

UPCOMING EVENTS

Business After Hours

When: Thursday, March 5;
5:30-7:30 p.m.
Where: AquaZure Restaurant & Bar
Cost: Members, \$20; nonmembers, \$30

Power Networking @ Lunch

When: Wednesday, March 11;
11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
Where: Hilton Palm Beach Airport
Cost: Members, \$40; nonmembers, \$50

Business Builder

When: Friday, March 13;
8:30-9:45 a.m.
Where: Chamber Boardroom
Cost: Free

Legislative Update Breakfast

When: Thursday, March 19;
7:45-9 a.m.
Where: Palm Beach County Convention Center
Cost: Members, \$50 (\$45 in advance); nonmembers, \$60 (\$55 in advance)
Sponsors: Baptist Health South Florida and Lemonlight Media
Guest Speaker: Mark Wilson, president and CEO Florida Chamber of Commerce

Sales Leadership vs. Sales Management Seminar

When: Friday, March 20;
8:30-10:30 a.m.
Where: Chamber Boardroom
Cost: Members, free; nonmembers, \$10

Business Builder

When: Thursday, March 26;
8:30-9:45 a.m.
Where: Chamber Boardroom
Cost: Free

Trustee Luncheon

When: Thursday, March 26 (invitation only)
Contact: Kelly Fanelli, 561-257-0289 or kfanelli@palmbeaches.org for more information

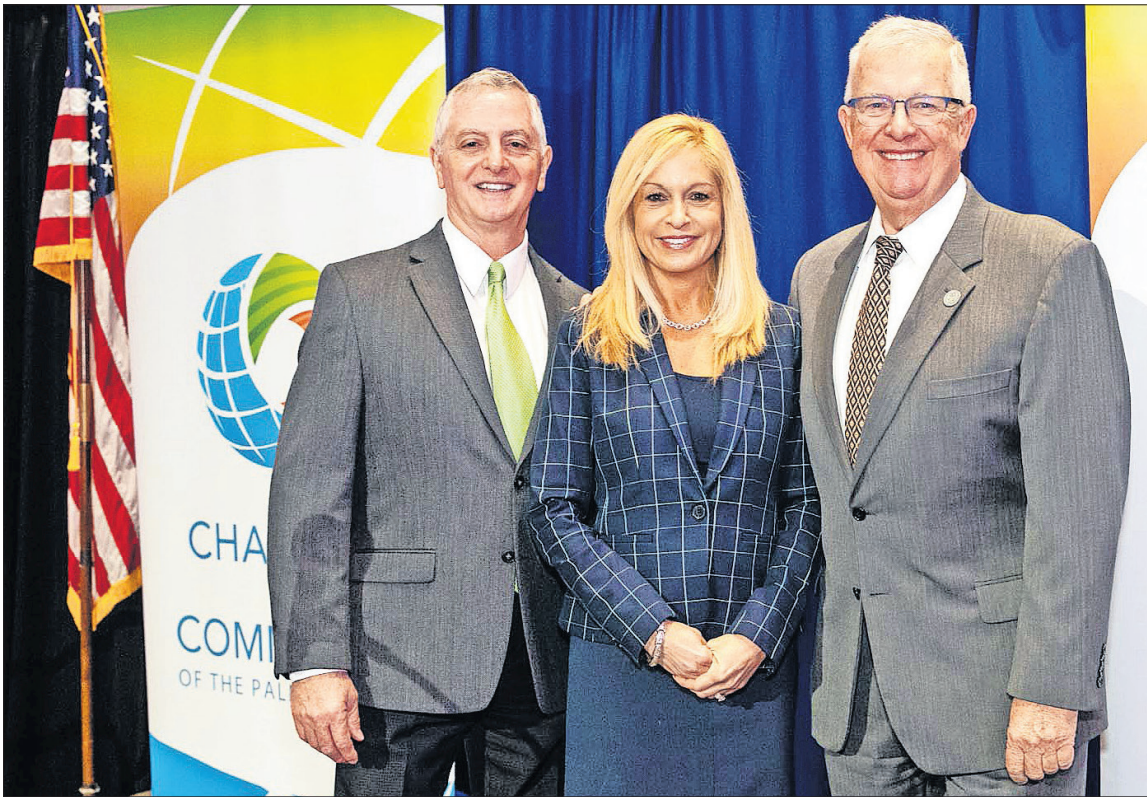
Business After Hours

When: Thursday, March 26;
5:30-7:30 p.m.
Where: Shark Wake Park
Cost: Members, \$20 (\$15 in advance); nonmembers, \$30

YPOP Cares

for YPOP members only (Volunteer Opportunity)
When: Tuesday, March 31;
4-8 p.m.
Where: Quantum House
Cost: Free to YPOP Members only (donations encouraged)

KELLY SMALLRIDGE PROVIDES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE



From left: Nick Moschella (The Palm Beach Post); Kelly Smallridge (BDB); Chamber Chair Rick Reikenis CAPEHART

Kelly Smallridge, CEO of the Business Development Board of Palm Beach County, provided an economic development update at our February Breakfast.

She reported that during the 2018-19 fiscal year, Palm Beach County had:

- 34 relocation and expansion projects
- 2,725 new and retained jobs
- 1.4 million square feet of net new space leased or constructed
- \$220 million of capital investment

If you're interested in learning more about the BDB, please visit www.bdb.org.

If you are interested in sponsoring a breakfast event, please contact Michele Sacher at msacher@palmbeaches.org.

Special thanks to our Presenting Sponsor!

The Palm Beach Post

Urge the re-election of Lambert, Shoaf to West Palm Beach City Commission

The LEADERSHIP PAC of the Chamber has endorsed the re-election of Christina Lambert, District 5 and Kelly Shoaf, District 1 to the West Palm Beach City Commission.

Lambert is seeking a second term and has distinguished herself in her service on the City Commission. She has prioritized keeping our neighborhoods safe and voted to not raise the millage rate.

Lambert has led the way in addressing homelessness in the City, and has supported working with The Lord's Place and Mental Health America of Palm Beach County in dealing with this issue.

Her leadership has been recognized by her peers as they selected her President of the City Commission. Lambert's candidacy has received support from former mayors Lois Frankel and Jeri



Kelly Shoaf

Muoio, and the West Palm Beach Firefighters and Police Benevolent Association.

Commissioner Shoaf is concluding her first term, where she has focused on



Christina Lambert

residents, neighborhoods and businesses. She has been a leader in driving better code enforcement throughout the City, and has championed increasing workforce housing

to meet the needs of our expanding labor force.

Shoaf has also prioritized public safety and pushed new technology and increased funding for our first responders. These accomplishments occurred while she pushed for increasing transparency, managing the budget and ensuring residents' voices are heard. Commissioner Shoaf has also been endorsed by Frankel, Muoio and the West Palm Beach Firefighters and Police Benevolent Association. Both Shoaf and Lambert have been endorsed by The Palm Beach Post.

The LEADERSHIP PAC of the Chamber of Commerce of the Palm Beaches urges our members and the voters to re-elect Christina Lambert, District 5 and Kelly Shoaf, District 1.



February Trustee Luncheon at Ruth's Chris Steak House

Jorge Pesquera, CEO of Discover The Palm Beaches, addressed more than 50 Trustees at their February luncheon. He presented a PowerPoint analysis of the marketing success of tourism in Palm Beach County, and compared county success with statewide and national numbers.

During the question and answer

period, he quickly addressed the many events taking place in Palm Beach County that draw a national crowd such as The Honda Classic and Major League Baseball's spring training.

For more information on our Trustee Program, contact Kelly Fanelli at kfanelli@palmbeaches.org or call 561-257-0289.



Leadership West Palm Beach focuses on health and human services

The 2020 Class of Leadership West Palm Beach enjoyed Health & Human Services Day on Feb. 5 with a variety of guest speakers and tours. The day began with presentations at Good Samaritan Medical Center and the Senator



Philip D. Lewis Center. The afternoon's itinerary included visits to Quantum

House and St. Mary's Medical Center and the Palm Beach Children's Hospital. Thank you to our Health & Human Services Day chairs, Todd McLeod, Robin Galanti, and Michael Branch.

Special Thanks to Our Class 2020 Sponsors!



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Mark Wilson to provide legislative update at March Breakfast



Mark Wilson serves as president and CEO of Florida's largest and most influential business advocacy organization – The Florida Chamber of Commerce, which focuses on creating a business climate that generates prosperity and high-paying jobs, vibrant communities and global competitiveness in our state.

Wilson will give a "State of the Union" and be addressing the impact of recent legislative updates on Florida business. Please visit www.PalmBeaches.org to register for this event.



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Chamber's Board Of Directors endorses Parks Bond



The West Palm Beach Commission unanimously approved a ballot measure for the March 17 election asking residents to authorize a \$30 million Parks Bond. Funds from the bond can only be used for West Palm Beach parks and recreational facilities, including playgrounds, safety features, park trails, sports courts, community centers, athletic fields, and other similar functions.

The bond includes annual audits and a citizen oversight committee that reviews plans, spending, and projects funded by the bond. The 2020 Parks Bond will not exceed \$30 million, and cannot be renewed without voter approval. This Parks Bond is not a new tax, but a renewal

of the existing parks bond, so your rates won't change.

If approved by voters, this year's Parks Bond will help improve public health, protect natural areas, and public green space by renovating parks and recreational facilities. Our parks and recreational facilities play essential parts in our quality of life in West Palm Beach. The bond will help repair, replace, or upgrade facilities based on priority needs developed in the Parks Master Plan with citizen input.



Bernardo Neto (General Manager of the Ben West Palm), left, and architect of The Ben project Keith Spina (CEO Spina O'Rourke + Partners). CAPEHART

Trustee Reception

The Chamber Trustees were given a private reception event at The Ben West Palm. This new luxury boutique hotel in downtown West Palm Beach offers excellent views of the Palm Harbor Marina and the Intracoastal Waterway.

Amenities include a stunning rooftop lounge with

an expansive swimming pool and bar.

The Ben is just one block north of Clematis Street.





10th Annual
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Applications are open for FPL's new innovation hub

Florida Power & Light Company is accepting applications from entrepreneurs across the world to join its new 35 Mules innovation hub.

The innovation hub will help 20 global entrepreneurs annually develop their game-changing ideas in energy, water and energy-adjacent industries into a business based in Florida, further supporting the state's economic growth and flourishing the business environment.

FPL will commit \$1 million in grants for the entrepreneurs who will be selected for a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to make their vision a reality. The companies will each have a dedicated workspace on FPL's campus for 12 to 18 months, access to subject matter experts in solar, renewables, innovation and smart grid, and free coaching from executives, along with a grant of at least \$50,000 to put toward their venture. In total, in this first year, this is a commitment from FPL of about \$2.5 million. Since its launch in February, the hub has already received applications from as far as California.

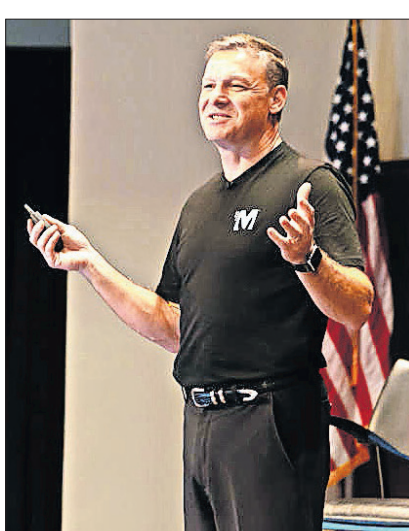
The innovation hub's unique name comes from FPL's humble beginnings in 1925, when a very unlikely patchwork of enterprises combined to form

the precursor to NextEra Energy, including an ice plant, a sponge boat and 35 mules.

"FPL has long prided itself on embracing innovation to deliver affordable, reliable and clean electricity, both now and over the long term," said FPL President and CEO Eric Silagy. "FPL's track record of providing exceptional value to customers is the direct result of our employees' relentless pursuit of continuous improvement and being unafraid to challenge the status quo in tackling tough problems. It's what makes our company so special and will drive success of our new incubator program, 35 Mules, as FPL finds a new way to continue moving Florida forward."

FPL is committed to continuing to grow and foster businesses in Florida, both new and existing. The 35 Mules innovation hub will be a way for new businesses to reach their potential as they partner with a leader in the energy industry, creating the new generation of great American innovators right here in Florida.

Applications are being accepted at 35Mules.com.



Eric Silagy, president and CEO for Florida Power & Light Company, announcing the launch of FPL's 35 Mules innovation hub at its Juno Beach campus.



Dr. Ava Parker, president of Palm Beach State College; Greg Haile, president of Broward College; and Dr. Mark Rosenberg, president of Florida International University, discuss innovations at their campuses and how incubators help the local economy grow.



Crystal Stiles, senior director of economic development for FPL; Dr. Leonard Lomax, founder and CEO of Ultimaxx Health; June Adams, cofounder and CEO of PowerCalc; Dr. Jess Barnes, cofounder of 20LighterProgram; and Hannah Herbst, inventor, discuss how incubators assist entrepreneurs growing their businesses.

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More than 200 fans attend 2020 Baseball Bash

St. Louis Cardinals and Miami Marlins fans gathered at Roger Dean Chevrolet Stadium for the Annual Baseball Bash. Attendees received autographs from select players and coaches, completing the night with a dinner from Mrs. Smokey's Real Pit BBQ on the Party Deck. Miami Marlins President of Baseball Operations Michael Hill gave his forecast for the upcoming season.

For team schedules and tickets, visit rogerdeanchevroletstadium.com.

For more information on sponsorship opportunities and events, contact Michele Sacher at msacher@palmbeaches.org



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