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From left: Robert Diffenderfer, Chamber Chair; West Palm Beach Mayor Keith James; Jan Cairnes, Hanley Foundation; and Dr. Nicholas Sama, Good Samaritan Medical Center. CAPEHART

MAYOR KEITH JAMES DELIVERS STATE OF CITY ADDRESS AT JANUARY BREAKFAST

West Palm Beach has ranked among Livability.com's Top 100 Best Places to Live in America for the second year in a row. Additionally, the city was named Forbes' No. 1 City in Florida for business and careers and listed as a "neighborhoods to watch," among other prestigious recognitions.

Mayor James touted the City's economic growth and development, measurable quality of life enhancements, and efforts to increase opportunities for all residents and business owners to fulfill their potential and realize their dreams.

Working to make West Palm Beach a "community of courage," Mayor James also provided updates on priority public safety, infrastructure, neighborhood and equity initiatives, and responses to current challenges.

"West Palm Beach is experiencing transformational growth that our City has not seen since Henry Flagler first brought the railroad to town," said Mayor James.

"Leadership must be collective in moments like this. Together, we must have the courage to create a better, stronger, and more resilient community."



West Palm Beach Mayor Keith James

Key quality of life improvements in public safety, education, infrastructure, housing, the environment and to the City's neighborhoods, coupled with a business-friendly environment, are making West Palm Beach even more vibrant, developing an economy that works for all, attracting new residents and new businesses.

"The future is bright, and I am confident that if we continue to stand shoulder-to-shoulder together, we will continue to make West Palm Beach a community for opportunity for all," said the mayor.

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TRUSTEE SPOTLIGHT



Sally Kimball founded Ambassador Realty Corp. more than 29 years ago. Coming from the tax shelter business, she put her knowledge of the real estate industry to work in both the commercial and residential markets.

Kimball has worked with major developers and investors on hotel, condominium and shopping center projects, and continues to draw talented residential agents to her successful and uniquely charming boutique real estate company in downtown West Palm Beach.

A devotee of high-end fashion,

Kimball also founded and operated Classic Collections, a specialized women's retail store in Palm Beach for 14 years.

Committed to giving back to the community, Kimball has been on the advisory Board of Lois Pope's LIFE Foundation for more than 10 years and Ambassador Realty has been and continues to be a Corporate Sponsor of LIFE's Lady in Red Gala, which supports Palm Beach County Food Bank-Lois's Food for Kids, American Veterans, American Humane's Pups for Patriots program and several other causes.

2023 GUIDE TO THE PALM BEACHES



The 2023 Guide to the Palm Beaches is hot off the press and ready for pickup in the Chamber lobby. 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.

Leadership West Palm Beach Class 2023 begins

The 2023 Class of Leadership West Palm Beach kicked off with an orientation session at the Chamber of Commerce of the Palm Beaches on Tuesday, Jan. 24. West Palm Beach Mayor Keith James brought greetings from City Hall and attorney Harvey E. Oyer III presented a very informative overview of the history of West Palm Beach.



The first class of the 2023 program started with the State of the City Address at the Palm Beach County Convention Center on Friday, Jan. 27. This was followed by a Q&A session with West Palm Beach Commissioners Cathleen Ward, Shalonda Warren, Christy Fox, Joseph Peduzzi and Christina Lambert.

The group enjoyed a walking tour of The Square with Sasha Jozefczyk from the Related Companies, which preceded a discussion with Gopal Rajegowda who gave an overview of some of Related's upcoming projects.

The next stop was at the United Way of Palm Beach County, where the class heard from President and CEO Dr. Laurie George. During lunch, Rick Gonzalez, AIA, President of REG Architects presented a history of the area

encompassing The Square. To end the day, the group took a ride on the Brightline from the West Palm Beach to Boca Raton. The group heard presentations from Ali Soule, VP, Community Relations for Brightline, Brandon Schaad, AICP, LEED AP, Director of Development Services Department, City of Boca Raton and Jess Del Vecchio, Economic Development Manager for the City of Boca Raton before returning to West Palm Beach. A special thanks to JetEast A Gama



Aviation Company for sponsoring the trip on the Brightline.

Special thanks, also, to this year's sponsor South University and our Day Chairs for this first day Dana Herst with the United Way of Palm Beach County and Elizabeth "Fergy" Ronayne with JetEast A Gama Aviation Company. For more information about Leadership West Palm Beach, please contact Teri Page at tpage@palmbeaches.org or call 561-833-3713.



THANK YOU RENEWING MEMBERS

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Kelly Smallridge, Business Development Board President, to speak at February Breakfast



Join us at the Palm Beach County convention Center on Feb. 14 from 7:30 to 9 a.m. for another very informative update on economic development in Palm Beach County. BDB president Kelly Smallridge will give an overview of companies that have relocated or expanded into the county over the last 12 months. Arrive early and network with elected officials and other community leaders. Individual tickets and tables of 10 are available

on our website PalmBeaches.org. For more information on sponsorship opportunities, please contact Rachel Quismundo at rquismundo@palmbeaches.org



Business After Hours Zona Blu

The Chamber of Commerce held a Business After Hours on Jan. 12 at Zona Blu in West Palm Beach. This was the first after hours event of the year where attendees got to network and sample some

authentic Italian cuisine. Zona Blu was established in 2015 and has two locations in South Florida, one in Weston and the other recently opened in West Palm Beach. For more information on future events, contact Rachel Quismundo at rquismundo@palmbeaches.org or call 561-833-3711 ext. 225.



YPOP Hotspot at the ballpark

On Wednesday, Jan. 18, the Chamber of Commerce of the Palm Beaches hosted a YPOP Hotspot at the Ballpark of the Palm Beaches, spring training home of the 2022 world champion Houston Astros. The Ballpark provided two free drinks and snacks for the attendees. There was also a raffle for three prizes which were won by Emily Dail, Ted Leshinski and Brittany Davis. General manager, Mike McAdams, took the YPOP guests on the field for pictures. For more information about YPOP, please contact Rachel Quismundo at rquismundo@palmbeaches.org or call 561-833-3711, ext. 225.

RIBBON CUTTINGS



Soapy Shark Car Wash
Dec. 15
2200 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach, FL 33409



Culinary Creation LLC
Jan. 6
Serving Palm Beach County



Industrious
Jan. 11
222 Lakeview Ave., Suite 800
West Palm Beach, FL 33401



Isla & Co.
Jan. 12
1401 Clare Ave., Suite 700
West Palm Beach, FL 33401



Hearing Life
Jan. 19
3375 Burns Road, Suite 106
Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410



Acton Academy Palm Beach
Jan. 20
3932 RCA Blvd., Suite 3204
Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410



Kenesha F Wood, PA Realtor
Jan. 25
2005 Vista Parkway., Suite 100
West Palm Beach, FL 33411

To schedule your ribbon cutting with the Chamber please visit PalmBeaches.org/ribbon-cuttings or contact Kirby Davis at kdavis@palmbeaches.org or 561-833-3894.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Have a question? Contact Rachel Quismundo at rquismundo@palmbeaches.org

Business Builder
When: 9-10 a.m. Where: Chamber Boardroom Cost: Free to members

Power Networking @ Lunch
When: 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Where: Hilton Palm Beach Airport Cost: Discount Registration Deadline: Thursday, Feb. 5. Members: \$40 before deadline, \$45 after deadline; nonmembers: \$50 before deadline, \$55 after deadline

YPOP HOTSPOT: Isla & Co.
When: 5:30-7:30p.m. Where: 1401 Clare Ave., West Palm Beach, FL 33401 Cost: Discount Registration Deadline: Thursday, Feb. 2. Members: \$15 before deadline, \$20 after deadline; nonmembers: \$25 before deadline, \$30 after deadline

Business Development Board Breakfast
When: 7:30-9:15 a.m. Where: 650 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach, FL 33401 Cost: Discount Registration Deadline: Tuesday, Feb. 7. Members: \$50 before deadline, \$55 after deadline; nonmembers: \$65 before deadline, \$75 after deadline

Baseball Bash 2023
When: 6-8 p.m. Where: 4751 Main St., Jupiter, FL 33458 Cost: Members: \$70; nonmembers: \$80. VIP Tickets: Members: \$110; nonmembers: \$120. BBQ Dinner & 2023 Forecast: \$45



Trustee Luncheon

Florida Atlantic University's Dr. Ken Johnson was the guest speaker at the January Trustee luncheon. Dr. Johnson is the associate dean of graduate programs in the college of business at FAU and has garnered national attention for

his online tools, resources and expertise related to rental housing, real estate markets and real estate economics. He used the occasion to share his analysis of current trends in local and national real estate markets.

The next Trustee luncheon is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 23 and will feature former U.S. House Representative Bill Shuster. For more information on the Trustee program, contact Kirby Davis at kdavis@palmbeaches.org