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MAYOR KEITH JAMES TO DELIVER THE 2024 STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS



Mayor Keith James

Join us at the Palm Beach County Convention Center on Thursday, Jan. 18, from 7:30 to 9:15 a.m., when City of West Palm Beach Mayor Keith James will deliver the 2024 State of the City Address. Mayor James will reflect on the City's recent accomplishments and announce updates on key city priorities. Visit palmbeaches.org to register.

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Kyle Goebel



Kyle Goebel is the vice president of operations for Suffolk Construction's West Palm Beach Office. Goebel graduated from Ball State University with a bachelor's degree in architecture and construction management. Before joining Suffolk, he worked as a VDC project manager for AECOM Hunt and project engineer for Bristol-Meyers Squibb. Throughout his time at Suffolk, Goebel has had various operational and functional roles, including national director of operational excellence, chief of staff, senior project manager, and senior BIM/VDC Manager. In his current role, his primary responsibility is to provide valuable leadership and operational direction in both the preconstruction and construction phases of the project - ensuring the team delivers on all project goals. Goebel was recently selected as a recipient of the 2023 South Florida Business & Wealth Up and Comer Award and as a winner of the 2023 South Florida Business Journal 40 Under 40 Award.

Marc Kaplan



Marc Kaplan is the director of development for Nicklaus Children's Hospital Foundation and the Nicklaus Children's Health System (NCHS), the region's only healthcare system exclusively for children and the parent organization of Nicklaus Children's Hospital, South Florida's only freestanding specialty hospital of its kind. Kaplan earned his bachelor's degree in marketing from Georgia Southwestern State University and recently completed the Executive Healthcare Leadership and Healthcare Change Management courses from Cornell University. In his role, Kaplan is responsible for capital campaigns, donor engagement and strategic collaboration throughout the health system. He invests his time in creating awareness and providing opportunities for local and global community members to invest in children's future in alignment with the health system's mission "to inspire hope and promote lifelong health by providing the best care to every child." Kaplan is proud to be able to call himself a South Florida native.

Michael Michuda



Michael Michuda, PE, is vice president of Industrial Operations at Sugar Cane Growers Cooperative of Florida. A native of Palm Beach County, Michuda is a graduate of Cardinal Newman High School and earned his bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Florida. Prior to joining the Cooperative in 2014, he was a consulting engineer and project manager for a variety of clients in Palm Beach County, including Pratt & Whitney, South Florida Water Management District, United Technologies and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Michuda is a Professional Engineer registered in the State of Florida, a longtime member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, and the Florida Engineering Society. He currently serves as president of the Florida Division of the American Society of Sugar Cane Technologists.

Annual Chairman's Circle installation dinner and awards ceremony



Kimberly Lea

**Chairman's Circle
Saturday, Jan. 13, 2024**

When: 6-9 p.m.

Where: Breakers West Country Club, 1550 Flagler Parkway, West Palm Beach, FL 33411

Admission: Members, \$300

Contact: Rachel Quismundo, 561-421-5129, rquismundo@palmbeaches.org

Registration: palmbeaches.org

Sponsorship opportunities available at all levels



Baseball Bash returns

The Chamber is hosting their annual Baseball Bash on Thursday, Feb. 22, 2024, at Roger Dean Chevrolet Stadium. Guests will have the opportunity to meet select players from both the Miami Marlins and the St. Louis Cardinals Organizations.

Players will sign autographs from 6-7 p.m. and we will end the night with a barbecue dinner where we will hear the 2024 Season Forecast.

There will be a silent auction for a Cardinals and Marlins autographed team bat with a letter of authenticity for each!

Early bird discount for VIP and general admission tickets valid until Jan. 22, 2024.



Historical Society to host Trustee Reception

On Thursday, Dec. 14, the Trustees of the Chamber of Commerce of the Palm Beaches will gather for a unique holiday reception at the Historical Society of Palm Beach County from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Liquid refreshments and passed hors d'oeuvres will be served. To learn more about the Trustee Program, contact Kirby Davis at kdavis@palmbeaches.org.

State of the County Breakfast

On Nov. 28, the Chamber hosted its highly anticipated State of the County Breakfast at the Palm Beach County Convention Center. The event featured Palm Beach County Mayor Maria Sachs who reported on the county's achievements in Fiscal Year 2023, including a \$200 million housing bond, a \$7.9 billion budget for FY24, and a 5% reduction in the millage rate.

The county's economy is diversifying, she said, through the financial sector, health care/life sciences and real estate, while its stable industries continue to bring in money and notoriety. The unemployment rate of 3.2% in October was lower than the national average, continuing a more than three-year trend. Tourism continues to break records, with billions of dollars coming into the county from bed taxes, dining out, shopping and entertainment. The county has plans for a second hotel at the Convention Center, and Palm Beach International Airport is improving concourses and adding space for restaurants. Roadways are under a five-year program, with about 50 projects currently underway and Roger Dean Chevrolet Stadium is undergoing a \$150 million renovation.



Pictured, from left: Chamber Chair Kimberly Lea, Chamber CEO Donald Burgess, Palm Beach County Mayor Maria Sachs, and Palm Beach State College Provost and Dean Barbara Cipriano. PHOTO BY CAPEHART

The mayor closed by challenging the audience to think about their legacy and what they want it to be.

We thank our presenting sponsor, Palm Beach State College, our parking sponsor, the Bratter Immigration Law Firm, and all who attended the event for their continued support.



2024 CORPORATE BREAKFAST SERIES

We invite you to pre-pay now for the Corporate Breakfast Series, which includes eight events. Subscriptions with discounted rates are available for

purchase now through Jan. 12, 2024. For more information, call Rachel Quismundo at 561-421-5129 or email rquismundo@palmbeaches.org.



Improvise. Adapt. Overcome.

Kate Arrizza arrests attention at monthly Coffee and Chat

On Nov. 8, the Chamber's Women in Business Committee held its monthly Coffee & Chat event at the Cox Science Center and Aquarium. Guests listened keenly to this month's speaker, Kate Arrizza, as she shared her trajectory from being a teenage volunteer at the Science Center to being the first female naval officer on the Perry-class frigate, USS Carr, fresh out of the naval academy, and the president and CEO of the nation's second busiest science center today.



As guests sipped their coffee, Ms. Arrizza excitedly informed them of the multimillion-dollar plans to expand the facilities at its current location and bring the community into a more interactive and hands-on experience.

For information on the exhibits and programs Cox Science Center and Aquarium offers, visit coxsciencecenter.org.

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



Handling wage/hour issues in today's remote workplace

On Nov. 9, employment law firm FordHarrison presented the highly anticipated quarterly HR Law seminar titled Handling Wage/Hour Issues in Today's Remote Workplace in the Chamber Boardroom. Partner David Gobeo, Esq., and attorney Mark Fereg, guided attendees through some of the more complicated minefields of wage/hour issues in the remote workplace. They encouraged the use of fairness, established policies/handbooks, and knowledge of employment and labor law

when handling compensation nuances with remote workers. HR representatives who attended the seminar were provided with a continuing education credit.

For more information on the services offered by Ford Harrison, visit fordharrison.com.

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

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Small Business Essentials

Latoria Kruspe, financial center manager at Fifth Third Bank on Flagler Drive, presented an assortment of practical and relevant tips and insights to entrepreneurs who attended the Chamber's Small Business Essentials seminar on Nov. 2 in the Chamber Boardroom. Ms. Kruspe provided important information on how to build credit for any business and shared vital and effective strategies that could help entrepreneurs position their businesses for success and gain access to reputable resources such as coaching, funding and mentoring to grow their businesses.

For information on Fifth Third



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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.



Business After Hours at Wellington Florist

As the sun dipped below the skyline in the Village of Wellington, Wellington Florist blossomed with a vibrant after-hours atmosphere for this month's installment of the Chamber's Business After Hours. Guests networked and forged new partnerships while being inspired for holiday décor and gift ideas and enjoyed tasty refreshments.

They were also treated to a behind-the-scenes tour of the store, showcasing owner JP Varvarigos' passion for unique designs. We thank Wellington Florist for hosting another successful event with the Chamber and look forward to future opportunities to make strong connections within the community.



For more information on Wellington Florist, visit wellingtonflorist.com.

To host one of our highly anticipated business after-hours events, contact the Chamber's special events coordinator Rachel Quismundo at rquismundo@palmbeaches.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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



Pitch Perfect Networking
When: 9-10:30 a.m. **Where:** Isla & Co., 1401 Clare Ave., West Palm Beach, FL 33401 **Cost:** Members, \$30; nonmembers, \$35 **Contact:** Rachel Quismundo at rquismundo@palmbeaches.org



ChamberMaster Pro
When: 9-10 a.m. **Where:** Chamber Boardroom **Cost:** Free, members only **Contact:** Kirby Davis at kdavis@palmbeaches.org



Get to Know Julia Murphy Chief Advancement Officer, Habitat for Humanity of Greater PBC
When: 9-10 a.m. **Where:** Chamber Boardroom **Cost:** Free, members only **Contact:** Rachel Quismundo at rquismundo@palmbeaches.org



Business Builder
When: Noon-1 p.m. **Where:** Chamber Boardroom **Cost:** Free **Contact:** Kirby Davis at kdavis@palmbeaches.org



2024 Mayor's State of the City Breakfast
When: 7:30-9:30 a.m. **Where:** Palm Beach County Convention Center, 650 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach, FL 33401 **Cost:** Discount Registration Deadline: 5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 1, 2024. Members, \$60 before deadline, \$65 after deadline. Corporate Table Sponsor (table of 10), \$700; nonmembers, \$75 before deadline, \$85 after deadline. Corporate Table Sponsor (table of 10), \$900. **CANCELLATIONS** must be made 72 hours prior to the event for a refund. **Contact:** Rachel Quismundo at rquismundo@palmbeaches.org

When you know your business right, you grow your business right



Insurance Seminar on Nov. 7 in the Chamber boardroom. Butler shared vital knowledge on business insurance, including the importance of knowing the type and whereabouts of your policies and those of immediate family members in your care, the multiple options available to reduce medical expenses with the right suite of insurance products, and how to leverage life insurance to grow your business.

For more information on the products and services of Right Choice Insurance Group, LLC, visit rightchoiceinsurancegrp.com. For more information on seminars and sponsorship opportunities, contact Rachel Quismundo at rquismundo@palmbeaches.org or 561-421-5129.



Rashad Butler, certified insurance broker and CEO of Right Choice Insurance Group, held the attention of attendees at the interactive Understanding Your Business

Last chance to appear in the 2024 Guide To The Palm Beaches

Looking to attract business? Increase your visibility by appearing in the Chamber's 2024



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. 18, 2024. It will also be available in the Chamber's lobby and online at palmbeaches.org. Email Kirby Davis, membership development manager, at kdavis@palmbeaches.org or call 561-833-3894 for more information.