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UPCOMING EVENTS

YPOP Hotspot

When: Tuesday, Feb. 12; 5:30-7:30 p.m. Where: Coyo Taco Cost: Free to YPOP members; \$20, non-members

Power Networking @ Lunch

When: Wednesday, Feb. 13; 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Where: Holiday Inn Palm Beach Airport Hotel & Conference Center

non-members Sponsor: Banyan Printing Partner: Greater Lantana Chamber of Commerce

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

Business Builder When: Thursday, Feb. 14 and Wednesday, Feb. 27; 8:30-9:45 a.m.

Where: Chamber Boardroom Cost: Free Sponsor: DW Consulting

Baseball Bash

Solutions

When: Tuesday, Feb. 19; Where: Roger Dean Chevrolet Stadium

Cost: \$65, members (\$55 in advance); \$80, non-members (\$70 in advance); \$100, VIP members; \$110, VIP nonmembers

Network Advance When: Feb. 22; 8:30-9:45 a.m. Where: Chamber Boardroom

February Breakfast

When: Tuesday, Feb. 26; 7:45-9 a.m.

Where: Chamber Boardroom **Cost:** \$50, members (\$45 in advance); \$60, non-members (\$55 in advance) **Speaker:** Kelly Smallridge, President and CEO of the **Business Development Board** Sponsor: The Palm Beach

Starting off on the **Right Foot Seminar**

When: Thursday, Feb. 28;

8:30-10 a.m. Where: Chamber Boardroom **Cost:** \$20, members (\$15 in

advance); \$30, non-members (\$25 in advance) **Speaker:** David Gobeo and Bari Goldstein, FordHarrison

Why Should You Pay **More Attention To** LinkedIn Seminar

When: Tuesday, March 5;

8:30-10 a.m. Where: Chamber Boardroom **Cost:** \$20 members (\$15 in advance); \$30, non-members (\$25 in advance

Speaker: Debbie Wemyss, DW Consulting Solutions LLC

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Evelyn Hopkins, Chamber Chair; West Palm Beach Mayor Jeri Muoio; Tara McCoy, Good Samaritan Medical Center. PHOTOS BY CAPEHART

MAYOR JERI MUOIO DELIVERS FINAL STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS

City of West Palm Beach Mayor Jeri Muoio delivered her eighth and final State of the City Address to nearly 1,000 members and guests of the Chamber of Commerce of the Palm Beaches at the Palm **Beach County Convention**

"The state of the City - our city - is good, very good," Mayor Muoio said before

reflecting on her past eight years in office and thanking City Commissioners and City employees for making the City work for the people of West Palm Beach.

"West Palm Beach has become a modern-day symbol of what's possible when people decide to go big and pull together," said Mayor Muoio. "Our neighborhoods feel

special again. Our businesses are on the move again. Our reputation as a world-class city is on the rise. Our city, more than ever, is united.'

The Mayor reminded the audience that in 2011 she ran on what came to be known as the J.E.R.I. Plan - an acronym for "Jobs, Environment, Reorganization and Integrity," and she underscored the City's successes in each area.

She also announced this year's creation of the Open Data Portal at wpb.org, the Mayor's Village Action Plan, and the State-of-the-art Water Treatment Plant.

To read Mayor Muoio's speech in its entirety and to view Mayor Muoio's bio, please visit wpb.org.



Dean Butters, Ryan Bridger, Cathy Burk, Dale Hedrick, Christine Corrigan, Patrick Painter, Parker Hedrick.



Andrew Orton, with Intuitive Surgical, talks with a guest about the da Vinci Xi Surgical robot used at Good Samaritan Medical Center.













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Philip B. Braunstein



Philip B. Braunstein joined Wexford in 2007 and became a Partner in 2016. Braunstein focuses on Wexford's private equity real estate, consumer and aviation investments. From 2006-07, he worked for Deutsche Bank as a financial analyst covering the media and telecom industries. Braunstein holds a

bachelor's degree in applied economics and management from Cornell University.

DAVID GOBEO AND JORDAN RATHLEV RECENTLY APPOINTED TO CHAMBER BOARD OF DIRECTORS



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David Gobeo is a partner in the West Palm Beach law office of FordHarrison. He focuses his practice on the representation of management in a broad range of employment matters including against claims of

discrimination, harassment and wage and hour violations. Gobeo represents clients in charges of discrimination before the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the Florida Commission on Human Relations and other local agencies. He advises clients on the use of employment policies and procedures to reduce litigation risk. Gobeo received his bachelor's degree from Stetson University and his doctorate in law from the University of Florida College of Law.



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Jordan Rathlev is a director with the Related Companies, where he works on all aspects of mixed-use real estate acquisition and development management, including financial analysis, deal structuring, public/private

partnerships, financing and project and asset management. Prior to joining Related, Rathlev was a real estate manager at the hotel development firm OTO Development. Prior to that, he was in the Real Estate Investment Banking Group at Wells Fargo Securities. Rathlev received his master's degree in real estate development and corporate finance from the University of North Carolina and a bachelor's degree from Vanderbilt University.



Network for a Cause at FITTEAM Ballpark of Palm Beaches

Our first Network for a Cause of the year was hosted by the FITTEAM Ballpark of the Palm Beaches. Network for a Cause is an opportunity for nonprofit Chamber members to network with the business community in a casual setting.

Thank you to the Non-Profits that participated:

- Chamber Music
- Best Buddies Palm
- Society of Palm Beach ■ Cystic Fibrosis

Foundation Florida -Palm Beach

- Forgotten Soldiers
- Outreach, Inc.
- Homeless Coalition of Palm Beach County
- Palm Beach County
- Food Bank
- The Lord's Place ■ United Way of Palm
- **Beach County**

Network for a Cause takes place quarterly. Be on the lookout for our next one in April. If you are interested in hosting

or sponsoring this event, please contact Marissa Kosiec at mkosiec@ palmbeaches.org.











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KELLY SMALLRIDGE TO PROVIDE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

The Business Development Board (BDB) of Palm Beach County President and CEO, Kelly Smallridge, will discuss Economic Development in Palm Beach County: An overview of companies that have relocated or expanded into the county over the past 12 months at our next breakfast. The event is scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 26 at the Palm Beach County Convention Center from 7:45-9 a.m. Tables and individual tickets are on sale at www.palmbeaches.org. Contact Marissa Kosiec at mkosiec@palmbeaches.org for more information.

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Leadership West Palm Beach kicks off 2019 program

The 2019 Class of Leadership West Palm Beach kicked off this year's program with an Orientation on Jan. 17 at the Chamber and CityPlace Day on Jan. 24. CityPlace Day activities began with the Mayor's State of the City Breakfast and a panel discussion with City Commissioners, followed by visits to RH, a CityPlace presentation, and ride on Brightline. Special thanks to our Class 2019



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Now Accepting Business Awards Nominations

The Chamber is now accepting nominations for the 2019 Business Awards to be presented at the annual Business Awards Breakfast scheduled for April 16 at the Palm Beach County Convention Center from 7:45-9 a.m. This year, awards will be presented

- Business of the Year
- Small Business Person of the Year
- Non-Profit (Arts & Culture)
- of the Year ■ Leader of the Year







information.



Limited tickets left

Last call to purchase vour Baseball Bash tickets! Meet and greet select St. Louis Cardinals and Miami Marlins players on Feb. 19 from 6-8 p.m. at Roger Dean Chevrolet Stadium. Dinner included. Visit









palmbeaches.org for more information.

Homeless issues focus of presentation to Board of Directors

The Chamber's Board of Directors received a presentation from Diana Stanley, CEO of The Lord's Place, at its Jan. 29 meeting. Through its partnerships, the City of West Palm Beach, West Palm Beach Downtown Development Authority and The Lord's Place are actively engaging with homeless men and women in our community and are making progress in helping this population.

West Palm Beach Downtown **Development Authority Executive Director Raphael** Clemente announced a

new contract with The Lord's Place to expand its street engagement team to specifically reach homeless men and women in the downtown West Palm Beach area. The engagement services will be provided six days a week, from 8 a.m.- 6 p.m. Members of the public who want to help someone who is homeless are encouraged to note the location and description of the person and contact The Lord's Place Street Outreach Team at 561-234-6752. The phone line is manned during usual business

hours, and the public can leave a message at other times.

This will double the ranks of those working to engage with the homeless both downtown and throughout the city, building on the success of the program to date. Thanks to the support of the City of West Palm Beach, The Lord's Place Street Engagement Program has, during the past two years:

- engaged with 746
- individuals ■ connected 332 of these men and women with life
- changing services ■ 195 of these individuals

now have local housing or were reunited with family members in their home community.

■ 35 percent of the people reached were age 50 and older; 47 percent were female; 52 percent were male; and 1 percent were non-identifying gender.

Stanley noted that this work is not easy nor does it usually reap rewards overnight. "It takes times, sometimes months or even years, to earn the trust of those who are living on the street by being

The Lord's Place CEO Diana

diligently patient in outreach and engagement efforts." She said the keys to success of this program are personal one-on-one engagement and affordable housing to offer the person once they are ready to

accept services. West Palm Beach Mayor Jeri Muoio reports that the city spent more than \$14 million to address homelessness and is working to provide additional affordable housing, but stressed that additional assistance is needed at the state and federal levels.

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