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“John Riley Center/Museum will honor the Strong & Jones Funeral Home during upcoming Pioneers Gala”

TALLAHASSEE - The John G. Riley Center/Museum will honor the Strong & Jones Funeral Home for their tremendous contributions to the Big Bend community at the 11th Annual Cufflinks and Pearls | *Applause for the Pioneers* Gala. This signature event will take



place on **Friday, February 20, 2015** from **7:00 p.m. to 10:30 pm** at the Goodwood Museum and Gardens Carriage House (1600 Miccosukee Road, Tallahassee, Florida).

The purpose of the Pioneers Gala is to pay tribute to individuals who by a tangible act or creation have been community trailblazers, going before, preparing the way for others and leaving a legacy in the development of Tallahassee’s history. All

proceeds from the event are used in support of the John G. Riley Internship Fund.

In 2015, the Riley Museum is recognizing the Strong & Jones Funeral Home as a continuation of a multi-year theme honoring family business legacies. As a family-owned and operated enterprise, the Strong Jones Funeral Home has earned a reputation for providing the highest quality funeral services, with the personal attention and professionalism for over 67 years.



The professional staff at Strong Jones Funeral Home is committed to providing dignified, respectful and compassionate assistance to every family. Recognizing that each family is unique, the staff provides personalized assistance through meaningful services that celebrate life, honor legacies and encourage a strong sense of community. The names of Mamie J. Strong & Elbert W. Jones will be enshrined on the Riley Museum Pioneers Scroll in the new Riley Visitor Center.

Individuals, businesses and organizations are encouraged to support these pioneers and fundraising efforts of the Annual Gala by purchasing tables or individual tickets as follows: **\$1,000 for a full table (seats 8); \$500 for a half table (seats 4); \$250 for couples and single tickets are \$125 each.**

For more information about the Strong & Jones Funeral Home, or to purchase tickets, log onto www.RileyMuseum.org or contact the Riley Museum at *850-681-7881* and/or email info@rileymuseum.org.

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