

UPCOMING EVENTS

YPOP Hotspot

When: Thursday, Nov. 8;
5:30-7:30 p.m.

Where: Palm Beach Hibiscus House & Backyard Bar

Cost: Free, YPOP members; \$20, non-members
Dogs encouraged to attend

Business Builder

When: Friday, Nov. 9 and
Wednesday, Nov. 28;
8:30-9:45 a.m.

Where: Chamber Boardroom
Cost: Free

Power Networking @ Lunch

When: Tuesday, Nov. 13;
11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Where: Holiday Inn Palm Beach Airport Hotel & Conference Center

Cost: \$40, members; \$50, non-members

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State of the County Breakfast

When: Thursday, Nov. 15;
7:45-9 a.m.

Where: Palm Beach County Convention Center

Cost: \$45, members (in advance), \$50 after deadline; \$55 non-members (in advance), \$60, after deadline

Sponsor: Nova Southeastern University (NSU)

Network Advance

When: Friday, Nov. 16;
8:30-9:45 a.m.

Where: Chamber Boardroom
Cost: Free

Business After Hours

When: Thursday, Nov. 29;
5:30-7:30 p.m.

Where: Applebee's Neighborhood Grill

Cost: \$15, members (in advance), \$20 after deadline; \$30, non-members

Lean Business Planning Seminar

When: Tuesday, Dec. 4;
8:30-10:30 a.m.

Where: Chamber Boardroom

Cost: \$15, members (in advance), \$20 after deadline; \$25, non-members (in advance), \$30 after deadline

Speaker: Jim Adkins, CEO Focus



West Palm Beach Mayor and City Commissioners welcome Evelyn Hopkins, Corporate Counsel for Florida Crystals Corporation, as the 2019 Chair of the Board. CAPEHART PHOTOGRAPHY

EVELYN HOPKINS TO LEAD CHAMBER BOARD IN 2019

The official 2019 chair installment took place on Friday, Nov. 2 at the Palm Beach Zoo. This Havana Nights-inspired Chairman's Circle Reception allowed us to thank Keith Spina, GliddenSpina + Partners, for a year well done and welcome Evelyn Hopkins, Florida Crystals Corporation, as our 2019 chair.

Evelyn Torres Hopkins is corporate counsel for Florida Crystals Corporation, one of Palm Beach County's largest private employers, and joint owner of the world's largest cane sugar refining company. She is admitted to practice law in Florida, New York and Washington D.C. She is also a governing board member of Tenet's Good Samaritan Medical Center. Hopkins is passionate about education and mentoring and serves as pro bono counsel to two Title I Charter Schools – Everglades Preparatory Academy and Glades Academy – and dedicates time to mentoring several high school and college students.

Thank you to all of our sponsors and silent auction donors.



From left: Evelyn Hopkins, Matthew Korduner, Kathy Metzger, Erika Balsler, Caroline Villanueva, Steve Carr



Patrick, Evelyn and Christopher Hopkins



Tim Burke, Ali Soule, Cliff Hertz, Joe Chase

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TRUSTEE SPOTLIGHT



Paula Ryan

Paula Ryan is a business professional with more than 30 years of experience in investment banking, real estate development and municipal finance. She has been a City of West Palm Beach Commissioner for three years and currently serves as the commission president. Ryan has been engaged in the development, acquisition and asset management of more than 10,000 units of affordable housing for two national syndication firms, where she served as president and development director. She graduated from the University of Maryland with degrees in economics and finance and is also a graduate of Leadership Palm Beach County.



Chamber Board of Directors, Trustees tour agricultural facilities

The Chamber's Board of Directors and Trustees spent Friday, Oct. 19 at two of its founding members' agricultural facilities. The group of 40 traveled via bus to Florida Crystals' Ag & Research Center to learn how science, technology and data drive modern farming. They also learned about rice as a local sustainable crop.

Interactive stations allowed visitors to see high-tech tractors, ag drones and the science behind growing clean sugarcane seed. Chamber guests then toured Tellus, Florida Crystals' and Sugar Cane Growers Cooperative's newest joint venture, where former board member Matt Hoffman explained the innovation driving the use of sugarcane fiber to create eco-friendly tableware products.



The day ended with a lunch hosted by Sugar Cane Growers Cooperative and a windshield tour of its mill in Belle Glade. For more information about the Chamber's Trustee program, contact Kelly Fanelli at kfanelli@palmbeaches.org or 561-257-0289.



County Commissioner Melissa McKinlay addresses State of the County on Nov. 15

County Commissioner Melissa McKinlay was elected to the Board of County Commissioners in 2014. Prior to her election, Mayor McKinlay spent nearly 20 years advocating on behalf of women, children, and families as a legislative aide to the Palm Beach County Legislative Affairs Office, to members of Congress and the U.S. Senate, and as a volunteer with several organizations including the Junior League.

Please join us on Thursday, November 15 at the Palm Beach County Convention Center from 7:45-9 a.m. as Mayor McKinlay gives the State of the County address. To register, visit www.palmbeaches.org.

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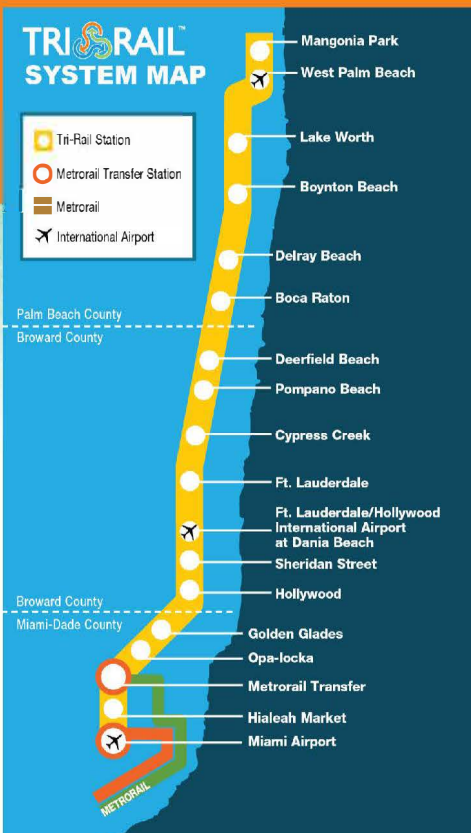
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SOUTH FLORIDA SCIENCE CENTER EXPANDS BACK YARD

5-acre, \$1.2 million development boasts 15 new interactive exhibits

Leadership at the South Florida Science Center and Aquarium is encouraging you to get outside and play, explore nature and engage the curiosity of your inner child. In a ceremony to open their newly renovated, \$1.2 million back yard, Science Center board members, funders – including the Fisher Family, PNC, FPL and others – local VIPs and 70 4th graders from the Benjamin School had a first chance to experience more than 15 new exhibits in the local nonprofit's most recent 5-acre expansion.

Named for Jeffrey, Frances and Harrison Fisher, the Fisher Family Science Trail is an eight-foot-wide surface that winds through 5 acres of the Science Center's formerly overgrown grounds that now boast responsive exhibits to encourage interaction and learning. The trail is open during regular business hours year-round.



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Firefighters honored at Firefighter Breakfast

The annual Firefighter Breakfast, presented by St. Mary's Medical Center and The Palm Beach Children's Hospital, honored Palm Beach County Fire Rescue and West Palm Beach Fire Rescue.

West Palm Beach recognized Luis Gonzalez as the Firefighter of the Year for his commitment to training his fellow firefighters in several disciplines, including fire ground survival and hazardous materials.

Palm Beach County recognized the Communications Center (Dispatch) as the Station of the Year for their calm demeanor and quick thinking during emergency calls.

Finally, the County awarded Tom Brown the Outstanding Community Service Award for donating countless hours cooking for families in need. He has cooked to raise money for veterans and sick firefighters along with feeding families affected by natural disasters.

At the Breakfast, retiring members of the Chamber's Board of Directors were recognized and thanked for their service. They are: John Bowers, TD Bank; Ryan Bridger, Hedrick Brothers Construction; Joe Chase, Gunster; Ian Cotner, AT&T Florida; John Fischetti, Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation; John Parkinson, Hilton West Palm Beach; Vicki Pugh, Palm Beach Atlantic University; Michael Pumo, WPEC-TV CBS 12 News; Jon Schmidt, Schmidt Nichols; and Justin Wright, INTECH.



Chamber Chair Keith Spina (right) with retiring board members Joe Chase, Gunster (joined by his son 'Little Joe'), and Vicki Pugh, Palm Beach Atlantic University. CAPEHART PHOTOGRAPHY



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Network for a Cause

Our final Network for a Cause of the year was hosted by PGA National Resort & Spa. Network for a Cause is an opportunity for non-profit chamber members to network with the business community in a casual setting. Thank you to the non-profits that participated: Boys & Girls Club of Martin County; Forgotten Soldiers Outreach, Inc.; Memory for Memory; Palm Beach Photographic Centre;



The Lord's Place; and the Tree of Life Designer Store.

Network for a Cause takes place quarterly. If you are interested in hosting or sponsoring this event, please contact Marissa Kosiec at mkosiec@palmbeaches.org.

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