

UPCOMING EVENTS

Annual Golf Tournament at Breakers West Golf Club

When: Friday, June 11, 7:55 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Where: The Breakers Rees Jones® Course at Breakers West

Cost: Now open to 20 more golfers; FOURSOMES and individual golfer packages still available – first come, first serve. See event registration page for more details.

Sponsorships: Available – please contact msacher@palmbeaches.org to customize a sponsorship package.

June Trustee Luncheon

When: June 16, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Where: The Ben

Cost: Invitation only for Chamber Trustees

Contact: For more information about becoming a Trustee, contact Donald Burgess, CEO at dburgess@palmbeaches.org

Guest Speaker: Dominic Calabro, President and CEO, Florida TaxWatch

Sponsorship: Available

June Power Networking @ Lunch

When: Thursday, June 17, 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m.

Where: Hilton Palm Beach Airport, 150 Australian Ave., West Palm Beach, FL 33406

Cost: Early Bird Tickets through June 10. Members, \$35; nonmembers, \$45. At-door, \$55

Sponsorship: Available – please contact kdavis@palmbeaches.org for more information.

Business Builder – In-person event

When: Tuesday, June 22, 9-10 a.m.

Where: Chamber Boardroom

Cost: Free

Sponsorship: Available – contact Kirby Davis at kdavis@palmbeaches.org for more information.

Tourism Task Force presents; “State of the Workforce; Hospitality” – Partnering with CareerSource

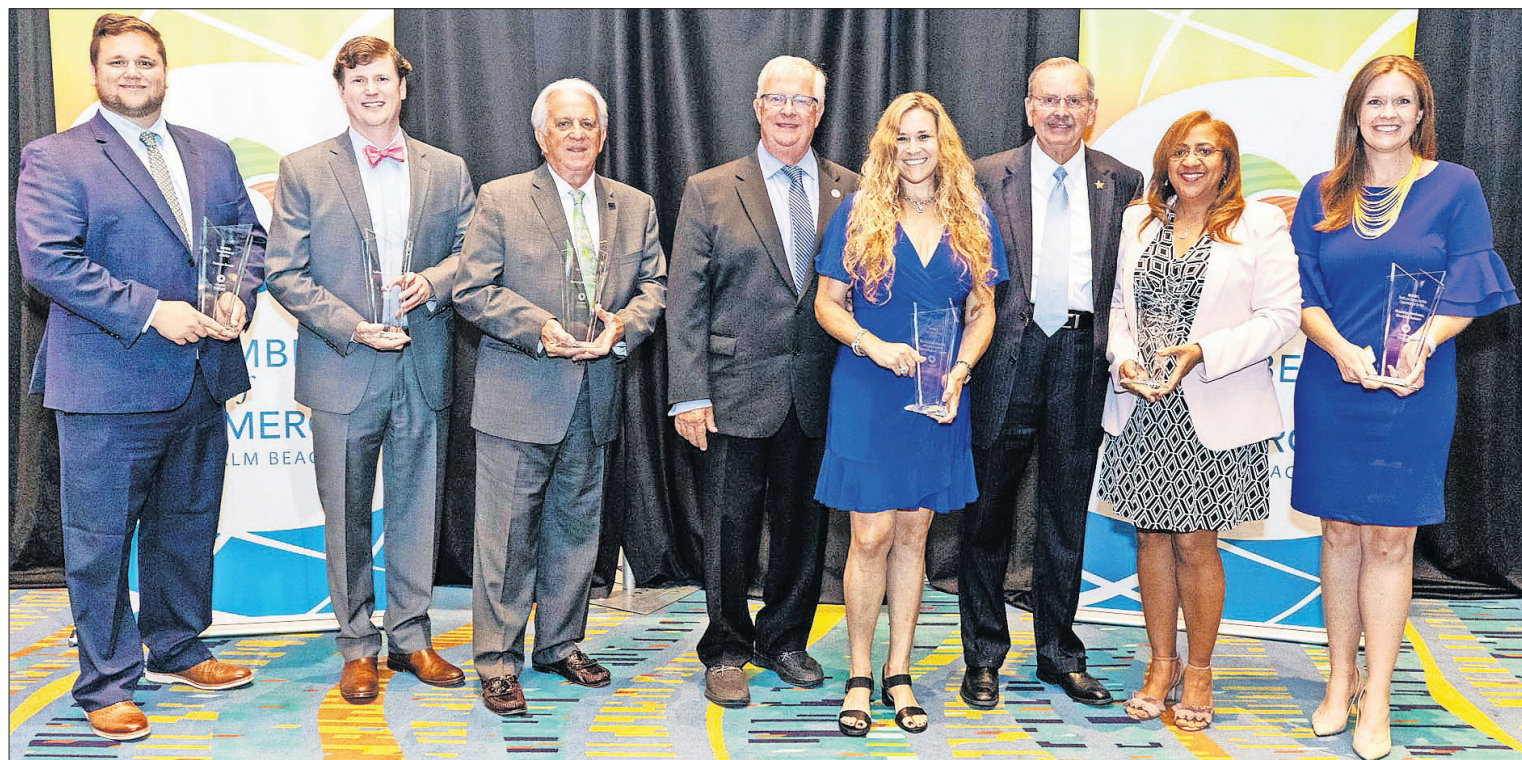
When: Wednesday, June 23, 10-11 a.m.

Where: Webinar via Zoom

Cost: Free

Contact: Kirby Davis at kdavis@palmbeaches.org for more information.

Guest Speakers: Peter Yesawich, Ph.D., Vice Chairman Emeritus, MMGY Global; Rosanna Maietta, executive vice president of communications & public relations, American Hotel & Lodging Association (AHLA) and president & CEO, AHLA Foundation; Glen Jergensen, PBC Tourist Development Council.



From left: Connor Lewis, Plastring Insurance; Matt Hoffman, Tellus; Dr. Tom Pearson, Armory Art Center; Rick Reikenis, Board Chair; Dr. Rachel Needle, Whole Health Psychological Center; Sheriff Ric Bradshaw, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office; Maureen Mann, Baptist Health; Michelle Gonzalez, Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies Coalition of Palm Beach County. CARRIE BRADBURN/CAPEHART

2021 BUSINESS AWARDS WINNERS ANNOUNCED AT MAY BREAKFAST



More than 500 guests joined together on Thursday, May 27, at the Palm Beach County Convention Center, for the first in-person corporate breakfast in 2021 – the first since February 2020! The program was hosted by Rick Reikenis, Board Chair.

Bill Bone sponsored and presented the Lifetime Leadership Award to the Sheriff of Palm Beach County, Ric Bradshaw, giving the full story of Sheriff Bradshaw's life and career path. Sheriff Bradshaw humbly accepted the award, thanking his wife of 31 years, Dorothy, and his current team and mentors along the way who have generously supported him in his 49 years of service in law enforcement to his hometown of Palm Beach County.

This first “Hybrid-event Breakfast” was broadcast live and recorded so that virtual attendees could also join from the comfort of their own home or office, as individuals



From left: Rick Reikenis, Board Chair; Lifetime Leadership Award Recipient Sheriff Ric Bradshaw, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office; Bill Bone, Larmoyeux & Bone. CARRIE BRADBURN/CAPEHART

Sheriff Bradshaw receives Lifetime Leadership Award

The 2021 Lifetime Leadership Award sponsored by Larmoyeux & Bone, was presented to Sheriff Ric Bradshaw of the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office.

or in teams. This annual awards breakfast recognizes businesses and individuals who demonstrate unwavering

commitment to their business and professional goals, their employees and their respective local communities.

2021 BUSINESS AWARD WINNERS

Non-Profit of the Year
Sponsored by Community Foundation for Palm Beach and Martin Counties
■ Armory Art Center

Health and Human Services Organization of the Year
Sponsored by Serge W. D'Haiti CPA, PLLC
■ Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition of Palm Beach County

Diversity Organization of the Year
Sponsored by Florida Crystals Corporation
■ Baptist Health

Young Professional of the Year
■ Connor Lewis, Plastring Insurance

Small Business Person of the Year
Sponsored by Blue Ocean Capital
■ Dr. Rachel Needle, Whole Health Psychological Center

Business of the Year
Sponsored by The Palm Beach Post
■ Tellus Products LLC

Business Awards Sponsors



TRUSTEE SPOTLIGHT

Rene Fonseca



Rene Fonseca is a local financial professional with New York Life Securities in Palm Beach Gardens. He specializes on working with small, mid-size businesses, helping them achieve their financial goals.

Fonseca earned a bachelor's degree in business from Mercy College in Dobbs Ferry, New York and followed that with a minor in world history at the University of Dijon, France.

As a financial professional, Fonseca holds several state and federal licenses, such as Series 7, 63, SIE, 215.

Every Wednesday, Fonseca enjoys conducting free Zoom financial seminars for parents on college funding and for business owners on smart strategic investments.

In 1992, Fonseca moved to Florida where his entrepreneurial spirit led him to start an integration company, which grew to 27 employees within 15 years. For Fonseca, nothing is more important than family. He is happily married and has two daughters. Fonseca currently serves as a Trustee of the Chamber of Commerce of the Palm Beaches.

Dominic Calabro the president and CEO of Florida TaxWatch will address the Chamber Trustees at a luncheon at 11:30 a.m. on June 16. Several of the organization's long-standing priorities were passed in the recent legislative session.



Dominic Calabro

The huge toll road expansion project (M-Cores) was scrapped by the legislature, saving

Florida TaxWatch

taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars and ensuring those funds are utilized on needed projects, especially in South Florida.

Florida TaxWatch has long advocated for closing the loophole that existed in Florida regarding sales tax for online purchases. Through their leadership and that of other business organizations, the State of

Florida will collect more than a billion dollars of owed but uncollected taxes in the first year.

Calabro and TaxWatch were instrumental in leading the effort to secure VISIT FLORIDA funding, which supports 1.4 million Florida jobs and more than \$8 billion in state and local tax revenue. In addition to these issues, Calabro will share his thoughts on the statewide political scene.

To learn more about the Trustee program, contact Donald Burgess at dburgess@palmbeaches.org.

Sales Tax Holiday Ends This Weekend

Consumers can purchase qualifying disaster preparedness supplies exempt from sales tax during the 2021 Disaster Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday. Passed by the Florida Legislature and signed into law by Gov. Ron DeSantis, the sales tax holiday started on Friday, May 28 and will end on



Sunday, June 6. Please visit floridarevenue.com/disasterprep for information and promotional materials

for consumers, businesses, and other interested parties. The sales tax holiday does not apply to the

rental or repair of any of the qualifying items. Additionally, the sales tax holiday does not apply to sales in a theme park, entertainment complex, public lodging establishment or airport. Applicable items include coolers, power banks, flashlights, candles, lanterns, batteries, radios, and fuel containers.



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rbb Communications strengthens its Palm Beach County footprint as O'Donnell Agency merges in its operations

rbb Communications announced an agreement with West Palm Beach-based O'Donnell Agency to merge its operations with rbb effective June 1. Financial terms of the deal were not disclosed. O'Donnell Agency has been a major force on South Florida's public relations landscape since its formation in 1995.

The agreement strengthens rbb's presence in the Palm Beach County market where it already represents many of the top businesses in the energy, banking and professional service sectors. Like much of South Florida, Palm Beach County continues to see robust growth and rbb is actively looking to increase its engagement and footing in the area to better serve its existing and prospective clients.

"Owner Carey O'Donnell dominates the Palm Beach County market," said Christine Barney, CEO of rbb



Christine Barney



Carey O'Donnell

communications. "Marry that with her impeccable reputation, energy and her focused commitment to generating real results for clients, and that makes her firm a great addition to rbb's team. This will enhance our integrated communication services both in Florida and nationally."

"From my perspective, this move benefits everybody, with the priority

being my clients," O'Donnell added. "Both firms are closely aligned in our missions and mandates to provide smart strategy and the very best marketing expertise, so it already feels like we've been partners for years. rbb has a powerful, Florida-wide footprint and a depth of talent in digital, creative and PR services that our clients will value immediately."

O'Donnell has been recognized as one of the top public relations professionals in Florida for decades and has been named as one the state's 500 Most Influential Business Leaders by Florida Trend since they introduced the list four years ago. She is in her second year as chair of the Business Development Board of Palm Beach County and is a past-chair of the Chamber of Commerce of the Palm Beaches. O'Donnell will serve as lead

counsel with rbb in the Palm Beach market.

rbb is widely known as a triple threat, recognized as champions in the field of PR, digital/marketing and creative services. In 2020 alone, rbb was among Top Five Global Creative Agencies of the Year, the PProvoke US Small Agency of the Year, named to the Forbes Top PR Firms and was ranked first in the 2020 South Florida Business Journal's list of largest PR agencies.



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The District Flats

May 12, 2021

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State of the Workforce

The Chamber of Commerce of the Palm Beaches is partnering with CareerSource Palm Beach County for the State of the Workforce webinar on Wednesday, June 23, at 10 a.m. Hospitality and Tourism are bouncing back. Join our panel of speakers to learn more on how the hospitality industries are recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic from global, national and Palm Beach County perspectives. The panel includes Peter C. Yesawich, vice

chairman emeritus, MMGY Global; Rosanna Maiet, executive vice president, communications and public relations, American Hotel and Lodging Association (AHLA); and Glenn Jergenson, executive director, Palm Beach County Tourist Development Council. This meeting is open to members and nonmembers. Register for this event at palmbeaches.org. For questions about the Chamber's Tourism Task Force, email Kirby Davis at kdavis@palmbeaches.org



City Commissioner addresses Chamber Board

During a wide-ranging presentation to the Chamber's board of directors, District 5 Commissioner Christina Lambert updated members on the progress of the West Palm Golf Park, to be located on the site of the previous West Palm Municipal Golf course. The new par-71 course is designed by Gil Hanse and will include a 9-hole par-3 course with extensive practice facilities.



Christina Lambert

The project is being led by Seth Waugh, CEO of PGA of America and will offer kids programs

when it is completed in the fall of 2022.

Commissioner Lambert also spoke about the recent grand opening of District Flats in the Warehouse District, and La Clara Palm Beach and Forte, two new condominium developments. Her address included a report on the purchase of 8111 S. Dixie Highway, where the community was being engaged in determining how best to utilize the property.

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