

CONGRATULATIONS ATHENA LEADERSHIP AWARD RECIPIENTS



From left: Chamber Chair Rick Reikenis; Alexandria Ayala, ATHENA Young Professional recipient; Evelyn Hopkins, ATHENA Leadership recipient; Gopal Rajegowda, Related Companies; Deana Pizzo, I.T. Solutions of South Florida, ATHENA Organizational recipient; Serge D'Haiti, Serge W. D'Haiti CPA, PLLC; Chamber CEO Donald Burgess. CAPEHART



From left: Alexandria Ayala; Evelyn Hopkins; Deana Pizzo. CAPEHART

The 30th Annual ATHENA Awards, presented by Related, took place on Sept. 17, at the Palm Beach County Convention Center. This year the Chamber celebrated 11 individuals and organizations that demonstrate extraordinary levels of leadership within their chosen field, advocate for their community, and who continue to mentor and build relationships with other women. The ATHENA Organizational Leadership Award, sponsored by Serge W. D'Haiti CPA, PLLC, was presented to I.T. Solutions of South Florida and received by CEO Deana Pizzo. The ATHENA Young Professional Leadership Award, sponsored by Florida Crystals Corporation, was presented to Alexandria Ayala, The Markarian Group. The ATHENA Leadership Award was presented to Evelyn Hopkins, Florida Crystals Corporation. Congratulations to all the ATHENA finalists and recipients!



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CHAMBER PRESENTS DONATION TO PLEASANT CITY ELEMENTARY

Pleasant City Elementary School Principal Adrienne Griffin and Vice Principal Samantha Patterson enthusiastically accepted a \$6,100 donation from the Chamber. The check was presented on Sept. 15, by Board Chair Rick Reikenis and Chamber of Commerce of the Palm Beaches CEO Donald Burgess. Special thanks to everyone who donated school supplies to the Red Apple Supplies Drive, coordinated by our Partner in Education, the Education Foundation of Palm Beach County, and to our Back-to-School Breakfast attendees whose contributions made this donation possible.



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Hamilton Piano Company Sept. 12, 2021

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A joint celebration! On Sunday, Sept. 12, the Hamilton Piano Company team and friends celebrated the ribbon-cutting for their new building at 1656 S. Congress Ave. in Palm Springs. Members of the Palm Beach County Music Teachers Association also enjoyed touring the workshop, then held their annual meeting in the expanded piano showroom. Hamilton Piano Company is a third-generation family-owned piano business that sells, rents, rebuilds, moves, stores and tunes pianos and more. Please visit HamiltonPianoCo.com for more information.

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2021 Firefighter Awards Breakfast



From left: Benjamin Shultz, Fire Chief Diana Matty and Bianca Clements of the City of West Palm Beach Fire Rescue at the 2019 awards breakfast. CAPEHART

The Chamber will host its annual Firefighter Awards at the Palm Beach County Convention Center on Thursday, Oct. 21 from 7:30-9 a.m. This program, sponsored by St. Mary's Medical Center and The Palm Beach Children's Hospital, will honor West Palm Beach Fire Rescue and Palm Beach County Fire Rescue's bravest individuals, our local heroes. Palm Beach County Mayor Dave Kerner, West Palm Beach Mayor Keith James and West Palm Beach Fire Rescue Chief Diana Matty will present the awards.

Awards will be presented for:

- Firefighter of the Year
- Station of the Year
- Outstanding Community Service

Visit palmbeaches.org to register for this event. For more information on sponsorship opportunities, please contact Kirby Davis at kdavis@palmbeaches.org.

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2021 Annual Dinner & Induction of Officers

Trustees, Directors and Major Sponsoring Members of the Chamber will meet at the Annual Dinner on Saturday, Oct. 16 at The Beach Club in Palm Beach starting with an oceanside reception at 6:30 p.m., followed by dinner in the Club's Ballroom. Florida Lt. Governor Jeanette Nunez will address the audience. This event is currently **SOLD OUT** but still accepting names on the waiting list. Please call Kirby Davis at 561-833-3894 to be included.

The Annual Dinner recognizes all major sponsors and outgoing Chairman Rick Reikenis, Reikenis & Associates, for his extraordinary extended term of service. Bill Bone, Larmoyeux & Bone, will be inducted as incoming chair together with other new officers and directors.

The Chairman's Circle recognizes the leading businesses in the community that support the mission of the Chamber, which is to support the business community and improve the quality of life for all residents of the Palm Beaches. Thanks and appreciation are extended to the sponsors listed below:



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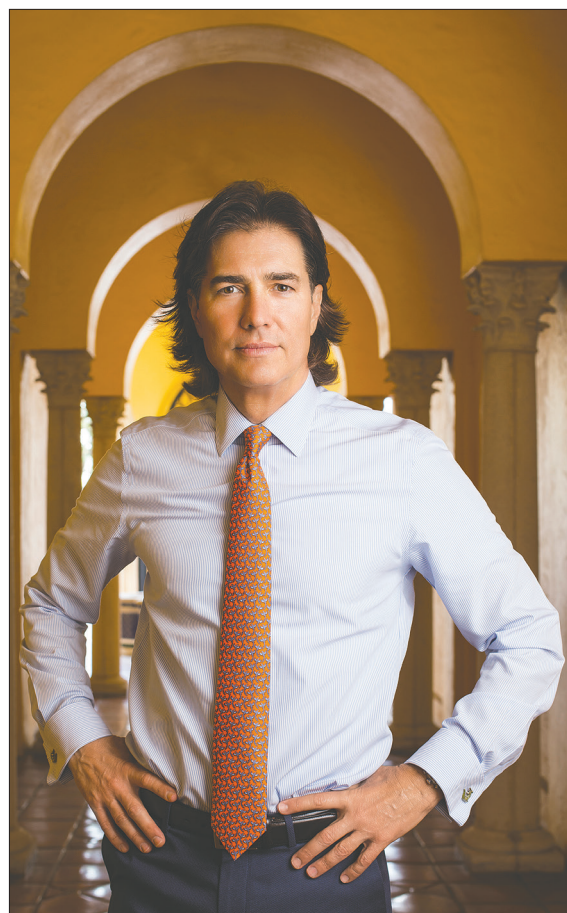
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Bill Bone, incoming chair



Florida's Lieutenant Governor Jeanette Nunez



Rick Reikenis, outgoing chair

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday OCT. 7
The Women in Business Committee Presents: GEMS Club and STEM at the South Florida Science Center
Time: noon-1 p.m. **Where:** South Florida Science Center, 4801 Dreher Trail N., West Palm Beach, FL 33405 **Cost:** Free, members only **Contact:** Kirby Davis at kdavis@palmbeaches.org

Thursday OCT. 14
Power Networking @Breakfast
Time: 8:30-10 a.m. **Where:** Hilton Palm Beach Airport, 150 Australian Ave., West Palm Beach, FL 33406 **Cost:** Discount registration deadline: Thursday, Oct. 7 at 5 p.m.; Members: \$35 before deadline, \$40 after deadline; Nonmembers: \$45 before deadline, \$50 after deadline; Day of Event: \$55 at the door, subject to availability **Sponsor:** iTHINK Financial **Contact:** Kirby Davis at kdavis@palmbeaches.org

Saturday OCT. 16
2021 Annual Dinner & Induction of Officers
Time: 6:30-9:30 p.m. **Where:** The Beach Club, 755 N. County Road, Palm Beach, FL 33480 **Cost:** Members: \$250 **Dress Code:** Coat-and-Tie Event **Contact:** Kirby Davis at kdavis@palmbeaches.org

Thursday OCT. 21
2021 Firefighter Awards Breakfast
Time: 7:30-9 a.m. **Where:** Palm Beach County Convention Center, 650 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach, FL 33401 **Cost:** Discount Registration Deadline: Thursday, Oct. 14 at 5 p.m.; Members: \$45 before deadline, \$50 after deadline; Nonmembers: \$60 before deadline, \$70 after deadline; Table of 10: Members: \$550; nonmembers: \$750 **Sponsor:** St. Mary's Medical Center **Contact:** Kirby Davis at kdavis@palmbeaches.org

Wednesday OCT. 27
Business Builder
Time: 9-10 a.m. **Where:** Chamber Boardroom **Cost:** Free **Contact:** Kirby Davis at kdavis@palmbeaches.org

Thursday OCT. 28
Business After Hours
Time: 5:30-7:30 p.m. **Where:** Shark Wake Park 561 – Shark Shack, 1440 Eshleman Trail, West Palm Beach, FL 33413 **Cost:** Discount Registration Deadline: Thursday, Oct. 21 at 5 p.m.; Members: \$15 before deadline, \$20 after deadline; Nonmembers: \$25 before deadline, \$30 after deadline **Contact:** Kirby Davis at kdavis@palmbeaches.org

Thursday NOV. 4
State of the County Breakfast
When: 7:30-9 a.m. **Where:** Palm Beach County Convention Center **Cost:** Discount registration deadline: Thursday, Oct. 28 at 5 p.m.; Members: \$45 before deadline, \$50 after deadline; Nonmembers: \$60 before deadline, \$70 after deadline; Table of 10: Members: \$550; nonmembers: \$750 **Contact:** Kirby Davis at kdavis@palmbeaches.org

Wednesday NOV. 17
Power Networking @Lunch
When: 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. **Where:** Hilton Palm Beach Airport, 150 Australian Ave., West Palm Beach, FL 33406 **Cost:** Discount registration deadline: Wednesday, Nov 10 at 5 p.m.; Members: \$35 before deadline, \$40 after deadline; Nonmembers: \$45 before deadline, \$50 after deadline; Day of Event: \$55 at the door, subject to availability **Contact:** Kirby Davis at kdavis@palmbeaches.org



Chamber Trustees given economic update at September Trustee Luncheon

Karen Gilmore, vice president and regional executive director of the Miami branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, presented an economic update to Chamber Trustees at The Ben on Sept. 9. Ms. Gilmore informed attendees that one often overlooked factor behind the current challenges in the labor market is the absence of baby boomers, most of whom opted for retirement over continued

employment. She also projected that the unemployment rate is not expected to return to pre-pandemic levels until 2023. The presentation ended with a discussion on headwinds that were adversely impacting the economy: the delta variant, labor force pressures and disruptions in the supply chain.

For more information on the Trustee program, please contact Donald Burgess at dburgess@palmbeaches.org.