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MAYOR KEITH A. JAMES DELIVERS 2024 STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS

West Palm Beach Mayor Keith A. James delivered his fifth annual State of the City address on Thursday, Jan. 18, at the January Breakfast of the Chamber of Commerce of the Palm Beaches. The event was held at the Palm Beach County Convention Center where just under 700 guests gathered to hear the mayor's presentation. In declaring that the state of the city was good, Mayor James highlighted (among other things) the unprecedented surge in population over the past decade, the city's fiscal health, and community investments aimed at improving the quality of life for residents. The mayor

concluded his address with emphasis on the need for community unity, reminding the audience that engaging with each other will result in the building of strong, collaborative communities. Thank you to presenting sponsor Good Samaritan Medical Center and the many other supporting sponsors who contributed to the event's success.

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Former U.S. Senator George S. LeMieux addresses Trustees at monthly luncheon



George S. LeMieux, chairman of the board of Gunster law firm, founder of the LeMieux Center for Public Policy at Palm Beach Atlantic University, former U.S. senator, and former deputy attorney general addressed Trustees of the Chamber of Commerce of the Palm Beaches at their luncheon on Friday, Jan. 26, at the West Palm Beach Marriott. Senator LeMieux took the Trustees on a brief tour of Florida's rich history and provided insight into the state's current and future status as a resilient and major contributor to the national economy.

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

Leadership West Palm Beach Class of 2024 begins

On Jan. 16, the 2024 Class of Leadership West Palm Beach had orientation at the Chamber of Commerce of the Palm Beaches. President and CEO Donald Burgess welcomed the new class before handing over the program to Leadership West Palm Beach Chair and moderator Jack Frost. Esteemed attorney and avid Palm Beach County historian Harvey Oyer III kept the class spellbound with his fascinating presentation on the history of West Palm Beach.

The first day of Leadership 2024 got off to an early start on Jan. 18 at the Mayor's State of the City breakfast, after which the class participated in a lively Q&A session with West Palm Beach commissioners Cathleen Ward, Shalonda Warren, Christy Fox, Joseph Peduzzi, and Christina Lambert at the Palm Beach County Convention Center. The group then enjoyed a walking tour of the beautifully renovated spaces at The Hilton WPB



before heading north to The Square for lunch at Adrienne's Pizzabar at the base of Related's 360 Rosemary building. While they lunched, the class had the rare opportunity to meet with Harry Poulakakos himself, the venerable owner and head of Harry's Restaurant Group, one of the most prestigious restaurateurs in Manhattan and Wall Street NY. After lunch

with Harry, the class was treated to presentations from Related Southeast's senior vice president, Jordan Rathlev, who gave a breathtaking overview of upcoming projects of Related Companies at the remarkable 360 Rosemary building, and Tim Dougher, VP of business development at the Business Development Board (BDB), who shared an

intriguing presentation on the BDB's initiatives geared toward attracting big businesses and young families to Palm Beach County. To end the day, the group toured ESPN West Palm Beach's new facility on Rosemary Avenue, interacted with some of the presenters of live programs, and recorded a segment of their own in a studio, before returning to the Hilton WPB for light cocktails and the opportunity to interact with Chris Inman and Chris Guidice, the hotel's general manager and director of operations respectively. We thank our Day Chairs Dana Herst and Tiffany David and all our presenters and hosts who made orientation and Day 1 memorable experiences for everyone. A special thanks to our 2024 class sponsor, KAST Construction.

For more information about Leadership West Palm Beach, contact Teri Page at tpage@palmbeaches.org or call 561-833-3713.

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Kimberly Lea Sworn in As 2024 Chamber Chair

The Chamber's Chairman's Circle Event was a night of celebration and recognition. The highlight of the evening was the swearing-in ceremony of Kimberly Lea as the 2024 Chamber Chair. The outgoing Chair, Robert Diffenderfer, was also honored with a heartfelt goodbye. The event was also an opportunity to recognize a few members for their years of dedicated service and commitment to the Chamber. Legacy awards were presented to Roger Dean Chevrolet Stadium for 50 years of chamber membership. Pioneer Linens, The Palm Beach Post and Anderson & Carr were presented with awards for 71 years of membership in the Chamber. We look forward to the leadership of Kimberly Lea and the continued success of the Chamber under her guidance.

For more information on the chamber and other upcoming events, contact Rachel Quismundo at rquismundo@palmbeaches.org or 561-421-5129.



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Brandon Leon is a Shareholder at Greenberg Traurig West Palm Beach where he represents individual and institutional clients in the automotive, banking, real estate, mortgage-servicing, and title insurance industries, in both litigation and transactional matters. Leon has a Bachelor of Arts degree from New York University and a J.D. from the University of Miami School of Law. With a practice devoted to complex litigation in both state and federal courts, Leon has defended clients in individual and class action consumer finance and regulatory matters, as well as commercial business disputes.

In 2023, Leon was listed in Palm Beach Illustrated's "Top Lawyers" feature; and for his work in Commercial Litigations and Litigation - Banking and Finance, he has been recognized in the 2024 edition of The Best Lawyers in America, "Ones to Watch." He is also a member of the United States Global Leadership Coalition Next Gen Global Leadership Florida State Advisory Committee.



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Dr. Stephen V. Avallone, MD, FACP, PE, is the Regional Medical Director of Concierge Medicine for Cleveland Clinic Florida. He has a Bachelor of Science in civil engineering from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, a Master of Science in engineering degree from the University of Illinois Urbana-Campaign, a medical degree from the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, and he completed his internal medicine residency training at Cleveland Clinic Florida. He is Board Certified in Internal Medicine and began his practice in Executive Health, becoming medical director of the Cleveland Clinic Florida Huizenga Executive Health Department in 2010.

Dr. Avallone has been recognized as an expert in the field of medical center concierge medicine and was listed as one of the top 25 Concierge Medicine physicians in the US by Concierge Medicine Today. In 2008, he received the Jose Muniz, M.D. Best Teacher Award and the John and Margaret Krupa Distinguished Chair in Preventative Medicine in 2014.

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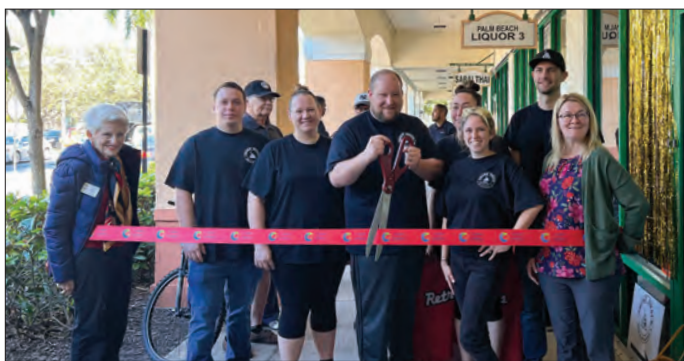
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FEBRUARY EVENTS

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

Tuesday FEB. 13
Artificial Intelligence: A Panel Discussion
When: 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. **Where:** West Palm Beach Marriott, 1001 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach, FL 33401 **Cost:** Members: Individual ticket, \$50. Corporate Table of 10 with preferred seating, \$600. Nonmembers: Individual ticket, \$75. Corporate table of 10 with preferred seating, \$850. **Contact:** Rachel Quismundo at rquismundo@palmbeaches.org

Wednesday FEB. 21
Data Security & Loss Prevention Seminar
When: Noon-1 p.m. **Where:** Jones Foster, 505 S. Flagler Drive, West Palm Beach, FL 33401 **Cost:** Early Registration Discount deadline: Feb. 14 at 5 p.m. Members: \$15 before deadline, \$20 after deadline. Nonmembers: \$20 before deadline, \$25 after deadline. **Contact:** Rachel Quismundo at rquismundo@palmbeaches.org

Thursday FEB. 22
Baseball Bash 2024
When: 6-8 p.m. **Where:** Roger Dean Chevrolet Stadium, 4751 Main St., Jupiter, FL 33458. Enter Gate B **Cost:** Members: general admission

tickets, \$75. VIP tickets, \$110. Nonmembers: general admission ticket, \$85. VIP tickets, \$130. BBQ Dinner & 2023 Forecast: Members and nonmembers, \$50 **Contact:** Rachel Quismundo at rquismundo@palmbeaches.org

Wednesday FEB. 28
Business Builder @ Lunch
When: Noon-1 p.m. **Where:** Chamber Boardroom **Cost:** Free **Contact:** Kirby Davis at kdavis@palmbeaches.org

Thursday FEB. 29
2024 Economic Outlook — Monthly Breakfast
When: 7-9:30 a.m. **Where:** West Palm Beach Marriott, 1001 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach, FL 33401 **Cost:** Early registration for individual ticket discount deadline: Feb. 22 at 5 p.m. Members: Individual ticket, \$55 before deadline, \$60 after deadline. Full table of 10 seats with company signage and preferred seating, \$650. Nonmembers: Individual ticket, \$75 before deadline, \$80 after deadline. Full table of 10 seats with company signage and preferred seating, \$800 **Contact:** Rachel Quismundo at rquismundo@palmbeaches.org

Shape your business strategy by attending the 2024 Economic Outlook Breakfast

Join us for a dynamic morning of insights, networking, and strategic planning at the 2024 Economic Outlook Breakfast! As the business landscape evolves, staying ahead of economic trends is crucial for your success. Our expert panelists (Dr. Clyde Diao, Dr. Ken Johnson, and David Koh) will dissect the economic forecast for 2024, providing actionable takeaways for your organization.

Economic Outlook Breakfast

Thursday, Feb. 29

When: 7:30-9:30 a.m.

Where: West Palm Beach Marriott, 1001 Okeechobee Blvd.

Why Attend?

Strategic Insights: Gain a competitive edge by understanding economic shifts and their implications.

Networking: Connect with fellow business leaders and forge valuable partnerships.

Actionable Strategies: Leave with practical strategies to navigate 2024 successfully.

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Register now for our AI Luncheon

Register now at palmbeaches.org for our panel discussion on artificial intelligence. Our panelists, Christopher Hopkins, Taniel Koushakjian, and Melanie Roger will explore the impact of artificial intelligence on the business community, including business applications, best practices, government regulations, and ethical concerns. Businesswoman Pamela Toussaint will moderate.

AI Luncheon

Tuesday, Feb. 13

When: 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Where: West Palm Beach Marriott
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