

UPCOMING EVENTS

Women for Women 5K Run – Rescheduled to Saturday, May 8, 2021

When: Saturday, May 8, 2021; 7-9 a.m.
Where: Currie Park
Cost: Early registration before April 18, 2021; ages 18 and younger, \$25; ages 19 and older, \$35; Club Members, \$30

Annual 2020 State of the County Corporate Breakfast with County Mayor Dave Kerner

When: Thursday, Nov. 5; 8-8:55 a.m.
Where: Virtual meeting
Cost: Members, \$5; nonmembers, \$15
Sponsors: AT&T and Baptist Health South Florida
Guest Speaker: County Mayor Dave Kerner

Tourism Task Force (Invitation Only)

When: Tuesday, Nov. 10; 10-11 a.m.
Where: Webinar
Cost: Free
Contact: Kirby Davis, kdavis@palmbeaches.org for information

Health & Human Services Committee presents “MORE Animals, More Laughter, More Joy, Less STRESS; how rescuing an animal can help lives – yours and theirs!”

When: Tuesday, Nov. 10; noon-1 p.m.
Where: Webinar
Cost: Free
Guest Speaker: Rich Anderson, Executive Director/CEO, Peggy Adams Animal Rescue League

Observance of Veterans Day Federal Holiday – Chamber Office Closed

When: Wednesday, Nov. 11

Women in Business Committee Presents “Women in Leadership on the Front Lines for COVID response; strategic leadership in crisis – what you can apply to Business”

When: Thursday, Nov. 12; noon-12:45 p.m.
Where: Virtual meeting
Cost: Free
Sponsor: Baptist Health South Florida
Guest Speakers: Chief Diana Matty, City of West Palm Beach Fire-Rescue; Barbara M. James, Executive Director, Bethesda Hospital Foundation; and Michelle McGovern, Director, Government and Community Relations, and Chamber Board Member, Baptist Health South Florida

60 New Ideas in 60 Minutes; Present & Obtain 60 New Marketing Ideas in 60 Minutes

When: Tuesday, Nov. 17; noon-1 p.m.
Where: Virtual meeting, live Zoom networking event
Cost: Members, \$5; nonmembers, \$15; Visa gift card “prizes” for top three ideas presented
Sponsor: FLF Holdings

Workplace Harassment and Best Business Practices for the #MeToo Era

When: Wednesday, Nov. 18; 8:30-9:30 a.m.
Where: Quarterly 2020 Webinar #4/4 with Ford Harrison Law Firm
Cost: Free. Members only
Guest Speakers: Christine Hanley, Esq., David Gobeo, Esq., Ariadna Hernandez, Esq., and Matt Luttinger, Esq. of Ford Harrison Law Firm

Virtual Business Card Exchange; “Rainmaking During an Unforeseen Drought”

When: Thursday, Nov. 19; noon-1 p.m.
Where: Virtual meeting
Cost: Members, \$5; nonmembers, \$15
Sponsor: iTHINK Financial

VIRTUAL Business Builder

When: Friday, Nov. 20; 9-10 a.m.
Where: Virtual Meeting
Cost: Free
Sponsor: iTHINK Financial

Young Professionals of the Palm Beaches (YPOP) MEETING – Ages 21-40 only

Leadership Stories from our YPOP Leadership Board – “Surviving and Thriving in a Crisis”!
When: Friday, Nov. 20; noon-1 p.m.
Where: Virtual Meeting
Cost: YPOP Members, Free; nonmembers, \$10
Guest Speakers: YPOP Board Members

Observance of Thanksgiving Day Holiday – Chamber Office Closed

When: Thursday, Nov. 26 and Friday, Nov. 27



From left: Jeremy Johnson, President and CEO, Historical Society of PBC; Verdenia Baker, PBC Administrator; County Mayor Dave Kerner; Rick Reikenis, Board Chair; Barbara M. James, Executive Director, Bethesda Hospital Foundation, Baptist Health South Florida; and Ian Cotner, Esq., Regional Director, External & Legislative Affairs, AT&T

MAYOR DAVE KERNER TO GIVE STATE OF THE COUNTY ADDRESS

Palm Beach County Mayor Dave Kerner is delivering the “State of the County Annual Address” to more than 200 local business leaders and fellow elected officials today. This “virtual” event is part of the Annual

Corporate Breakfast Series, which included nine monthly breakfast events in 2020, presented by the Chamber of Commerce of the Palm Beaches.

Mayor Kerner, will speak about how Palm Beach County has strategically and quickly responded to the COVID-19 pandemic challenges, starting with county-lead safety measures specific to public gatherings



and event sizes, which started on Friday, March 13. Kerner will address local leaders, giving updates and accomplishments on how the county was able to pivot with agility, focus and speed to balance safety with supporting local businesses, first responders and hospitals. He will talk about how the county responded to the crisis from economic, social, safety and strategic perspectives.

Plans included distributing financial assistance through the C.A.R.E.S. Act to put policies and plans in place in a timely manner to protect individuals, families and businesses of all sizes.

This annual address also includes a “scorecard” with specific updates with metrics on current county COVID-19 cases, unemployment rates and numbers of newly created jobs compared to state and national average rates. This year, numbers on changes in local businesses, by “professional area” will be addressed and explained, as a result of COVID-19 impacting the county, specific to the tourism industry. This year’s program also includes speakers from our two sponsors AT&T and Baptist Health South Florida on what their corporate

leadership teams are doing locally and regionally, in response to COVID-19 for employees, clients and newly created programs to make our local and regional communities stronger.

AT&T will be represented by Ian Cotner, external and legislative affairs regional director, and Baptist Health South Florida will be represented by Barbara M. James, Bethesda Hospital Foundation executive director. Rick Reikenis, Board Chair for 2020 and 2021, will host the program.

Mayors typically conclude this annual program with a thoughtful “challenge” to our local business leaders to make our community economically stronger, safer and better – what will the challenge be from Mayor Kerner today?

December Corporate Series Virtual Program, December 9

How COVID-19 Has Changed Corporate and Civic Engagement

Hear the latest research and insights from top companies on civic engagement. The COVID-19 pandemic has shifted priorities for many companies. Join our panel of leaders as they discuss:

- Why local civic and community engagement is critical to a company’s reputation, recruitment and overall success.
- Best practices on designing and promoting a civic/community program and culture that resonates.



• Results and insights from a nationwide survey on engagement trends in the wake of the pandemic.

Moderator
Christine Barney, CEO, rbb Communications

Panelists
• Director of Public and Community Engagement, FPL – Thomas Bean

• Palm Beach County Local Market Manager, Bank of America – Stephanie Glavin
• National Director of Community Investment, Office Depot – Alex Price
• President, City Furniture – Andrew Koenig

Visit PalmBeaches.org to register for this event. Contact Michele Sacher, Director of Sponsorships & Special Events, at msacher@palmbeaches.org for more information on sponsorships and events.



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TRUSTEE SPOTLIGHT

Gina Clausen Lozier



Gina Clausen Lozier is a member of the Berger Singerman’s Dispute Resolution Team and focuses her practice on first- and third-party claims and coverage analysis. She is one of only two lawyers in Florida recognized in the legal publication Chambers for her work on behalf of policyholders.

Prior to joining Berger Singerman, Clausen Lozier was a partner with a statewide insurance defense firm, overseeing the investigation and litigation of disputed claims and representing numerous Florida and out-of-state carriers. As the former president of the Florida Chapter of the National Society of Professional Insurance Investigators she coordinated meetings of industry professionals to provide educational training on issues of insurance fraud. Clausen Lozier regularly provides educational training on relevant insurance issues facing Florida’s Community Association Managers.



Geoff Douglass



Geoff Douglass is a business development professional and entrepreneur in West Palm Beach. He is currently working to expand Shoreline Aviation Inc.’s

aircraft management and charter services based out of Palm Beach International Airport. In addition to aviation, Douglass is committed to sustainability and the development of resilient coastlines. He has founded and assists marine tech startups that develop novel technologies in support of a clean future. Douglass earned a bachelor’s degree in mechanical engineering from Northeastern University.



Southeast Florida’s Business Case for Resilience

The Urban Land Institutes new report The Business Case for Resilience shows that there is a compelling business case for investing in climate adaptation in Southeast Florida – investing in resilience will pay off. The

estimated costs of adapting to rising seas are high, but the price of doing nothing is even higher. Raising and floodproofing buildings could avoid \$18 billion in losses, and protecting the coastline through beach nourishment,

berms, and seawalls could avoid \$38 billion. Both of these measures could protect property values and create tens of thousands of jobs.

Join the South Florida Business Council on Tuesday, Nov. 17, 3-4 p.m. to hear

about what The Business Case for Resilience means for our region. Visit seflorida.uli.org to learn more or to register.



LAST CHANCE TO APPEAR IN THE ‘2021 GUIDE TO THE PALM BEACHES’

Looking to attract business? Increase your visibility and your sales by appearing in the Chamber’s 2021 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 Jan. 28, 2021. It will also be available in the Chamber’s lobby and online at palmbeaches.org. Please e-mail Kelly Fanelli, membership director, at kfanelli@palmbeaches.org or call 561-257-0289.



Chamber Chair Rick Reikenis and the City of West Palm Beach Honor Guard.

2020 Firefighter Awards

The Chamber hosted its annual Firefighter Awards Program on Thursday, Oct. 22. Thank you to our 220 guests for joining us to award and honor our "Local Fire-Rescue Team Heroes" from our Palm Beach County and the City of West Palm Beach Fire-Rescue Teams. We honored and congratulated them for their outstanding service to our community:

City of West Palm Beach Fire-Rescue Team Awards:

- Patryk Mierzejewski – Fire Station 1 – City of West Palm Beach "Firefighter of the Year Award" presented by WPB Fire Rescue Assistant Chief Guy Montante
- City of West Palm Beach HONOR GUARD – "Outstanding Community Service of the



Year Award" presented by Rick Reikenis, Board Chair, & WPB Honor Guard Commander Randall Temple

Palm Beach County Fire-Rescue Team Awards:

- Anita Hester, Communicator III, Palm Beach County – "Outstanding Community Service Award" presented by County Mayor

Dave Kerner & PBC Fire Rescue Chief Reginald K. Duren

We thank our award recipients for their critical and brave service, dedication and commitment to keeping us safe! Thank you to our loyal annual sponsor, St. Mary's Medical Center and The Palm Beach Children's Hospital, represented by Cynthia McCauley, CEO. We appreciate all you are doing on the front lines to keep us healthy amidst the challenges of COVID-19. Thank you!

For more information on sponsorships and events, please contact Michele Sacher, Director of Sponsorships & Special Events, at msacher@palmbeaches.org.



Surprise lunch for West Palm Beach Fire-Rescue Station 1

Chamber Board Chair Rick Reikenis joined forces with Cynthia McCauley, CEO of St. Mary's Medical Center and The Palm Beach Children's Hospital, to have a surprise lunch delivered to West Palm Beach Fire-Rescue Station 1 on Thursday, Oct. 22. A hearty barbecue lunch was delivered by Okeechobee Steakhouse to the Fire-Rescue Station team led by Chief Diana Matty. The lunch was hosted by Rick and Cynthia who shared personal stories with the fire-rescue team members of the history of this service in West Palm Beach. They congratulated the leaders on their dedication in making many positive changes, adding many services and successfully diversifying their team. Cynthia also shared personal stories of her grandfather who was a firefighter and her husband and brother-in-law who are both police officers – acknowledging the dedication and sacrifices this profession requires for both the individual and their families. The full team celebrated the 2020 Firefighter



of the Year award for Patryk Mierzejewski (aka Handsome Pat) and the West Palm Beach Honor Guard led by Commander Randall Temple, which received the West Palm Beach Community Service of the Year Award.

Special thanks to our sponsors!



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A VIRTUAL EVENT
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The Southeast Florida transportation industry plays a major role in the growth of our region's \$345 billion dollar economy. The Summit will highlight how Broward, Miami-Dade and Palm Beach counties are addressing challenges and creating solutions.

Attendees will hear how we can establish a shared vision across our region that is supported by both the public and private sector. What can we learn from other US regions to move forward? Our lineup includes national and local experts from the private and public sector.

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