

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Business After Hours/YPOP Hotspot

**When:** Thursday, March 7; 5:30-7:30 p.m.  
**Where:** Venture X West Palm Beach (CityPlace)  
**Cost:** \$20, members (\$15 in advance); \$30, non-members; Free to YPOP members; \$20, non-YPOP members

### One on One 101

**When:** Friday, March 8; 8:30-9:45 a.m.  
**Where:** Chamber Boardroom  
**Cost:** Free

### Power Networking @ Lunch

**When:** Wednesday, March 13; 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.  
**Where:** Holiday Inn Palm Beach Airport Hotel & Conference Center  
**Cost:** \$40, members (\$35 in advance); \$50, non-members (\$45 in advance)  
**Partner:** BNI South Florida  
**Sponsor:** SunFest

### Business Builder

**When:** Friday, March 15 and Tuesday, March 27; 8:30-9:45 a.m.  
**Where:** Chamber Boardroom  
**Cost:** Free

### March Breakfast

**When:** Wednesday, March 20; 7:45-9 a.m.  
**Where:** Palm Beach County Convention Center  
**Cost:** \$50, members (\$45 in advance); \$60, non-members (\$55 in advance)  
**Speakers:** Mike Bracci (Board Chairman), John Kessler (Campaign Chairman), Bill Meyer (Chairman of Operations Committee)  
**Sponsor:** Kravis Center for the Performing Arts



Kelly Smallridge, president and CEO of the Business Development Board of Palm Beach County. PHOTOS BY CAPEHART



Chamber Chair Evelyn Hopkins; Kelly Smallridge, Business Development Board of Palm Beach County; Jan Tuckwood, The Palm Beach Post.

## KELLY SMALLRIDGE PROVIDES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Kelly Smallridge, president and CEO of the Business Development Board (BDB) of Palm Beach County, provided us with an update on the different companies that have relocated to Palm Beach County during the past 12 months.

During the presentation sponsored by The Palm Beach Post, Smallridge announced that General Dynamics' Gulfstream will be building a new 160,000-square-

foot facility and adding 70 new jobs. Meanwhile, a company bought by another military contractor, Northrop Grumman, is moving into a 17,000-square-foot space in Palm Beach Gardens.

"It's a big name to have here in Palm Beach County," she said. "Now we can brag about Northrup, Pratt & Whitney ... it's another big name to add to our roster." Smallridge projects that the aviation and aerospace industry will continue to grow

in Palm Beach County.

She closed the discussion by citing a few statistics:

- The county's population stands at 1.4 million
- 22,000 people move here on average every year
- The county's average salary of \$53,000 is the highest of all Florida counties
- Palm Beach County employers generate about 19,000 new jobs per year
- Out of the top 50 public corporate headquarters in

Florida, eight are in Palm Beach County: Nextera, Office Depot, Platform Specialty Products, Dycom, Geo Group, SBA Communications, KLX, Ocwen Financial.

If you're interested in learning more about the BDB, please visit [www.bdb.org](http://www.bdb.org).

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## February Trustee Luncheon

Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections Wendy Link spoke to 50 Trustees at their February luncheon. Supervisor Link described the new voting machines being purchased by her office and also explained the importance of making sure that your signature on file at the Supervisor of Elections office is up to date.

## FPL adds new, cutting-edge smart grid device to its suite of outage prevention tools

Florida Power & Light Company (FPL) unveiled a new, cutting-edge piece of smart grid technology on Feb. 26, called the Automated Transformer Switch (ATS), to prevent and reduce power outages. The announcement regarding the ATS, also known as a VacuFuse™ Self-Resetting Interrupter, comes as FPL reaches a major smart grid technology milestone, completing the system-wide installation of 80,000 smart switches on the energy grid that reduce customer outages.

Read the full article online at [newsroom.fpl.com/news-releases?item=126076](http://newsroom.fpl.com/news-releases?item=126076)



## TRUSTEE SPOTLIGHT

### Elaine Smith



Elaine Smith is the president and designer of Elaine Smith, Inc., a luxury brand of indoor/outdoor pillows that are as practical as they are beautiful. Founded in 1997 and based in West Palm Beach, the company manufactures all the products on-site using materials sourced in the United States. Smith's pillows are now available nationwide at more than 2,500 interior

ELAINE SMITH

and outdoor home décor locations, in luxury hotels, restaurants and clubhouses across the country as well as online through fine retailers such as Neiman Marcus and Nordstrom. Smith currently serves as a Trustee of the Chamber of Commerce of the Palm Beaches.

### Skyler Hunt



Skyler Hunt is the community outreach specialist for Trulieve.

Trulieve was founded in 2016 and is Florida's first and largest Medical Marijuana Treatment Center, with 24 dispensaries spanning across Florida, from Pensacola to Miami. Hunt establishes and maintains key relationships with community groups to drive initiatives for collaboration, education and support with medical cannabis. A graduate of Marshall University with a bachelor's degree in Public



Relations, she serves on several chamber of commerce trustee boards and young professional groups as well as the Working Women of Tampa Bay. She currently serves as a Trustee of the Chamber of Commerce of the Palm Beaches.

### Vicki Chouris



Vicki Chouris is vice president and chief operating officer of the South Florida Fair. She attended Palm Beach State College and received her master's degree in Business Administration from Palm Beach Atlantic University. Chouris served as chair of the Palm Beach State College Foundation Board and chair of Discover the Palm Beaches. She is also past chair of the Florida Federation of Fairs and



the Florida Festivals and Events Association. In 2010, Chouris was inducted into the Florida Federation of Fairs Hall of Fame. She is a recipient of the ATHENA Award from the Chamber of Commerce of the Palm Beaches.

## Chamber endorses James, Ryan, and Fox



Keith James

The Chamber of Commerce of the Palm Beaches' political action committee, LEADPAC, has endorsed in the 2019 West Palm Beach Municipal Election the following candidates: For the office of Mayor, the PAC endorses Keith James and Paula Ryan. Both James and Ryan currently serve on the City Commission and have been strong supporters of creating a vibrant local economy. The PAC feels both would continue to ensure that West Palm Beach remains a great place to work and live.



Paula Ryan



Christy Fox

In the West Palm Beach City Commission race – District 3 – the PAC endorses Christy Fox. Fox

has worked to honor the legacy and service of our veterans and give a voice to those who did not have one. She is committed to improving public safety, curbing homelessness, creating good paying local jobs and minimizing the impacts of traffic congestion.



## March Breakfast: Kravis 2020 update

The Raymond F. Kravis Center for the Performing Arts has embarked on a \$50 million capital campaign called *Kravis 2020: The Future is Now* to support a campus redesign and facility expansion – and it's well on its way. With the community always at the Center's forefront, the goal of the project

is to elevate and enhance the customer experience before, during and after performances by creating a more accessible, safe and pedestrian-friendly venue for the entire community. Mike Bracci, Bill Meyer and John Kessler will discuss this exciting project and



the positive impact it will have on residents in Palm Beach County and South Florida at the March 20 breakfast at the Palm Beach County Convention Center. Tickets are on sale at [palmbeaches.org](http://palmbeaches.org). Please contact Marissa Kosiec at [mkosiec@palmbeaches.org](mailto:mkosiec@palmbeaches.org) for more information.



## Leadership West Palm Beach focuses on Health & Human Services

The 2019 Class of Leadership West Palm Beach enjoyed Health & Human Services Day on Feb. 6 with a variety of guest speakers and tours. The day began with presentations at the Senator Philip D. Lewis Center, followed by Vita Nova. The afternoon's itinerary included visits to The Lord's Place and the West Palm Beach Housing Authority.

Thank you to our Health & Human Services Day chairs, Todd McLeod and



Robin Galanti. For more information about Leadership West Palm Beach, please contact Sandy Pullens at [spullens@palmbeaches.org](mailto:spullens@palmbeaches.org).



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## AREA CHAMBERS CREATE SOUTH FLORIDA BUSINESS COUNCIL (SFBC) Signs Mutual Aid Agreement and Names Leadership

The Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce, the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce and the Chamber of Commerce of the Palm Beaches today announced the formation of the South Florida Business Council (SFBC). The mission of the SFBC is to address South Florida's critical regional issues and use its resources to identify and implement solutions.

"Many of the critical issues we face such as transportation are truly regional and addressing them together adds impact and reduces overlap," said Dan Lindblade, CEO, Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce.

Dennis Grady, CEO, Chamber of Commerce of the Palm Beaches added, "Our members believe a coordinated approach will be instrumental in ensuring our region is understood and gets its fair share at both the state and federal levels."

"Regional partnerships are becoming more and more common across the nation and the power of acting as a region is clear, whether it's to court a large corporation, win funding or address community needs," said Alfred Sanchez, CEO, Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce.

As its first order of business, the SFBC created a mutual aid agreement to ensure continuity of service to members in the event of any natural or man-made emergency or disaster. The agreement was unanimously adopted by each chamber's board of directors.

The Council will be funded by the chambers, each of which has committed up to \$10,000 annually for operations. The Council is controlled by a board of directors comprised of three representatives from each chamber. Leadership of the Council will alternate yearly with each chamber putting forth a representative on a rotating basis. The 2019 leadership slate is:

- Chairperson: Christine Barney, CEO, rbb Communications (Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce)
- Chairperson-elect: Jack Seiler, Principal, Seiler, Sautter, Zaden, Rimes & Wahlbrink (Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce)
- Chairperson-elect Designee: Joseph Chase, Shareholder, Gunster (Chamber of Commerce of the Palm Beaches)

The board of directors includes: Chamber of Commerce of the Palm Beaches: Evelyn Hopkins, Florida Crystals Corporation, Rick Reikens, Reikens & Associates; Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce: Heiko Dobrikow, Riverside Hotel, Juliet Roulhac, Florida Power & Light Company; Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce: Humberto Alonso, Atkins, Dr. Mark Rosenberg, Florida International University.

The SFBC will consider expanding its ranks to allow participation by other business groups after its inaugural year.

[soflobusinesscouncil.com](http://soflobusinesscouncil.com)

## Broadstone City Center hosts Business After Hours

The chamber was treated to an after-hours mixer at one of West Palm Beach's newest luxury apartments, Broadstone City Center. Guests had the opportunity to tour the one- and two-bedroom rentals along with the state-of-the-art gym, swimming pool and rooftop lounge. Our next Business After Hours will be March 7 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Venture X West Palm Beach. Our sponsor, SunFest, will be announcing entertainer highlights and giving away tickets to the 2019 festival. Visit [palmbeaches.org](http://palmbeaches.org) to register.



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## Young Professionals network

The Young Professionals of the Palm Beaches (YPOP) enjoyed Taco Tuesday at Coyo Taco in The Royal Poinciana Plaza on Palm Beach. If you are under the age of 40 and interested in learning more about YPOP, please email Marissa Kosiec at [mkosiec@palmbeaches.org](mailto:mkosiec@palmbeaches.org).

