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From left: Dr. David Rodin, Ofelia Utset, Sarah Alsofrom, Alexandra Chase, Caroline Villanueva, Sasha Jozefczyk and Chamber Chair Bill Bone, CAPEHART

## ATHENA AWARDS RECIPIENTS HONORED AT ANNUAL LUNCHEON

Three exceptional recipients, along with the finalists in their individual categories, were recognized at this year's ATHENA Awards luncheon at the Palm Beach County Convention Center on Friday, Sept. 30. The event was presented by UHealth University of Miami Health System and hosted by Related. Parking was sponsored by Toshiba Business Solutions.

The ATHENA Awards honor individuals and businesses that have achieved professional excellence, mentored, actively served the community, and helped women reach their leadership potential.

The ATHENA Leadership Award was sponsored by UHealth University of Miami Health System and presented to Ofelia Utset, co-founder and president of Deluge Biotechnologies, a company involved in early drug development. She has more than 20 years of experience in pulmonary/critical care medicine and, in addition to serving on the boards of multiple organizations, was also a founding member of Impact the Palm Beaches. The ATHENA Organizational

### **TRUSTEE SPOTLIGHT Godwin Okolie**

Godwin Okolie is the CEO and founder of WinTrice Money Advisors, LLC, a money manager, wealth management advisor boutique



Leadership Award, sponsored by FPL, was presented to GL Homes. Sarah Alsofrom, GL's senior director of community relations, accepted the award on their behalf. This was a special moment for Sarah who was the recipient of ATHENA Awards in the Leadership and Young Professional categories in 2019 and 2010 respectively.

The ATHENA Young Professional Leadership Award, sponsored by Florida Crystals, was presented to

## **Patricia Godwin**



Patricia Godwin is a wealth advisor for Coral Gables Trust Company, one of the top wealth management firms headquartered in Florida. As manager

of the West Palm

Alexandra Chase. Alexandra is a supervisory federal prosecutor with the U.S. Attorney's Office, Southern District of Florida, and recently served as president of the Junior League of the Palm Beaches. She has been a federal prosecutor for thirteen years and has prosecuted a wide variety of crimes.

Congratulations to all the ATHENA finalists and recipients, and thanks to all the sponsors and supporters of this annual event.



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## **Darcy Davis**



Darcy J. Davis, CEO of the Health Care District of Palm Beach County, has held key financial and operational roles during her 30 years in health care. She serves

on America a's Essential Hospitals



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firm in downtown West Palm Beach. He provides direction to individuals, families and businesses to reach their investment objectives and other financial goals. Okolie started his career with American Express Financial Advisors in New York and later worked with Merrill Lynch before starting WinTrice Money Advisors. Since its inception, the intention has been to eventually transition WinTrice into a Commercial Bank. Okolie has a degree in accounting from the New York Institute of Technology and a certificate in film production from New York University. He is also the founder of Making Dollars and Sense, Inc. a 501(c)(3) organization established to design a road map to permanently eradicate poverty in

Wintrice Money Advisor

Palm Beach County by 2050.

Beach office, Godwin oversees the development of complex portfolios for high-net worth clients, offering an array of investment solutions, financial planning, trust and estate services. Godwin is a financial industry veteran, having served in a myriad of wealth management roles over two decades. Prior to joining Coral Gables Trust, she was a senior client advisor at Bessemer Trust. Before assuming that role, she worked at Goldman Sachs where her team managed more than \$1 billion in assets and implemented long-term investment goals for ultra-high-net worth individuals. She is a certified trust and fiduciary advisor and holds Series 7 and Series 66 licenses. A graduate of Lehigh University, she earned her MBA at University of Chicago Booth School of Business with concentrations in economics and finance.



Strategic Planning Committee and the United Way of Palm Beach County's Hunger Relief Advisory Council. In 2018, then-Gov. Rick Scott appointed her to the Palm Beach State College District Board of Trustees where she served for three years. In 2022, she completed the Leadership Palm Beach County Engage Program and ranked 11th among "Florida's Top 100 Women-Led Businesses" by The Commonwealth Institute of Florida. Davis is a six-time South Florida Business Journal "Power Leader in Healthcare" and a two-time Palm Beach County Medical Society "Hero in Medicine" recipient. She earned her BBA in accounting from Mercer University and her MSM in health care administration from Troy State University.



## 2022 Chairman's Circle & Induction of Officers



Trustees, directors and major sponsoring members of the Chamber will meet on Friday, Nov., 4 at 6 p.m. for our 2022 Chairman's Circle event at the Armory Art Center. The Chairman's Circle recognizes all major sponsors and outgoing Chairman Bill Bone of Larmoyeux & Bone for his

exceptional term of service.

Robert Diffenderfer, Lewis,

will be sworn in as chair for 2023. Tickets can be purchased on our website at PalmBeaches.org.

Longman, & Walker PA,

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. For more information on sponsorship opportunities, contact Rachel Quismundo at rquismundo@palmbeaches. org or call 561-421-5129.



## Chamber Presents Check to Pleasant City Elementary



Pleasant City Elementary School Principal Adrienne Griffin and Vice Principal Samantha Patterson accepted more than \$3,800 as a donation from the Chamber. The check was presented on Sept. 15, by Board Chair Bill Bone 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.

## Robert Diffenderfer, chair-elect



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For more details and reservations contact: Adrianna Pontz of the Chamber of Commerce of the Palm Beaches E-mail: apontz@palmbeaches.org Telephone: (561) 833-3711

Reservations can also be made on our online booking engine www.aventuraworld.com/booking. The group booking code is: MKZSJT



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# **2022 Firefighter Awards Breakfast**



2021 Firefighter Awards (from left): Bradford Alderton, Julio Cabrera, Fire Rescue Chief Diana Matty, and Patryk Mierzejewski. CAPEHART



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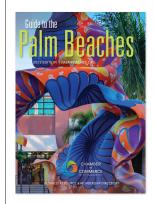
The Chamber will host its annual Firefighter Awards at the Palm Beach County Convention Center on Wednesday, Oct. 26 from 7:30-9 a.m. This program, sponsored by St. Mary's Medical Center and The Palm Beach Children's Hospital will honor West Palm Beach Fire Rescue and Palm Beach County Fire Rescue's bravest individuals, our local heroes. Palm Beach County Mayor Robert Weinroth. 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 Leadership

Visit palmbeaches.org to register for this event. For more information on sponsorship opportunities, please contact Rachel Quismundo at rquismundo@palmbeaches.org.

## **JOIN NOW TO APPEAR** IN THE 2023 GUIDE **TO THE PALM BEACHES**

Looking to attract business? Increase your visibility and your sales by appearing in the Chamber's 2023 Guide to the Palm Beaches. This award-winning, full-color



publication is used as a buying guide for products and services by Chamber members as well as residents, tourists and visitors to Palm Beach County. The Chamber prints 4,000 copies of the guide and each member of the Chamber receives two free listings - one alphabetical and one by business category. The Guide will debut at the Mayor's State of the City Address on Jan. 27, 2023. It will also be available in the Chamber's lobby and online at palmbeaches.org. Please email Kirby Davis,

Membership Development Manager, at kdavis@palmbeaches.org or call 561-833-3894.

## September Trustee luncheon held at The Ben West Palm



The September Trustee luncheon was held at The Ben West Palm and featured Palm Beach County Mayor Robert S. Weinroth, who was elected to the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners representing District 4 in 2018 and was appointed Mayor by his fellow board members in 2021. His address to the Trustees covered the recently approved budget, public safety, housing and homelessness, transportation/mobility, infrastructure, and the demand for more class "A" office space. The mayor also took time to talk about the \$200 million Housing Bond, which will be on the November ballot.

For more information about the Trustee Program please contact Kirby Davis at kdavis@palmbeaches.org or at 561-833-3894.



## **Group Travel Opportunity** to Discover Portugal, Spain

March 20-28, 2023 | Air & Land Early Bird Special — From \$3,449!

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## **RIBBON CUTTINGS**



**The Choral Society** of the Palm Beaches Aug. 30, 2022 Lakeside Presbyterian Church

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**Buffalo Wild Wings** Sept. 8, 2022 4576 Okeechobee Blvd. West Palm Beach, FL 33417 561-687-2999 3905-westpalm@gfenterprisellc.com buffalowildwings.com





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deadline the price will increase by \$100 per traveler. For more information and reservations, contact Adrianna Pontz at apontz@palmbeaches.org or call 561-833-3711, ext. 234.

Reservations can also be made online through Aventura World's booking engine at AventuraWorld.com/booking.

The group booking code is: MKZSJT.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Have a question? Contact Rachel Quismundo by email at rquismundo@palmbeaches.org for more information.



Columbus Day The Chamber will be closed in

observation of Columbus Day and will reopen on Tuesday Oct. 11, at 8:30 a.m.



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| Wednesday |   |
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Wings When: 5:30-7:30 p.m. Where:

**Breast Cancer** 

Personal Safety

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Awareness

Buffalo Wild Wings, 4576 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach, FL 33417 Cost: Members, \$20; nonmembers, \$25 (Ages 21-39 only.)



Presented by The Women in Business Committee When: 9-10 a.m. Where: Good Samaritan Medical Center, 1309

N. Flagler Drive, West Palm Beach. FL 33401 Cost: Free for members only Speakers: Breast Cancer Center Team



When: 9-10 a.m. Where: Chamber Boardroom **Cost**: Members, \$20; nonmembers, \$30 **Speaker**: John Nihoff, Owner/Operator, Palm **Beach Protection Services** 

7 Tips to **Maximize** Your Tuesday **First Impression OCT.18** in Business -Seminar

When: Noon-1 p.m. Where: Chamber Boardroom Cost: Members, \$20: nonmembers \$30 Speaker: Pamela Toussaint. President/Principal Trainer and Consultant, Ultimate Image Coach and UIC Leadership and Soft Skills Academy

> Power **Networking**@ Lunch When: 11:30 a.m.-1

p.m. Where: Hilton Palm Beach Airport Cost: Discount Registration Deadline: Thursday, Oct. 13 Members: \$35 before deadline, \$40 after deadline; nonmembers: \$45 before deadline, \$50 after deadline. Walk-ins welcome, \$55 at the door.

Wednesday

**OCT.26** 

#### Firefighter Awards Breakfast When: 7:30-9 a.m. Where: Palm

Beach County Convention Center, 650 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach, FL., 33401 Cost: Discount Registration Deadline: Wednesday Oct. 19 Members: \$45 before deadline, \$60 after deadline; nonmembers: \$50 before deadline, \$70 after deadline; Table of 10: Member: \$550; nonmember: \$750 Sponsored by: St. Mary's Medical Center and The Palm Beach Children's Hospital.

**One Love Remy Foundation** Sept. 9, 2022 West Palm Beach, FL 561-401-6396 oneloveremyfoundation@gmail.com oneloveremvfoundation.org



## InnoTech Construction Sept. 14, 2022



2930 Okeechobee Blvd.,Suite 100 West Palm Beach, FL 33409 717-335-1888; info@innotechconstruction.com innotechconstruction.com

To schedule your ribbon cutting with the Chamber, please visit PalmBeaches.org/ribbon-cuttings or contact Kirby Davis at kdavis@palmbeaches.org or 561-833-3894.



Wednesday, Sept. 14, at FiWe Caribbean Cuisine, 410 Evernia St., in downtown West Palm Beach, where guests



enjoyed networking, cocktails and authentic Caribbean cuisine. For more information on Chamber events or hosting an event, contact Rachel Quismundo at

rquismundo@palmbeaches.org.

The Women in Business Committee met on Thursday, Sept. 8, to hear from the 2021 ATHENA Leadership Award Recipient Evelyn Hopkins with the Florida Crystals Corporation. Evelyn shared her ATHENA journey with the group and expressed the importance of the ATHENA tenets. She expressed the importance of being your true



authentic self, adamant that the group understood the importance of staying true to who you are including personal ethics and morals. Evelyn expressed appreciation for the cheerleaders in her life, her parents, who showed her the importance

of education, and her husband and son who have, quite literally, been with her every step of her career.

For more information on future committee meetings, contact Rachel Quismundo at rquismundo@ palmbeaches.org.

## The Hanley Foundation speaks up on suicide prevention

September was Suicide Prevention Month and Alli Jimenez with the Hanley Foundation recently led



a seminar on suicide prevention in the Chamber boardroom. The Hanley Foundation currently has a "Zero Suicide Initiative" for suicide prevention. They focus on community education,

prevention, treatment support and advocacy. For more information on future seminars, contact Rachel Quismundo at rquismundo@ palmbeaches.org.



## Women in Business learn what it takes to be an ATHENA woman



## **YPOP Hotspot: Buffalo Wild** Thursday **OCT. 20**