

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2024 BUSINESS AWARDS RECIPIENTS

On May 23, hundreds of guests gathered at the Palm Beach County Convention Center for the Chamber's Annual Business Awards Breakfast. Thanks to the presenting sponsor, The Palm Beach Post/LocalIQ, and a host of generous community partners, the Chamber had the distinct pleasure of presenting awards to seven individuals and businesses in the Palm Beach County community.

The highlight of the event was the presentation of the Larmoyeux and Bone Sponsored 2024 Lifetime Leadership Award. Bill Bone presented the award to Pamela Rauch, vice president of external affairs and economic development at Florida Power and Light (FPL), amidst resounding applause and a lengthy standing ovation. Ms. Rauch was recognized for her outstanding contribution to the Palm Beach County community and the state for more than four decades. As she graciously accepted her award, Rauch thanked the team at FPL and others in the community for supporting her vision and initiative throughout the years.



Chris Inman, Hilton West Palm Beach; Melanie Roger, Zeus Consulting; Alyssa Freeman, Palm Beach International Boat Show; Pam Rauch, Florida Power & Light; Bethany Alex, FAU Government Relations; Julia Murphy, Habitat for Humanity of Greater PBC; Jervonte Edmonds, Suits For Seniors CAPEHART

The Chamber congratulates the 2024 nominees, finalists, awardees, sponsors and attendees who helped to make this event possible. One lucky attendee left with two round-trip tickets courtesy of Southwest Airlines, and many guests left with beautiful floral arrangements supplied by Wellington Florist. Parking was complimentary,

courtesy of GL Homes, and early-bird coffee was provided courtesy of Baptist Health. To view, tag and share photos from this event, visit our Facebook page @chamberofthepalmbeaches. For more information on sponsorship opportunities, contact Rachel Quismundo at rquismundo@palmbeaches.org

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Kurt Jetta

Kurt Jetta, Ph.D. is the president of Jetta Investment Company (JIC), a company that develops affordable housing for non-family households earning less than \$35,000 per year. He owns 52 housing units in Palm Beach County.

Prior to starting JIC, Dr. Jetta was CEO/founder of TABS Analytics,

a provider of sales and marketing research to consumer-packaged goods companies. During his 23-year tenure, Dr. Jetta built his company to 70 employees. He has been cited in such outlets as The New York Times, Bloomberg and CBS News. In 2021 Dr. Jetta sold his company to Telus Communications.

He received his Ph.D. in

economics from Fordham University, his MBA from Duke University Fuqua School of Business and a B.S. in statistics from North Carolina State University.

Dr. Jetta resides in Delray Beach with his wife, Nancy, where he is active in the Palm Beach County Boys and Girls Club, Gulfstream Goodwill and the Lord's Place.

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



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

The morning tees off with check-in and continental breakfast at 6:30 a.m., followed by a shotgun scramble at 8 a.m. Register today at palmbeaches.org

2024 Dennis Grady Golf Championship at Abacoa Golf Club

Thursday, June 13

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

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Engaging Insights from Canadian Consul General

Canadian Consul General to the U.S., Sylvia Cesaratto, captivated Chamber Trustees at their luncheon on May 17 at the West Palm Beach Marriot. In her brief but robust presentation, the Consul General shared a message that highlighted the integrated nature of Canadian and Floridian businesses, emphasizing initiatives that strengthen the Canada-Florida partnership. These initiatives span wide-scale innovation, collaborative programs with the Canadian armed forces, and a diverse, healthy and value-added bilateral



and direct investment and trading relationship in areas such as aviation, banking, construction, engineering, real estate and tourism.

The Chamber's Trustee Luncheons offer unparalleled

opportunities to engage with influential speakers and industry leaders, fostering connections that drive business growth and innovation. We invite you to join us at the next Trustee

Luncheon on June 20 to gain insights from another esteemed guest speaker. To learn more about the Trustee Program, contact Kirby Davis at kdavis@palmbeaches.org or 561-833-3894.

Come and Explore: Garciastromberg

The Chamber's Science and Technology Committee hosted their latest Come and Explore event featuring Garciastromberg on May 9 at their location on Vista Parkway in West Palm Beach. For more than 35 years, the firm has created architecture and interior design solutions for hospitality, residential and mixed-use buildings. With a deep commitment to design excellence and a passion for bringing unique concepts to life, the company has consistently set new standards for architecture and design. As CEO Jorge Garcia guided attendees

through the facilities decorated with beautiful art pieces created by company president, architect Peter Stromberg himself, participants were given insight into the successful unique business model enlisted by the company throughout the years. They also had the opportunity to observe 3D printers in action and try out virtual reality glasses as they enjoyed light bites. The Chamber thanks the team at Garciastromberg for hosting this event at their location. For more information on Garciastromberg and their ingenious products and



services, visit garciastromberg.com. For more information on committees, contact Jessica Straghn at jstraghn@palmbeaches.org

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The 13th Annual BrandX Women For Women 5K

The Chamber held its 13th annual BrandX Women for Women 5K Road Race at Okeehelie Park on Saturday, May 11. One of the few sporting events in Palm Beach County that is exclusively in honor of women, this event was founded to encourage girls and women of all ages to run together, walk together and build a healthy lifestyle. In support of this goal, Chamber Board members made personal generous donations toward race admissions for local elementary school running clubs for girls.

With a time of 19:36 and the fastest finisher overall, Danielle Foti powered across the finish line, bettering her second-place finish at 19:49 in 2023. Becky Dougherty breezed in next with a time of 21:08, followed quickly by Kathleen Vernace at 21:24.

All finishers received medals. Specialty medals and celebratory plaques were awarded to the

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fastest finishers in a variety of categories such as age group, fastest mother (Danielle Foti), fastest grandmother (Alicia Cattarossi), and fastest great-grandmother (Rosena Darin).

Generous support and donations were raised for the American Cancer Society. We thank our presenting sponsor, BrandX; the many community partners; all the participants, ambassadors, volunteers, staff; and the Chamber Board and members who helped to make this event possible.

BrandX Women for Women 5K 2025 will be held on Saturday, May 10, 2025, at 7 a.m. at Okeehelie Park in West Palm Beach. For sponsorship opportunities for this and other special events, contact Rachel Quismundo at rquismundo@palmbeaches.org.



YPOP at City Cellar

The Chamber hosted its Young Professionals of the Palm Beaches (YPOP) event at City Cellar on Wednesday, May 1. Restaurant managers, Kevin and Britney, welcomed guests and shared business insights. Attendees networked and made key connections as they enjoyed light bites and cocktails. Some happy guests won raffled tickets to Sunfest. The Chamber thanks everyone who attended the event. Special thanks go to City Cellar for their hospitality and continued support of the Chamber.

For more information on YPOP, contact Rachel Quismundo at rquismundo@palmbeaches.org. For more information on City Cellar, visit citycellarwpb.com.



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 Kirby Davis, at kdavis@palmbeaches.org or 561-833-3894 today!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday JUNE 6
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 nonmembers **Contact:** Kirby Davis at kdavis@palmbeaches.org

Thursday JUNE 13
2024 Dennis Grady Golf Championship
When: 6:30 a.m. -1:30 p.m. **Where:** Abacoa Golf Club, 105 Barbados Drive, Jupiter, FL 33458 **Cost:** Members: Corporate Foursome, \$1,280 (includes company tee sign, company logo on sponsor board, company logo on pre-/post-marketing material, opportunity to put collateral in golfer's gift bags, raffle tickets and a mulligan for each golfer — \$200 value), Company Foursome, \$900. Nonmembers: Company Foursome, \$1,200. No foursome, no problem! Just sign up as a solo and we will pair you with a team for a fun and unique way to network. Individual ticket: Members, \$300. Nonmembers, \$350.

Tuesday JUNE 25
Business Builder
When: 9-10 a.m. **Where:** Chamber Boardroom, 401 N. Flagler Drive, West Palm Beach, FL 33401 **Cost:** Free to Members and nonmembers **Contact:** Kirby Davis at kdavis@palmbeaches.org

Wednesday JUNE 26
Coffee & Chat with Taylor Materio, Chief Development Officer of the Historical Society of PBC
When: 9-10 a.m. **Where:** Chamber Boardroom, 401 N. Flagler Drive, West Palm Beach, FL 33401 **Cost:** Free to Chamber Members and nonmembers **Contact:** Rachel Quismundo at rquismundo@palmbeaches.org

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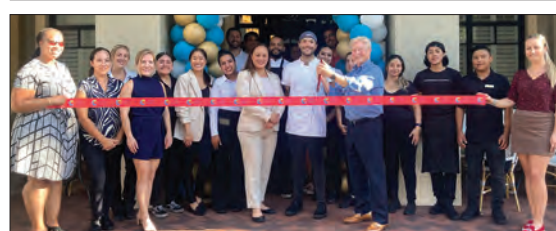
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The 2024 Leadership West Palm Beach class continues to enjoy unique and enriching experiences

The 2024 Leadership West Palm Beach class continues to enjoy unique and enriching experiences. During Community and Culture Day on May 1, participants engaged with key leaders in West Palm Beach. After breakfast at the STEM Center and visiting the Palm Beach Zoo, the class attended the groundbreaking ceremony for the Cox Science Center and Aquarium expansion, interacting with the mayor and city commissioners. Following lunch at Don Ramon's, the class toured the Historical Society of Palm Beach County and participated in a panel discussion on community issues. The day concluded with an Exhibition Tour at the Norton Museum of Art.

On May 29, the class explored northern West Palm Beach for North End Day. Following breakfast at the Chamber, the group visited Manatee Lagoon and toured the Port of Palm Beach County with Port Commissioner Varisa Lall Dass. After lunch at Café Centro in Northwood District, they discussed local development projects with Rebecca Miller, president and founder of MPLD. The day ended with a visit to one of the MPLD projects in Northwood and a stop at Safe Harbor Rybovich.

Special thanks to Day Chairs Julia Murphy, Kristin Bardin, Kristian Zambrana, Dan Gittere, Gina Barosy and Alyssa Freeman; and our hosts, presenters and sponsor Kast Construction. For more information, contact Teri Page at tpage@palmbeaches.org.

