversation Project
 - Video
 - Presentation
 - Personal story of an actual death
 - No Bad Conversation
 - Starting your own conversation with your family and/or friends
 - Samples of how to “Finish this sentence” (write on white board ahead of time)
 - Becoming a coach
 - Advanced Directives and Five Wishes
 - How to have a conversation with your doctor
 - Q and A
- Wrap up:** Gloria and Jennifer to distribute The Conversation Project Starter Kits
 (Gloria to print 100 copies)