

UPCOMING EVENTS

Business Builder

When: Tuesday, July 9 and Friday, July 26; 8:30 - 9:45 a.m.
Where: Chamber Boardroom
Cost: Free

Power Networking @ Lunch

When: Tuesday, July 9; 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Where: Hilton Palm Beach Airport
Cost: Members \$45; Non-Members \$50

Network for a Cause

When: Wednesday, July 10; 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Where: Hilton Garden Inn - West Palm Beach at the Outlets
Cost: Members \$20; Non-Members \$30

Multicultural Marketing & Engagement Seminar

When: Thursday, July 18; 8:30 - 10 a.m.
Where: Chamber Boardroom
Cost: Members \$15 (in advance), \$20; Non-Members \$25 (in advance), \$30
Speaker: Ann Marie Sorrell, President & CEO of the Mosaic Group

5 Steps to Building a Great Team

When: Tuesday, July 23; 8:30-10 a.m.
Where: Chamber Boardroom
Cost: Members \$15 (in advance), \$20; Non-Members \$25 (in advance), \$30
Speaker: Jim Adkins, CEO Focus

Trustee Luncheon*

When: Thursday, July 25
Guest Speaker: Jerry Parrish, Chief Economist and Director of Research, Florida Chamber Foundation
* By invitation only. Please contact Kelly Fanelli at kfanelli@palmbeaches.org for information about the Trustee Program.

New Member Meet and Greet*

When: Tuesday, July 30; 8:30 - 10 a.m.
Where: Chamber Boardroom
Cost: Free for Members; *Non-Members, invitation only

ATTEND THE 2019 BACK-TO-SCHOOL BREAKFAST

The School District of Palm Beach County Superintendent, Dr. Donald E. Fennoy II, will deliver the Annual Back-to-School Breakfast address on August 20. Superintendent Fennoy will update attendees with the district's performance and achievements for 2019 and preview plans for 2020.

At this breakfast, we will be taking the opportunity to collect school supplies for the Red Apple Supplies Drive organized by the Education Foundation of Palm Beach County. The breakfast is sponsored by Hulett Environmental Services, Keiser University and the Education Foundation of Palm Beach County.

For more information on this event, please contact Michele Sacher at msacher@palmbeaches.org.



Groundbreaking for Orlando Virgin Trains

Virgin Trains USA, the first for-profit rail service to launch in the U.S. in decades, says it's on track to begin ferrying passengers between West Palm Beach and Orlando in 2022. In November, British billionaire Richard Branson, head of the Virgin Group of travel companies, announced a partnership with Brightline, a deal that included putting the Virgin name on the company's trains. All Aboard Florida, which operates Brightline, is owned by an affiliate of Fortress Investment Group LLC, a global investment management firm. The South Florida Business Council, consisting of the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce, Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce, and the Chamber of Commerce of the Palm Beaches have been supporters of the Brightline/Virgin Trains project from its inception.



From left: Jorge Pesquera, CEO, Discover the Palm Beaches; Dennis Grady, CEO, Chamber of Commerce of the Palm Beaches; Patrick Goddard, President, Virgin Trains; and Dan Linblade, President and CEO, Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce.

Trustee Luncheon set for July 25



The Chamber's next Trustee luncheon on July 25 is by invitation only and will feature Jerry D. Parrish, Ph.D. Dr. Parrish is the Chief Economist for the Florida Chamber Foundation. In that role, he is responsible for conducting in-depth analyses on the Florida economy and on solutions to help secure Florida's future. Dr. Parrish previously was the Chief Economist and Director of the Center for Competitive Florida at Florida TaxWatch. For more information about joining the Trustee program, contact Kelly Fanelli at kfanelli@palmbeaches.org or 561-257-0289.



PARK-LINE PALM BEACHES

Park-Line Palm Beaches is located in downtown West Palm Beach adjacent to the Virgin Trains train station for easy connections to Fort Lauderdale, Miami and, in 2022, Orlando. Nearby Rosemary Square and Clematis Street offer an enticing variety of shops, restaurants and live events. Amenities indoors and out, including a 28,000 square-foot outdoor deck with a yoga lawn, heated pool and cabanas located on the 12th floor, create a one-of-a-kind rental experience for spacious studio, one- and two-bedroom luxury residences.

Coyo Taco Hosts June Business After Hours



Over 80 professionals came out for an enjoyable networking event on Wednesday, June 19 at Coyo Taco – one of Palm Beach's freshest Mexican street food experiences. At Coyo Taco, guests enjoyed sampling local craft beers, margaritas, and their homemade guacamole, which is smashed to order and tortillas that are handcrafted on-site, in an authentic Mexican tradition. General Manager Ron Soderblom shared with our guests that they can rent the newly-renovated back room, which holds over 90 people, to host private parties and corporate events.

For more information on this event or sponsorship opportunities, please contact Michele Sacher, at msacher@palmbeaches.org.



Coyo Taco General Manager Ron Soderblom welcomes Chamber guests.

Krasker Law Firm Wins Chamber Annual Golf Tournament

This year's golf tournament took place at the Breakers West Country Club and was won by the Krasker Law Firm. The team, which consisted of Nappy Tranter, Brandon Smith, Mindy Sepinuck, and Paul Krasker scored 56 to emerge ahead of the 21 other teams that competed in the event. Additional excitement kicked in when Kyle O'Neil, on the Jupiter Medical Center Team hit a "Hole-In-One" with a 137-yard drive on the 8 hole with a pitching wedge. His teammate, Colin Hickey said "A stellar golf shot. Right on line, one hop into the hole - unbelievable shot". Another teammate, JR Taddeo was also an enthusiastic witness for this rare golf shot. The Hole-In-One sponsor was Schumacher Automotive Group, with four prizes, including a new car, on the PAR 3 holes. The day was reportedly enjoyed by everyone with breakfast courtesy of Jupiter Medical Center Foundation, ices from Rita's Italian, and sliders from Ruth's Chris Steakhouse.



Nappy Tranter, Brandon Smith, Mindy Sepinuck, and Paul Krasker, with Chamber CEO Dennis Grady.



ADVANCES IN TREATMENT OF ABDOMINAL CANCER DISCUSSED AT JUNE BREAKFAST

Jupiter Medical Center was the presenting sponsored at our June Breakfast. The keynote speaker, Dr. Shanel Bhagwandin, is a fellowship trained surgical oncologist and a board-certified general surgeon. Due to Dr. Bhagwandin, Jupiter Medical Center is the first hospital on the east coast of Florida to perform Hyperthermic Intraperitoneal Chemotherapy (HIPEC) to treat late stage abdominal cancer. There are only a handful of surgeons nationally, who have the skills to perform this procedure.

Attendees were informed that obesity, which causes inflammation, was the leading risk factor related to most gastrointestinal related cancers and that as obesity rates rose nationally, so did the numbers of these cancers reported annually. Dr. Bhagwandin shared: "Except for breast and colorectal cancer, the number of weight-related cancers is expected to increase by 30-40% by 2020" and "Pancreatic cancer is on track to be the second highest cancer-related cause of death by 2020". He added that Jupiter Medical Center used a unique "Multidisciplinary Approach" to treatment via "thorough, highly compassionate, coordinated care, specific to each patient," and a team that included world-class oncologists, radiologists, geneticists, gastroenterologists, pathologists, and nutritionists.

Prior to Dr. Bhagwandin's presentation, Liv Vesely accepted a check for \$1,000 on behalf of the Jupiter Medical Center Foundation. This was donated from the proceeds of the 2019 running of the Chamber's annual Women for Women Road Race, which takes place on Mother's Day weekend.

For more information on future events or sponsorship opportunities, please contact Michele Sacher, at msacher@palmbeaches.org.



From left: Liv Vesely (Jupiter Medical Center Foundation), Mayor Keith James, Chamber Chair Evelyn Hopkins (Florida Crystals Corporation); Dr. Shanel Bhagwandin D.O., M.P.H. (Jupiter Medical Center).



From left: Evelyn Hopkins and Liv Vesely with a check made out to the Margaret W. Niedland Breast Center at Jupiter Medical Center.

TRUSTEE SPOTLIGHT

Robert Bonds



Robert Bonds is the President and Chief Operating Officer of Health Career Institute. He is a US Army veteran with ten years of higher education experience. After serving a tour in Operation Iraqi Freedom, Robert went on to earn his bachelor's degree from West Virginia University. He started his career in higher education as an Admissions Representative at South University, which is where he received his Master's degree. Robert then went on to lead a school system in Nashville that had five campuses and a growing online division.



Young Professionals Learn about Medical Cannabis

Over 40 members of the Young Professionals of the Palm Beaches (YPOP), came out for a "YPOP 411" Educational and monthly Networking Meeting: Medical Cannabis 101. Andrew Burke, Community Educator, from Trulieve and Dr. Jennifer Guthrie and her husband Z. Wilson, of Medclub by Dr. Jenn, were the guest speakers. They gave an overview of the differences between CBD and Medical Marijuana, common misconceptions with Medical Marijuana, and the 12 qualifying conditions required by the state of Florida to obtain a medical prescription. In addition, the group learned about Trulieve products & received education on the medicinal properties of over 50 varieties of THC strains in medical cannabis, with names like "Skywalker" and "Purple Punch" and how they may positively impact pain management and moods. The event was also attended by Emily Sullivan, a reporter at The Palm Beach Post who is working on an upcoming feature article on growing businesses that are manufacturing and promoting



the medical uses of cannabis in respect to regulatory and new state laws for 2019 in Florida.

If you are interested in joining YPOP please contact Michele Sacher at msacher@palmbeaches.org or visit our website at palmbeaches.org.



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