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BUSINESS watch

October 2018

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Power Networking @ Lunch

When: Wednesday, Oct. 10;
11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Where: Holiday Inn Palm
Beach Airport Hotel &
Conference Center

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

Partner: Florida Festivals &
Events Association

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Business Builder

When: Thursday, Oct. 11 and
Friday, Oct. 26; 8:30-9:45 a.m.

Where: Chamber Boardroom

Cost: Free

Sponsor: IBMSECU

Network for a Cause

When: Wednesday, Oct. 17;
5:30-7:30 p.m.

Where: PGA National Resort &
Spa

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

Sponsor: Lesser, Lesser,
Landy & Smith, PLLC

One on One - 101

When: Thursday, Oct. 18;
8:30-9:45 a.m.

Where: Chamber Boardroom

Cost: Free

Trustee Event

When: Friday, Oct. 19

Invitation Only

Contact: Kelly Fanelli at
561-257-0289 or kfanelli@
palmbeaches.org for more
information

The Secrets to Building a Remarkably Successful Business Seminar

When: Tuesday, Oct. 23;
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: Tom Feltenstein,
Power Marketing Academy

YPOP Hotspot

When: Thursday, Oct. 25;
5:30-7:30 p.m.

Where: Sant Ambroeus

Cost: Free for YPOP
members; \$20, non-members

Firefighter Breakfast

When: Wednesday, Oct. 31;
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: St. Mary's Medical
Center and The Palm Beach
Children's Hospital

Chairman's Circle Reception

When: Friday, Nov. 2, 2018;
6-9 p.m.

Where: Palm Beach Zoo &
Conservation Society

Cost: \$200, members



From left: Chamber Chair Keith Spina; Sophia Eccleston, FPL; Dr. Bret Danilowicz, FAU; Mayor Jeri Muoio; Gopal Rajegowda, Related; Lisa Parks, Wells Fargo; Amyleigh Atwater, Place of Hope; Ashleigh Walters, WPTV-News Channel 5. CAPEHART PHOTOGRAPHY

CONGRATULATIONS ATHENA LEADERSHIP AWARD RECIPIENTS

The 27th Annual ATHENA Leadership Awards Luncheon, presented by Related, took place on September 21 at the Palm Beach County Convention Center. The Chamber of Commerce of the Palm Beaches recognized 13 individuals and organizations that have demonstrated extraordinary levels of leadership within their respective fields, given valuable hours of community service, and focused on mentoring women.

The ATHENA Organizational Leadership Award, sponsored by FPL, was presented to Florida Atlantic University. The ATHENA Young Professional Leadership Award, sponsored by Wells Fargo, was presented to Amyleigh Atwater, Place of Hope. The ATHENA Leadership Award was presented to Mayor Jeri Muoio, City of West Palm Beach.

Congratulations to all of the ATHENA nominees and finalists.



From Left: Stephanie Mitrone, FPL; Lisa Park, Wells Fargo; Amyleigh Atwater, Place of Hope; Stephen Heiman, FPL; and Greg Leach, Trustbridge Hospice Foundation.



TRUSTEE SPOTLIGHT



Matt Chait

Matt Chait is a partner in the Business Litigation Practice Group in Shutts & Bowen's West Palm Beach office. He focuses on commercial real estate litigation, creditors' rights litigation and general commercial litigation, including partnership and LLC disputes, health care, business fraud and deceptive trade practices. Chait is a Martindale-Hubbell AV® Preeminent™ rated commercial litigator. He previously practiced law in New York. He interned in the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit and for United States District Judge Richard Casey in the Southern District of New York.



Congressman Ron DeSantis holds roundtable with local business leaders

Congressman Ron DeSantis, Republican candidate for governor, held a roundtable meeting with local business men and women at the Chamber. DeSantis, a native Floridian, graduated from Yale University where he captained the varsity baseball team. He received his law degree from Harvard.

DeSantis noted that his goal as governor would be to attract new industries and high-paying jobs to Florida by keeping taxes low and reducing government bureaucracy. He also stressed his support for a constitutional amendment requiring a two-thirds vote in the state legislature to raise taxes. Many of the attendees

expressed their desire for a better prepared workforce, saying that finding qualified workers continues to be a challenge in Palm Beach County. DeSantis stated his desire to further state colleges in expanding their workforce-directed curriculums that are geared to directly impact local business needs.

2018 Firefighter Breakfast

The Chamber of Commerce of the Palm Beaches host its annual Firefighter Breakfast on Wednesday, October 31 from 7:45-9 a.m. at the Palm Beach County Convention Center. This breakfast, sponsored by St. Mary's Medical Center and The Palm Beach Children's Hospital, will honor West Palm Beach Fire Rescue and Palm Beach County Fire Rescue's bravest individuals. To purchase a ticket or table of 10, visit

www.palmbeaches.org. For sponsorship opportunities, please contact Marissa Kosiec at mkosiec@palmbeaches.org.



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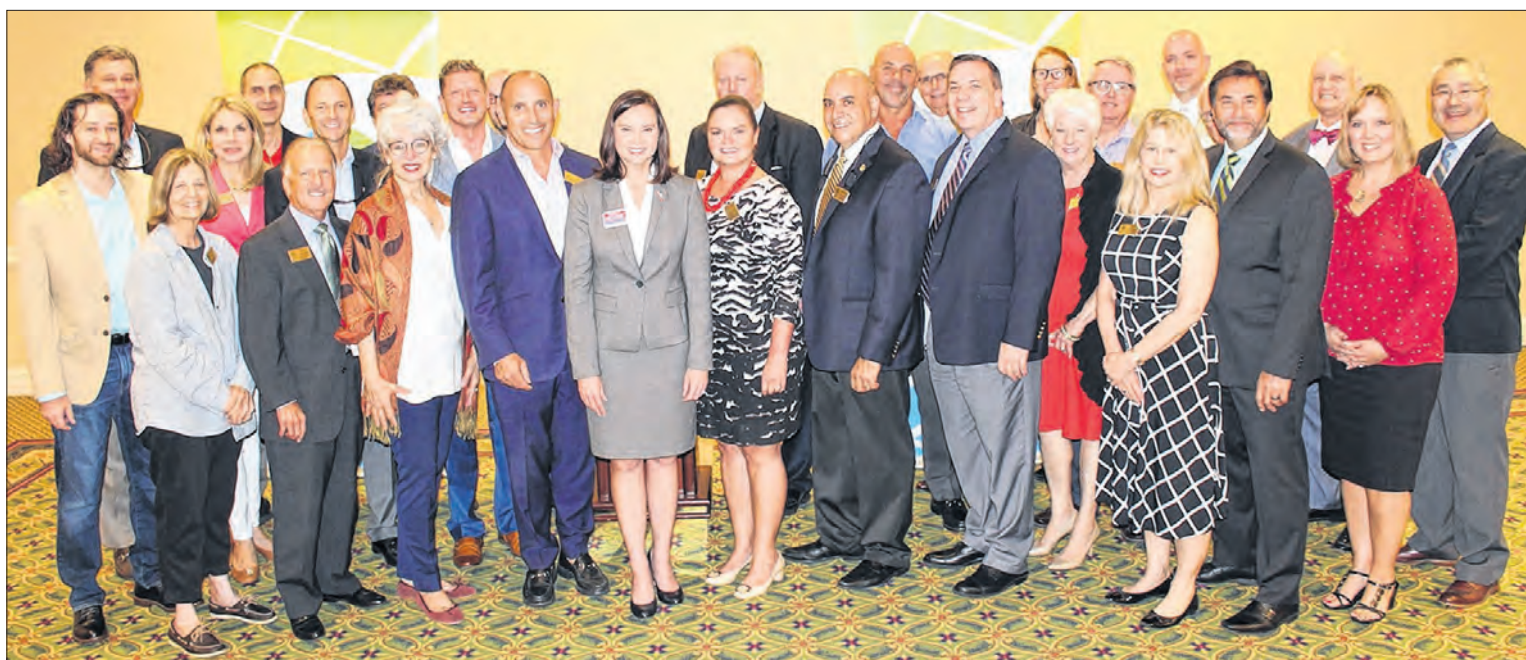
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Attorney General candidate Ashley Moody addresses Chamber Trustees

The September Trustee luncheon hosted Judge Ashley Moody, candidate for Florida Attorney General. Moody, a fifth generation Floridian, was born and raised in Plant City. She attended the University of Florida, where she earned her bachelor's and master's degrees in accounting and juris doctor. She later attended Stetson University College of Law, earning a Master of Law in International Law.

In 2006, at the age of 31, Moody became the youngest judge in Florida when she was elected to the Circuit Court in Hillsborough County. Judge Moody believes her experience as a federal prosecutor and experience in private practice has prepared her to serve as Florida's Attorney General.



1 Mill Plan to benefit School District of Palm Beach County

The Palm Beach County School District is one of the top-rated districts in the state with award-winning career and choice programs. However, these successes are at risk. Today, Florida ranks 44th in the nation in education funding, our teachers are making 14 percent less than the family living wage and the legislature continues to cut funding for public schools. Meanwhile, demands to strengthen school security have stretched already thin budgets.

The School District of Palm Beach County has proposed a 1 Mill Plan to help address these needs. The 1 Mill Plan will continue funding 650 art, music, P.E., health, choice and career teachers; provide additional funding to hire more school police officers; purchase more safety equipment to better secure schools; provide mental health professionals in all schools to support the



mental health of students; and improve teacher pay to keep experienced teachers in the classroom. The levy will expire after four years and all funds collected will be overseen by



an independent Referendum Oversight Committee made up of local citizens and experts. The 1 Mill Plan will be on your November 6 ballot as Countywide School Question.

Together we can help our students, teachers and schools. Strong schools make strong communities. For more information, please visit www.StrongSchoolsPBC.com

LAST CHANCE TO APPEAR IN THE '2019 GUIDE TO THE PALM BEACHES'

Looking to attract business? Increase your visibility and your sales by appearing in the Chamber's 2019 Guide to the Palm Beaches. This award-winning, full-color publication is used as a buying guide for products and services by Chamber members as well as residents, tourists and visitors to Palm Beach County.

The Chamber prints 10,000 copies of the guide and each member of the Chamber receives two free listings – one alphabetical and one by business category.

The Guide will debut at the Mayor's State of the City Address on January 24, 2019. It will also be available in the Chamber's lobby and online at www.palmbeaches.org.

Please e-mail Kelly Fanelli, membership director, at kfanelli@palmbeaches.org or call 561-257-0289.



Morton's The Steakhouse Hosts September Business After Hours

Morton's The Steakhouse offered delectable bites and wine at last month's Business After Hours. Be sure to join Morton's for a rare 40th Anniversary celebration with Napa Valley's most famous and oldest wine making family – the Mondavis. The "Taste of Two Legends" experience is on Saturday, October 27. Price is \$295 per person, plus tax. Visit Mortons.com for more information. If you are interested in hosting an event at Morton's contact Ana Elvir at ana_elvir@ldry.com.

CHAMBER WELCOMES NEW BOARD MEMBERS



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The Chamber will recognize our retiring Board of Directors and welcome our incoming Board members at the upcoming Firefighter Breakfast on Oct. 31 from 7:45-9 a.m. at the Palm Beach County Convention Center. Tickets are on sale at www.palmbeaches.org.