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ATHENA INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT



Traci Costa



Traci Costa, president and CEO of ATHENA International will be a special guest at this year's ATHENA Awards Luncheon. Costa is dedicated to women's leadership development and is herself an ATHENA Leadership Award recipient. We are pleased to announce the following finalists for the Chamber's 32nd Annual ATHENA Awards.





LITERACY COALITION OF PALM BEACH COUNTY CITY OF WEST PALM BEACH

YOUNG PROFESSIONAL AWARD



ORGANIZATIONAL AWARD



Join us at the Palm Beach County Convention Center on Thursday, Sept. 28 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for the 32nd Annual ATHENA Awards Luncheon, a celebration of exceptional women in leadership. This year's event promises to be a truly memorable occasion as we honor the outstanding achievements and contributions of women in

our community. The ATHENA Awards Luncheon is a prestigious event that brings together the most influential and inspiring women in our community. This is an opportunity to network, share experiences and celebrate the incredible accomplishments of women who have made a significant impact in their fields. Please visit palmbeaches.org to register.

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educator, author and entrepreneur. She brings decades of experience as an HR and operations executive at Fortune 500 companies to her own business, Ultimate Image Coach (UIC) Leadership and Soft Skills Training, an eLearning academy offering more than 100 leadership and soft skills courses. Toussaint's mission is to empower her clients with the tools they need to solidify their success. She dives headfirst into the turbulence of life

Pamela Toussaint is a passionate leader,

John Varvarigos John "J.P." Varvarigos is a third-generation florist and owner of Wellington

Pamela Toussaint

of America, Varvarigos attributes much of his success in the flower business to his background in hospitality. He assumed the role of general manager of Wellington Florist in 2010 and expanded the shop twice, first in 2014 and again in 2023. Today, the business is a multimilliondollar earning, full-service flower

Florist. A graduate of the Culinary Institute

Julia Murphy Julia Murphy is the chief development officer for Habitat for Humanity of the

shop specializing in same-day delivery

health and education related to social justice. Murphy received her bachelor's degree in social work from Florida Atlantic University and a master's in social work from Barry University. As a senior

with enthusiasm. Her acclaimed book The Audacious Woman: Blaze Your Own Path to Prosperity continues to inspire others. Toussaint was a finalist for the 2023

Chamber of Commerce of the Palm Beaches' Small Businessperson of the Year Award and serves the community as a member of the Quantum House Advisory Council and the Chamber of Commerce of the Palm Beaches. She and her husband, Gabriel, enjoy traveling, cruising, dancing and spending quality time with their two children and six adored grandchildren.

throughout Palm Beach County. Under his leadership, the company is counted among the largest grossing flower shops per square foot nationwide and has won prestigious awards over the years, including the award for Best Florist in Palm Beach County for the last three years and the Chamber of Commerce of the Palm Beaches' 2023 Small Businessperson of the Year Award. Varvarigos is a member of Florida's Florist's Association where he mentors young florists and promotes education in the field.



FLORIST

Palm Beaches. She has more than 15 years of experience in nonprofit management, community organizing, program development, and fundraising in public member of the executive team at Habitat

for Humanity, she shapes agency strategy that includes programs such as fundraising and cultivation events, annual appeals, corporate and foundation giving, major gifts, prospect research, and donor stewardship. Murphy is a trailblazer and serves as

a community leader and advocate. She has led the way in cultivating a stronger community in Palm Beach County through her leadership and engagement. She is a graduate of Leadership Palm Beach County (2020), and a member of the Forum Club of the Palm Beaches.



CHAMBER OF BUSINESS Watch September 2023

September breakfast

Join us on Sept. 15 at the Palm Beach County Convention Center for a panel discussion on the economic impact of the transportation industry on our economy. Our panelists Laura Beebe, director of Palm Beach County Department of Airports; Clinton Forbes, executive director of Palm Tran; and Michael Meekins, executive director of the Port of Palm Beach, will provide insight into the future of transportation in our region.

Please visit palmbeaches.org to register.







Kravis Center hosts Trustee Reception



On Tuesday, Aug. 22, the Trustees of the Chamber of Commerce of the Palm Beaches gathered in the beautiful Founder's Room of the Kravis Center. As they enjoyed savory refreshments, hearty laughter and good vibes, President and CEO Diane Quinn shared her vision of having 100,000 students experience the Kravis Center in response to the lifting of field trip restrictions by the School District of Palm Beach County.

Donald Burgess, president and CEO of the Chamber of Commerce of the Palm Beaches, and Ms. Quinn both thanked the Trustees for their support of the Chamber and the Kravis Center throughout the year and further encouraged them to do so as both the Chamber and the Kravis Center continue to endorse their business interests and needs in Palm Beach

To learn more about the Trustee Program, contact Kirby Davis at kdavis@palmbeaches.org.

RIBBON CUTTINGS



American Healthcare Institute Aug. 10, 2023

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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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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



Thursday

SEPT.7

Business Builder When: 9-10 a.m. Where: Chamber Boardroom Cost: Free

Contact: Kirby Davis at kdavis@ palmbeaches.org

Tuesday SEPT. 12

Power Networking @ Lunch When: 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Where:

Hilton Palm Beach Airport Cost: Members, \$45; nonmembers, \$55; at the door, \$60 Design 101-



Beginner Design Your Marketing Needs

When: 9-10 a.m. Where: Chamber Boardroom Cost: Members, \$20: nonmembers, \$30 **YPOP Explore:**



Keiser University's Chiropractic Program When: 5:30-7:30 p.m. Where:

Keiser University, 2081 Vista Parkway, West Palm Beach, FL 33411 Cost: Must be ages 21-39 to Register: Members, \$15; nonmembers, \$25



Transportation Infrastructure **Panel Discussion** - September **Breakfast**

When: 7-9 a.m. Where: Palm **Beach County Convention** Center, 650 Ökeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach, FL 33401 Cost: Early Bird Discount Ends Friday Sept. 8: Members, individual tickets \$50 before deadline, \$55 after deadline Table of 10, \$600 Nonmembers, individual tickets - \$65 before deadline, \$75 after deadline. Table of 10, \$800



Get to Know: Director of **Clinical Services** - Coral Shores **Behavioral Health**

When: 9-10 a.m. Where: Chamber Boardroom Cost: Free, members

Tuesday **SEPT. 19** **Business After Hours: Cox Science Center &** Aquarium When: 5:30-7:30

p.m. Where: Cox Science Center & Aquarium, 4801 Dreher Trail N. West Palm Beach, FL 33405 Cost: Discount Deadline, Sept. 12 at 5 p.m.: Members, \$20 before deadline, \$25 after deadline; nonmembers, \$30 before deadline, \$35 after deadline

Wednesday SEPT. 20

ChamberMaster When: 9-10 a.m. Where: Chamber

Boardroom Cost: Free, members only Contact: Kirby Davis at kdavis@ palmbeaches.org



Coffee & Chat with 2022 ATHENA **Leadership Award** Recipient Ofelia Utset

When: Noon-1 p.m. Where: Quest Workspaces, 515 North Flagler Drive, Suite #P-300, West Palm Beach, FL 33401 Cost: Free



Business Builder @ Lunch with TSS **Photography** When: Noon-1 p.m. Where: Chamber

Boardroom Cost: Free. TSS Photograph headshots, optional: Includes four to eight professional headshots, full copyright. Members, \$65; nonmembers, \$75 Contact: Kirby Davis at kdavis@ palmbeaches.org



ATHENA Cocktail Reception -Invite Only When: 5:30-7:30 p.m. Where: The

Ben, 251 N. Narcissus Ave., West Palm Beach, FL 33401; Invitation only Sponsorship Opportunity: Community Partner, \$1,500. Includes two complimentary tickets to the reception, company logo predominantly displayed at reception, company logo on event recap in Business Watch section of the Palm Beach Post and two complimentary tickets to the 2023 ATHENA Awards Luncheon on Sept. 28



Pitch Perfect Networking When: 9-10:30 a.m. Where: Isla & Co, 1401 Clare

Ave., West Palm Beach, FL 33401 Cost: Discount Registration Deadline, Sept. 19 at 5 p.m.: Members, \$25 before deadline, \$30 after deadline; nonmembers, \$30 before deadline, \$35 after deadline



32nd Annual ATHENA Leadership **Awards Luncheon** 2023

When: 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Where: Palm Beach County Convention Center, 650 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach, FL 33401 Cost: Discount Registration Deadline, Sept. 21 at 5 p.m.: Members, individual tickets - \$80 before deadline, \$90 after deadline. Table of 10 \$750 before deadline, \$850 after deadline. Nonmembers, individual tickets — \$100 before deadline, \$110 after deadline. Table of 10, \$950 before deadline, \$1,050 after deadline. Walk-ins welcome day of event! (Credit card, check or cash accepted at door). Please note, online registration closes Wednesday, Sept. 27 at 2 p.m. ALL CHANGES to table guests (deletions, changes, additions) will be handled at registration day of

School superintendent inspires at Back-To-School Breakfast

Mariner



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'Catch The Wave!" was the sum of the update presented by Superintendent for the Palm Beach County School District Michael Burke to guests at the 2023 Back-To-School Breakfast at the Palm Beach County Convention Center on Aug. 8. Burke presented an encouraging yet balanced update on the performance of the district over the last academic year. Among the highlights was that the District received Cambridge International's 2022-2023 U.S. Large District of the Year Award in recognition of its expansive innovative programs. Mr. Jeremy Johnson of the Historical Society of Palm Beach County commemorated the event with a 1913 photo of the first graduates from Palm Beach High School. The community of Palm Beach County generously donated school supplies to The Education Foundation Red Apple Supply Drive and more than \$3,000 to Pleasant City Elementary School.













Coffee & Chat

Rohi's Readery was the site of the Chamber's Women in Business Committee event dubbed Coffee & Chat, on Aug. 23. Guests listened



as owner and CEO Pranoo Kumar shared her journey to becoming who she is today. Pranoo's passion and vulnerability about her struggles and subsequent triumphs inspired attendees to share their own experiences in the face of gender inequality, identity amidst diversity, ethnic prejudice at work and in the health care system.

Guests selected books from the store to donate to Opportunity Early Childhood Development and Family Center.

For more information on Pranoo Kumar and Rohi's Readery visit rohisreadery.com or call 561-838-7163.



Leadership West Palm Beach 2024

APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE!

The Chamber is currently accepting applications for Class 2024 of Leadership West Palm Beach, which exposes participants to a variety of aspects of the community, including government;



health and human services; education; neighborhoods, arts, culture; and economic development. Leadership West Palm Beach provides information to class participants to generate leaders with a well-rounded knowledge base to

assist in future planning and decision making for the betterment of West Palm Beach. Leadership West Palm Beach members are chosen by a selection committee that reviews the applications. Up to 20 individuals are selected for each class. Submit your application online at palmbeaches.org. For more information or to inquire about sponsorship opportunities, please contact Teri Page at tpage@palmbeaches.org.



Yolk-West Palm Beach serves breakfast for dinner at Business **After Hours**

The monthly Business After Hours event took place



on a rainy Aug. 17 at Yolk-West Palm Beach. Guests were treated to a

scrumptious breakfast feast, which they enjoyed while networking, mingling and having a good time. We would like to extend

a special thank you to Yolk-West Palm Beach for their amazing hospitality and delicious spread.

If you missed out on this event, don't worry. You can still have your very own Yolk experience by visiting eatyolk.com or calling 561-229-1654.

We look forward to seeing you at our next Business After Hours event!