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PAMELA RAUCH TO RECEIVE 2024 LIFETIME LEADERSHIP AWARD

The Chamber of Commerce of the Palm Beaches is thrilled to announce that Pamela Rauch has been selected as this year's recipient of the prestigious Lifetime Leadership Award. The award will be presented during the 2024 Business Awards Breakfast, scheduled for Thursday, May 23, at the Palm Beach County Convention Center.



Pamela Rauch

Ms. Rauch, currently serving as the Vice President of External Affairs and Economic Development at Florida Power and Light Company, has played an integral role in shaping the Palm Beach County community. Her unwavering commitment to fostering economic growth, community development, and sustainable practices has left an indelible mark on our region.

The Chamber's annual Business Awards Breakfast is a celebration that recognizes outstanding individuals and businesses who exemplify dedication to their business goals, employees, and the local community. It is a testament to their tireless efforts and positive impact.

To secure your seat at this inspiring event or to learn more about the 2024 Business Awards Breakfast, please reach out to Rachel Quismundo at rquismundo@palmbeaches.org, call 561-421-5129, or visit palmbeaches.org.

2024 BUSINESS AWARDS

Thursday, May 23

When: 7-9:30 a.m.

Where: Palm Beach County Convention Center, 650 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach, FL 33401

Admission: *Discount Deadline:* Thursday, May 16 at 5 p.m. **Members:** \$55 before deadline, \$60 after deadline. Table of 10 with Corporate Signage, \$650. **Nonmembers:** \$75 before deadline, \$80 after deadline. Table of 10 with Corporate Signage, \$800

Contact Rachel Quismundo, rquismundo@palmbeaches.org or 561-421-5129 for sponsorship opportunities.



2024 BUSINESS AWARDS FINALISTS

Business of the Year

Sponsored by Lesser, Lesser, Landy & Smith PLLC

- Insite Studio
- Palm Beach International Boat Show
- Wellington Florist



The Palm Beaches Hospitality and Tourism Organization of the Year

Sponsored by Discover the Palm Beaches

- Hilton West Palm Beach
- HotelPlanner
- PB Zoo and Conservation Society



Small Businessperson of the Year

Sponsored by Roofing & Restoration of Florida

- Alicia Colon
- Pranati Kumar
- Greg Norman Jr.
- Melanie Roger



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Young Professional of the Year

Sponsored by The BrandX Co.

- Bethany Alex
- Nitesh Goli
- Shane Savage
- Cathleen Ward



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Goli

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Ward

Non-Profit of the Year

Sponsored by Florida Atlantic University, Collage of Business

- ANGARI Foundation
- Cultural Council for PBC
- Edna W. Runner Tutorial Center
- Suits for Seniors



Health & Human Services Organization of the Year

Sponsored by Potentia Academy

- Fusion Chiropractic Spa
- Habitat for Humanity of Greater PBC



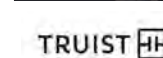
TRUSTEE SPOTLIGHT

Jake Geleerd



Jake Geleerd is president and CEO of Palm Beach County-headquartered Tortoise Properties, a well-capitalized, privately held commercial and residential company that focuses on acquiring and developing legacy assets consisting of premier income-producing commercial office, multifamily and mixed-use properties in the South Florida region. Building on his 30-plus-year career as an emerging manager, owner, operator and developer, Geleerd is a board member and on the Chairman's Council of the Palm Beach County Business Development Board (BDB), Chief Executives Organization (CEO.org) and Boulder Investment Group. He is an officer on the Board of Young Presidents Organization (YPO) in Chicago, Denver and Palm Beach and a Board Member and Officer of the YPO Golf Network. Geleerd also serves as a Trustee of the Chamber of Commerce of the Palm Beaches.

Dale Kahle



W. Dale Kahle has been a senior vice president of commercial banking at Truist Bank in Palm Beach County since January 2005. Truist, headquartered in Charlotte, North Carolina, is a purpose-driven top 10 U.S. commercial bank formed by the merger of equals of BB&T and SunTrust Banks, offering a wide range of financial services. Kahle holds a bachelor's degree in banking and finance from Jacksonville University and has more than 30 years of industry experience, specializing in commercial and middle-market companies. He excels in providing top-tier financial advice and tailored solutions aligned with Truist's Business Lifecycle Advisory (BLA) service. Outside of work, Kahle is actively involved in various community organizations, including the Business Development Board of Palm Beach County, the Florida East Coast Chapter of Associated General Contractors of America, South Florida Fair and Palm Beach County Expositions, Cacti Park of the Palm Beaches, Roger Dean Chevrolet Stadium, and the Chamber of Commerce of the Palm Beaches, where he serves as a Trustee and Board Member.



Leadership West Palm Beach Health and Human Services Day

Day 4 for the 2024 Leadership West Palm Beach class was held on Wednesday, April 3. In keeping with the Health and Human Services theme, the class had the unique opportunity to meet and interact with several accomplished professionals in the health and human services industry. Representatives at St. Mary's Medical Center and Palm Beach Children's Hospital, The Senator Philip D. Lewis Center, The Lord's Place, Quantum House, and The Good Samaritan Medical Center shared some of the strides being made in trauma,



oncology and wholistic pediatric care, as well as the importance of a community approach to the plight of the unhoused and the drive to eradicate homelessness in Palm Beach County.

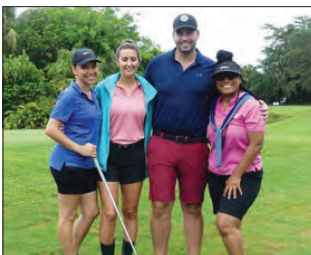
We thank our Day Chairs (Robin Galanti Solo and Todd McLeod), our hosts and presenters at the various locations visited, and our sponsor, Kast Construction. For more information about Leadership West Palm Beach, please contact Teri Page at tpage@palmbeaches.org.



Join us for the 2024 Dennis Grady Golf Championship at Abacoa Golf Club

The Annual Golf Championship Tournament is a popular event on our calendar, attracting a wide range of decision makers and community leaders.

The morning tees off with "Golfers' Check-In" and Continental Breakfast at 6:30 a.m., followed by a "Shot-Gun Scramble" at 8 a.m. Register today at palmbeaches.org



2024 Dennis Grady Golf Championship at Abacoa Golf Club

Thursday, June 13

When: 6:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Where: Abacoa Golf Club, 105 Barbados Drive, Jupiter, FL 33458



Business After Hours: Magic at Mounts Botanical

Celebrating the synergy of elegant innovation and precision, the Chamber of Commerce of the Palm Beaches presented another sophisticated Business After Hours event on April 18. Amidst the lush backdrop of the natural splendor of the enchanting Mounts Botanical Garden of Palm Beach County, attendees were treated to tasty bites paired with exceptional sake by sommelier David Kessler and the eloquence of the knowledgeable Marc Birch, Mount's interim co-director/operations manager, as they toured the elegant Origami Exhibit.



Following the tour, the attendees mingled, fostering connections and sparking conversations that promised collaboration and growth.

For more information on Mounts Botanical Garden, visit mounts.org.

Join us at 5:30 p.m. on May 16 at Rapids Water Park for the next Business After Hours event.

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



Deb Schwinn enlightens minds, enriches souls, and extends hands at monthly Coffee & Chat

On April 4, Dr. Debra Schwinn, president of Palm Beach Atlantic University and Trustee of the Chamber of Commerce of the Palm Beaches, engaged attendees at the Chamber's Women in Business Committee monthly Coffee & Chat event in the Sachs Hall boardroom at the Palm Beach Atlantic University. Schwinn shared about the growth of the institution from its humble beginnings in 1968 to becoming one of the premier private universities of today with its exceptional staff, faculty, student and alumni community, outstanding accredited academic programs, and effective unique worship, wordship and workshop instructional model. As Dr. Schwinn shared her professional trajectory to becoming an



effective leader, attendees learned the importance of knowing self, paying attention to interests when identifying a professional path, being practical and intentional about your future, and the importance of serving the community and having a good mentor and environment to thrive in. For more information on seminars and sponsorship opportunities, please contact Rachel Quismundo at rquismundo@palmbeaches.org or 561-421-5129.

FAU College of Business hosts Chamber YPOP at Venture X

On April 4, the FAU College of Business hosted another successful open house event at Venture X in The Square. The Chamber of Commerce of the Palm Beaches, as well as the Women's Chamber of Commerce, the Black Chamber of Commerce, and the Florida Hispanic American Chamber of Commerce and the National Black MBA Association all supported the initiative. Young professionals of Palm Beach and beyond enjoyed the opportunity to establish great connections, strengthen relationships in the business



community, and learn valuable information about the College, the Chamber, and the benefits of Chamber membership. A highlight was when each Chamber raffled off



University and VentureX for hosting another timely event.

For more information on FAU College of Business, visit www.business.fau.edu. For more information on YPOP and upcoming chamber events such as the Women for Women 5k and the 2024 Business Awards, contact Rachel Quismundo at rquismundo@palmbeaches.org.

unique prizes, making the night even more exciting. We thank Florida Atlantic

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday MAY 2
Power Networking @ Lunch
When: Noon-1:30 p.m. **Where:** Hilton Palm Beach Airport, 150 Australian Ave., West Palm Beach, FL 33406 **Cost:** Members, \$45; nonmembers, \$55; Day of event at the door, \$60

Thursday MAY 9
Unlock Your Business's Potential: "Master the RFP Process" Workshop Series 1/2
When: 9-11:30 a.m. **Where:** Chamber Boardroom, 401 N. Flagler Drive, West Palm Beach, FL 33401 **Cost:** Early registration discount deadline: May 2. Members: \$45, with discount, \$50 without discount; nonmembers: \$55 with discount, \$60 without discount **Contact:** Rachel Quismundo at rquismundo@palmbeaches.org

Thursday MAY 9
Come and Explore: Garciasromberg
When: Noon-1 p.m. **Where:** Garciasromberg, 2365 Vista Parkway, Suite 19, West Palm Beach, FL 33411, **Cost:** Free to members and YPOP members only **Contact:** Jessica Straghn at jstraghn@palmbeaches.org

Saturday MAY 11
BrandX Women for Women 5K
When: 7-9 a.m. **Where:** Okeechobee Park - Micanopy Pavilion, 7715 Forest Hill Blvd., West Palm Beach, Florida 33413 **Cost:** https://runsignup.com/Race/FL/WestPalmBeach/BrandXWomenforWomen5K **Contact:** Rachel Quismundo at rquismundo@palmbeaches.org

Tuesday MAY 14
Get to Know: Kelly Powell-Evans CEO, of Community Partners of South Florida
When: 9-10 a.m. **Where:** Community Partners of South Florida, 2001 W. Blue Heron Blvd., Riviera Beach, FL 33404 **Cost:** Free To Members & YPOP Members Only **Contact:** Jessica Straghn at jstraghn@palmbeaches.org

Tuesday MAY 14
Business Builder @ Lunch
When: Noon-1 p.m. **Where:** Chamber Boardroom, 401 N. Flagler Drive, West Palm Beach, FL 33401 **Cost:** Free to members and YPOP members only **Contact:** Kirby Davis at kdavis@palmbeaches.org

Wednesday MAY 15
Unlock Your Business's Potential: "Master the RFP Process" Workshop Series 2/2
When: 9-11:30 a.m. **Where:** Chamber Boardroom, 401 N. Flagler Drive, West Palm Beach, FL 33401 **Cost:** Early registration discount deadline: May 8. Members: \$45 with discount, \$50 without discount. Nonmembers: \$55 with discount, \$60 without discount **Contact:** Rachel Quismundo at rquismundo@palmbeaches.org

Thursday MAY 16
Business After Hours: Rapids Water Park - High Tide Tiki Bar
When: 5:30-7:30 p.m. **Where:** Rapids Water Park- High Tide Tiki Bar, 6566 N. Military Trail, West Palm Beach, Florida 33407 **Cost:** Early-Bird Discount deadline: Thursday, May 9 at 5 p.m. Members: \$20 with discount, \$25 without discount. Nonmembers: \$30 with discount, \$35 without discount **Contact:** Rachel Quismundo at rquismundo@palmbeaches.org

Thursday MAY 23
2024 Business Awards
When: 7-9:30 a.m. **Where:** Palm Beach County Convention Center, 650 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach, FL 33401 **Cost:** Early Bird Discount deadline: Thursday, May 16. Members: Individual ticket with discount: \$55, \$60 without discount. Full table of 10, \$650. Nonmembers: Individual ticket with discount: \$75, \$80 without discount. Full table of 10, \$800 **Contact:** Rachel Quismundo at rquismundo@palmbeaches.org



Let's Get On The Bus Challenge

On Friday, April 19, the Chamber team and friends supported Transit Champion Donald Burgess on Palm Tran's Let's Get on the Bus Challenge, one of many initiatives conceived by late Palm Tran CEO Clinton Forbes geared toward encouraging members of the community to consider using the bus as an alternative mode of transportation. Music, refreshments and good vibes provided riders with a unique move and mingle experience. To learn more about the competition and how you can be a Transit Champion or a Transit Rider, visit Palm Tran | Let's Get on the Bus Challenge at palmtran.org.

RIBBON CUTTINGS



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April 3, 2024

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Inscription West Palm Beach

April 10, 2024

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MMJ Health

April 18, 2024

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Trainloads of potential at Potentia Academy

The Chamber's Health and Human Services Committee hosted another timely Get To Know Event, this time featuring Potentia Academy, on April 23. The institution is a private, not-for-profit school dedicated to serving students in grades five through 12 with unique learning needs in a safe and nurturing environment where they can be encouraged to reach their full potential. Dr. J. Duane Meeks, president, and Mrs. Linda Meeks, principal, passionately shared about the student's outstanding capabilities unearthed and thriving at Potentia Academy and the success stories of those who have gone on to excel at university and careers in their desired fields. As attendees toured the facilities on Melaleuca Lane, Dr. and Mrs. Meeks shared the vision to realize the much-needed expansion of the school's facilities. For more information on Potentia Academy and how you can support the vision, visit potentiaacademy.org.

For more information on committees, contact Kirby Davis at kdavis@palmbeaches.org.



JOIN THE CHAMBER

Membership in the Chamber of Commerce of the Palm Beaches provides unique opportunities for local and regional members of the business community to improve their visibility and build and maintain relationships. From networking to governance, we provide individuals and new and established organizations with avenues for making their mark on the entrepreneurial landscape.

Not yet a member? Contact our Membership Development Manager, Kirby Davis, at kdavis@palmbeaches.org or 561-833-3894 today!