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## REGISTER NOW FOR THE MAYOR'S 2023 STATE OF THE CITY BREAKFAST



Join us on Friday, Jan. 27 at the Palm Beach County Convention Center from 7:30-9:15 a.m. as Mayor Keith James delivers the annual State of the City Address. Mayor James will review the past year's successes and share his ongoing vision for the City of West Palm Beach.

Sponsorship opportunities are still available for this event. For more information, call Rachel Quismundo at 561-421-5129 or email rquismundo@palmbeaches.org.

### Presenting Sponsor



## The Chamber hosts roundtable with Senator Rick Scott

Senator Rick Scott continued his "Make Washington Work Tour" with a roundtable at the Chamber of Commerce of the Palm Beaches on Friday, Jan. 6. The Senator heard directly from a wide cross

section of business leaders throughout the county about the issues impacting them. He took the opportunity to outline his plans to unleash American energy, boost the economy and drive down costs.

### TRUSTEE SPOTLIGHT

#### Susan Kaplan



Susan Kaplan is a director of the award-winning Fuoco Group and its TFG Related Entities located in South Florida and in New York. Most notably, she is responsible

for human resources, business development, and community outreach. In addition, Kaplan oversees operations for the firm's five offices, and is a principal in TFG Concierge Corporate Services. Her educational background includes degrees from SUNY, NYU and FAU. She has more than 15 years of experience in the accounting industry. Kaplan is a Trustee of the Palm Beach Chamber, the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber, and a Board Member of the Women's Chamber. In 2022 she received the Excellence in Human Resources Award from South Florida Business and Wealth Magazine, a similar award she also won from the South Florida Business Journal in 2011.

## Leadership West Palm Beach Class 2023 Announced

Leadership West Palm Beach is a program of the Chamber of Commerce of the Palm Beaches. Its mission is to cultivate the leadership potential of individuals who reside or work in West Palm Beach and utilize their skills to foster the development of programs and opportunities that will enrich and improve the quality of life in the Palm Beaches. Participants are exposed to a variety of aspects of the community, including government, health and human services, education, economic development, arts, culture and festivals, neighborhoods and even the water catchment area. All of these areas are integral components of our community. Informing the class participants generates leaders with a well-rounded knowledge base to assist in future planning and decision-



making for the betterment of West Palm Beach.

### MEMBERS OF THE 2023 CLASS:

■ Alyssa Freeman, *Marine Industries Association of Palm Beach County*  
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■ Jacob A'Hern, *The Whiting-Turner Contracting Co.*  
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■ Kimberly Spence, *City of West Palm Beach*  
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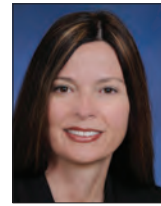
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■ West Palm Beach Marriott





## Women for Women 5K

Run “down the rabbit hole” with the Chamber of Commerce of the Palm Beaches at Okeechobee Park – Micanopy Pavilion as we host The BrandX Women for Women 5K on Saturday, May 13. Runners will line up

to compete, celebrate and encourage each other at this unique sporting event. Don't be late to register for this “very important date!”

We want to see how mad you can get with your craziest Alice in Wonderland outfits!

On race day, enter in our costume contest to win a special prize!

A portion of the proceeds from this event will be donated to Quantum House.

Visit our website, palmbeaches.org, to register.



## Ambassador Holiday Party

The Ambassador Committee met on Friday, Dec. 2 for their monthly meeting to discuss upcoming events and volunteer opportunities.

The Ambassadors also participated in a White Elephant gift exchange for the holidays and enjoyed Christmas music and pizza for the duration of the meeting.

For more information on the Ambassador Committee and how to get involved please contact Kirby Davis at kdavis@palmbeaches.org or call 561-833-3711.



## 2023 CORPORATE BREAKFAST SERIES

We invite you to pre-pay now for the Chamber Corporate Breakfast Series, which includes nine events, including our largest event – The

State of the City Breakfast – on Friday, Jan. 27. Subscriptions with discounted rates are available for purchase now through Jan. 20. For

more information, call or email Rachel Quismundo at 561-421-5129 or rquismundo@palmbeaches.org

### RIBBON CUTTINGS



**The Owl Country Grille**  
Dec. 7, 2022  
4953 Le Chalet Blvd.  
Boynton Beach, FL 33436



**AKA West Palm**  
Dec. 1, 2022  
695 South Olive Ave.  
West Palm Beach, FL 33401



## Business After Hours Holiday Party



The Business After Hours Holiday Party took place on Thursday, Dec. 8 at Home2Suites by Hilton. We had the pleasure of doing a silent auction for last-minute holiday gifts.

Home2Suites also provided two raffle gifts for a door prize and those who brought a toy for Toys For Tots. We then finished the night at Drive Shack for a light bites, drinks and a couple rounds of golf.

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



## Marcie DePlaza, GL Homes' COO, to speak at seminar

We will hear from Marcie DePlaza, chief operating officer at GL Homes, who will discuss being a woman in a male-dominated field and her own career decisions.

DePlaza will be joined by Sarah Alsofrom, senior director of community relations for GL Homes. Alsofrom is a past recipient of the ATHENA Young Professional Award, Leadership Award, and recently represented GL Homes as they received the Organizational Leadership Award.

Jill Schimming Taddeo, vice president/project manager for GL Homes, will also participate. There will be an open discussion of 2023 goals and firsthand experiences in the workplace.



Marcie DePlaza

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Have a question?

Contact Rachel Quismundo at rquismundo@palmbeaches.org for more information.

**Power Networking @ Lunch**  
When: 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Where: Hilton Palm Beach Airport Cost: Members, \$45; nonmembers, \$55

**Zona Blu — Business After Hours**  
When: 5:30-7:30 p.m. Where: 8170 Okeechobee Blvd., 1 & 2, West Palm Beach, FL 33411 Cost: Members: \$30; nonmembers, \$40

**Real Estate and Lending Forecast — Seminar**  
When: 9-10 a.m. Where: Chamber Boardroom Cost: Members, \$20; nonmembers, \$30

**YPOP - Ballpark of the Palm Beaches**  
When: 5:30-7:30 p.m. Where: 5444 Haverhill Road, West Palm Beach, FL 33407 Cost: Members, \$20; nonmembers, \$30

**State of the City — Breakfast**  
When: 7:30-9:15 a.m. Where: 650 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach, FL 33401 Cost: Discount Registration Deadline: Friday, Jan. 20. Members: \$55 before deadline, \$60 after deadline; nonmembers: \$70 before deadline, \$75 after deadline

**GL Homes Presents the Women In Business Round Table Luncheon @ Table 26 Palm Beach**  
When: Noon-1 p.m. Where: 1700 S. Dixie Highway, West Palm Beach, FL 33401 Cost: Members, \$15

## Business After Hours Zona Blu

Join us tonight at Zona Blu for Business After Hours. Enjoy complimentary drinks and appetizers! Make sure to bring plenty of business cards for all your new connections. There will also be a business card draw for a Valentine's Day dinner for two.



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