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Kelly Smallridge, Business Development Board president, to speak at March breakfast

The Chamber of Commerce of the Palm Beaches is pleased to announce another outstanding keynote speaker for our March Business Breakfast. 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. Arrive early and network with elected officials and other community leaders Thursday, March 3 at the Palm Beach County Convention Center from 7:30 a.m. Individual tickets and tables of 10 are available on our website PalmBeaches.org For more information on sponsorship opportunities, please contact Kirby Davis at kdavis@palmbeaches.org.

RIBBON CUTTINGS

YPOP Hotspot at Drive Shack

Drive Shack hosted the Young Professionals of the Palm Beaches (YPOP) for their first for-profit event of the year on Tuesday, Jan. 25. The night started off with drinks and snacks in Drive Shack’s private multi-space indoor/outdoor event space dubbed The Fairway. County participated in a raffle for Drive Shack swag and a $50 gift card provided by our YPOP sponsor, Fusion Chiropractic. Spa, before heading upstairs to the third floor driving range to show off their golf skills and enjoy a dessert buffet. Special thanks to the staff at Drive Shack and Fusion Chiropractic for making this a great networking event for our Young Professionals!

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Curtain rises with new Kravis Center CEO

The Kravis Center for the Performing Arts Board of Directors announced that as of Jan. 31, Diane Quinn will lead the performing arts center as CEO, according to Board Chairman, Jeffrey Satchell. Quinn has a thoughtful and broad vision for the Kravis Center, with particular attention to how to build upon our strong foundation and continue to expand our audience,” said Satchell. “She is a person who is very interested in the ways in which the arts can connect to audiences and improve the local community. The Board of Directors is proud of and deeply committed to the success and future of the Kravis Center. As stewards of the Center’s mission, we are thrilled to have Diane at the helm of this outstanding organization as its CEO.” Quinn has more than 20 years of progressive arts experience on a global scale, arriving to the Kravis Center via Montreal, Quebec where she was the chief creative officer for Cirque du Soleil Entertainment Group. She started at Cirque du Soleil in 2004 as the public services director and rose through the ranks to be a key member of the executive leadership team. “I am honored to be joining the prestigious Kravis Center for the Performing Arts as CEO,” said Quinn. “Few organizations have had the type of impact on an audience, a city, a state or nationally, as the Kravis Center. Its exceptional theatrical programming, along with internationally renowned orchestras and its arts education programs, have left an indelible mark on the Palm Beach community. The Kravis Center is looking to carefully build for the future, and I see this role as an opportunity of a lifetime.”