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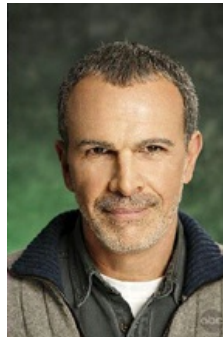
Haiti is experiencing a dreadful cholera epidemic, and our hearts are with those suffering and those working to curtail it. Click here for an [article in the PPAF Blog](#), on how to track what is happening and how to help.

[\(1\) Tony Plana and Ian Williams PLUS a Tasting of Barbancourt Rum at PPAF Fundraiser November 4.](#)

The Public-Private Alliance Foundation welcomes Tony Plana and Ian Williams to its November 4 Benefit. Ian will turn mixologist for samples of Haiti's internationally famous Barbancourt Rum. Michael Yarema, Executive Vice President and National Sales Manager at Crillon Importers will comment on the importance of Barbancourt Rum to the Haitian economy.

To attend the Benefit, meet and network, view great Haitian art, and to contribute to the Foundation, see article 2 below.

Tony Plana



Tony Plana (in Ugly Betty)

Noted actor Tony Plana recently starred as Ignacio Suarez, the widowed father to America Ferrera's *Ugly Betty*, in ABC's hit series. He starred previously in Showtime's original series, *Resurrection Boulevard*, and was nominated for two Alma Awards for best actor. He has also guest starred on *Royal Pains*.

Plana has starred in more than 70 feature films, including *JFK*, *Nixon*, *Salvador*, *An Officer and a Gentleman*, *Lone Star*, *Three Amigos*, *Born in East L.A.*, *El Norte*, *187*, *Primal Fear*, *Romero*, *One Good Cop*, *Havana*, *The Rookie*, *Silver Strand* and *Picking Up the Pieces with Woody Allen*. He recently appeared *Half Past Dead with Steven Segal*, *Morris Chestnut*, and *JaRul*; *The Lost City*, with *Andy Garcia*, *Bill Murray*, and *Dustin Hoffman*; and Disney's highly acclaimed *GOAL, The Dream Begins!*; in *El Muerto* starring *Wilbur Valderama*, *Justified*, *Towards Darkness*, and *AmericanEast* with *Tony Shaloub*.

On television he recently starred in the Showtime Original Miniseries, *Fidel*, as the notorious Cuban dictator, Batista, as well as Showtime's *Noriega: God's Favorite*. He has portrayed leading roles in *Veronica Claire* for Lifetime, *Bakersfield P.D.* for FOX and Steven Bocco's *Total Security* and *City of Angels* for ABC. He has also appeared in several Emmy award winning programs such as *Sweet Fifteen*, *Drug Wars: The Camarena Story*, *The Burning Season: The Life and Death of Chico Mendes* and a special episode of *L.A. Law*. Mr. Plana has portrayed recurring roles on NBC's *The West Wing* as the U.S. Secretary of State, FOX's *24*, *CSI*, *Monk*, *Almost Perfect*, and *The Closer* for TNT.

Plana has been very active in live theatre. On Broadway, his credits include *Zoot Suit* and *The Boys of Winter*, and a wide variety of productions in many other venues. He is the recipient of many awards for outstanding work in film, television and theater.

Plana celebrated his solo directorial debut in December 2000 with *The Princess and the Barrio Boy*, which won the 2001 Imagen Award for Best Made for Television Movie. He also has directed several episodes of Nickelodeon's hit series, *The Brothers Garcia*, and the season finale of *Greetings from Tucson* for the Warner Brothers Network.

Plana is also the co-founder and executive artistic director of the East L.A. Classic Theatre, a group comprised primarily of Hispanic American theatre professionals. The Theatre has served the Latino community through educational outreach programs to primary and secondary schools and through bi-lingual education.

Plana earned a Bachelor's degree in literature and theatre arts at Loyola-Marymount University, Los Angeles, graduating magna cum laude. He received professional training at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art in London, England. He is married to actress, *Ada Maris* and is the proud father of *Alejandro* and *Isabel*. For more, see: www.tonyplana.com

Ian Williams



Ian Williams

Born in Liverpool, England, now residing in New York, Ian has written for newspapers and magazines around the world, ranging from *The Australian* to *The Independent*, from the *New York Observer* and the *Village Voice* to the *Financial Times*. His books are *THE ALMS TRADE: Charities, Past, Present and Future* and *Rum: A Social*

and Sociable History of the Real Spirit of 1776. Williams will have copies of *Rum* available for sale and signing at the Foundation's fundraiser, and will donate \$10 per book sold to the Foundation.

Williams is the UN correspondent for *Tribune*, and senior analyst for *Foreign Policy in Focus*. He was earlier president of the UN Correspondents Association.

He has pundited on *BBC*, *CNN*, *MSNBC*, *FOX*, *CBC* and innumerable radio stations, and has appeared on *Hard Ball*, *the O'Reilly Factor*, and *Wolf Blitzer*. Online he writes for *Salon*, *AlterNet* and *MaximsNews*, among many others. He appears in *Comment is Free* on *Guardian Unlimited*. His blog appears at: <http://deadlinepundit.blogspot.com/>

(2) REGISTER NOW for our November 4 Fundraiser!

You are invited....

“Partners Against Poverty” Fundraiser to benefit the

Public-Private Alliance Foundation and its work in Haiti

Thursday November 4 6 – 8 pm

Since the January 12 earthquake PPAF is helping Haitians revitalize their country by partnering with business, the Diaspora, non-profits, the Government, the United Nations and individuals on key projects that improve peoples' lives and help achieve the UN Millennium Development Goals. The fundraiser will help advance this. The Foundation also works in the Dominican Republic and Madagascar.

The setting for the event is the outstanding exhibit of Haitian paintings on display at Affirmation Arts, on 37th Street in Manhattan. Actor-director Tony Plana of “Ugly Betty” fame, and pundit and rum historian Ian Williams will join us.

A current main focus for the Foundation is collaboration with several partners to promote improved stoves and fuel in Haiti. Locally-grown and distilled sugar ethanol will fuel cookstoves manufactured, marketed and distributed in the country. The project aims to improve lives and health, especially for women and children, and reduce the heavy reliance on wood and charcoal that has stripped the country of forest and topsoil. Livelihoods for farmers and small scale entrepreneurs will likewise be improved.

Come enjoy the artwork, learn more about the Foundation's work, and help Haiti build back better.

WHEN: Thursday, November 4, from 6 to 8 pm

WHERE: Affirmation Arts, 523 West 37th St., Manhattan (1/2 block from the Javits Convention Center; nearest subway is Penn Station)

REFRESHMENTS: Wine, soft drinks and hors d'oeuvres plus a tasting of Barbancourt Rum!

TICKETS: Students and under 30's — \$30; supporters — \$50; sponsors — \$250 and up. Go to: www.ppafoundation.org and click on the “Donate” buttons for PayPal or JustGive. Donations also accepted at the door but please RSVP.

RSVP: Tel: 914-478-3450 or e-mail ppafoundation@gmail.com for reservation and parking details, or if you wish to mail a check.

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The Public-Private Alliance Foundation is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to reducing poverty in the world by bringing together business, governmental, community, academic, United Nations and other interests. Through collaboration, PPAF helps stimulate entrepreneurship and commerce-related activities and encourage investment for sustainable development. PPAF supports the principles of the United Nations Millennium Development Goals.

Focusing on the Dominican Republic, Haiti and Madagascar, our vision is to make a difference for human betterment. PPAF works closely with the United Nations for policies and actions to advance public-private alliances. PPAF is associated with the Department of Public Information of the United Nations and is a participant in the United Nations Global Compact.