

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

### GOLD MEMBERSHIP

#### Palm Beach Day Academy

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241 Seaview Ave.  
Palm Beach, FL 33480  
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SCHOOLS – PRIVATE  
amauser@pbday.org

### BASIC MEMBERSHIP

#### Aire Serv of Palm Beach

Joseette Safirulla  
West Palm Beach, FL 33412  
561-285-2284  
AIR CONDITIONING CONTRACTORS  
& SERVICES  
palmbeach.owner@aireserv.com

#### Family Promise of Southeast Florida, Inc

Jocelyn Bermudez  
112 S.E. 10th St.  
Delray Beach, FL 33483  
561-265-3370  
NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION  
dvalencia@familypromiseseffl.org

#### Staples – West Palm Beach

Joseph Schultz  
2029 Okeechobee Blvd.  
West Palm Beach, FL 33409  
Staples.com  
OFFICE SUPPLIES/OFFICE  
FURNITURE  
joseph.schultz@staples.com

#### The UPS Store #7822

Mohammad Islam  
8983 Okeechobee Blvd., Suite 202  
West Palm Beach, FL 33411  
561-855-4389  
SHIPPING – PACKAGES  
store7822@theupsstore.com

#### WOB Bar & Kitchen

Holly Mauser  
11121 Southern Blvd.  
Royal Palm Beach, FL, 33411  
561-834-2430  
RESTAURANTS  
holly.mauser@worldofbeer.com

## THANK YOU RENEWING MEMBERS

- Alfonso Hernandez Architect, LLC
- Alzheimer's Community Care
- Carr, Riggs & Ingram, LLC
- Children's Services Council of Palm Beach County
- Doane & Doane, P.A.
- Elite Florida Insurance, Inc.
- FoundCare, Inc.
- Glades Media Company LLP
- Hamilton Jewelers
- Hilton West Palm Beach
- Home2 Suites by Hilton West Palm Beach Airport
- Homeless Coalition of Palm Beach County
- I-Kare Treatment Center, LLC
- Insurance Office of America
- iPlan & Design
- iTHINK Financial
- Jupiter Medical Center Foundation
- Literacy Coalition of Palm Beach County
- Loggerhead Marinelife Center
- MarineMax Yachts
- Minto Communities
- Molly's Trolleys
- Palm Beach County Convention Center / Spectra Venue Management & Food Services
- Palm Beach County Food Bank
- Perry & Taylor, P.A.
- Royal Locksmith LLC
- Schmidt Nichols
- Scientific Instruments, Inc.
- Senator Lori Berman - District 26
- Southern Eagle Distributing
- Student ACES
- The Abbey at Northlake
- The Glenmede Trust Company, N.A.
- TooJay's (deli, bakery, restaurant)
- United Way of Palm Beach County
- Wellington Florist

# With heartfelt thanks

Dear Members and Friends of the Chamber of Commerce of the Palm Beaches,



As I prepare to embark on a new journey as President and CEO of the Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce, I want to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude to you and reflect on the years that I've spent here.

Since joining the Chamber in September 2009, I have witnessed tremendous growth and resilience within our business community. As your

Operations Coordinator and later as CEO, I've had the privilege of working alongside some very dedicated and innovative individuals.

Our collective efforts have strengthened the Chamber and, by extension, the entire Palm Beaches community. We've faced challenges together, celebrated successes, and, through it all, continued to support each other.

I am proud of what we've accomplished, and I am confident that the Chamber will continue to thrive under new leadership. The friendships and partnerships I've formed here will always hold a special place in my heart.

As I move to Fairbanks, I carry with me the lessons learned and experiences gained from my time here. I look forward to applying these insights to my new role and, who knows, maybe I can foster a connection between our two communities.

This segment of my life journey has been an incredible honor and privilege. Thank you for your support, your collaboration, and your commitment to making the Palm Beaches a place of opportunity and prosperity. I am grateful for the chance to have served you and am excited to see what the future holds for the Chamber.

With heartfelt thanks and best wishes,

– Donald Burgess



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## TRUSTEE SPOTLIGHT

### Matt Wallsmith Chief Executive Officer, South Florida Fair



Matt Wallsmith earned his master's degree in accounting from the University of Florida and began his career in public accounting at Ernst & Young LLP. He is currently a licensed CPA in Florida. In 1998, he joined the South Florida Fair in West Palm Beach and has recently completed his 26th Fair with the organization.

Beyond his accounting responsibilities, Wallsmith expanded his role to oversee the gate, midway, concessions, IT and

maintenance operations at the Fair. As CFO, he was instrumental in creating Fright Nights, the South Florida Fair's largest event outside of the annual Fair in January. On July 1, Wallsmith was appointed CEO of the South Florida Fair. He plans to focus on improving parking and enhancing the overall experience and value for fairgoers.

A long-time resident of Palm Beach County, Wallsmith lives with his wife of 25 years and their two children, who currently attend the University

of Central Florida. In his free time, he enjoys fishing, boating, and biking, which help him maintain a balanced and fulfilling life.

Wallsmith is excited to lead the South Florida Fair into its next chapter, emphasizing innovation, sustainability and excellence. He looks forward to working closely with the board, leadership team, and all employees to drive the organization's mission and deliver exceptional experiences to fairgoers.

## ATHENA Awards nominations now open

We are excited to announce that nominations for the 2024 ATHENA Awards are now being accepted.

This prestigious event is scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 18 at 11 a.m. at the Kravis Center for the Performing Arts Cohen Pavilion. We invite all to submit nominations for the awards. This is your chance to recognize and celebrate the achievements of the most exceptional and inspiring women in our community.

Register at [palmbeaches.org](http://palmbeaches.org).



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## Join now to appear in the 2024-2025 Education Guide To The Palm Beaches

Looking to attract more business? Increase your visibility and your sales by appearing in the Chamber's 2024-2025 Education Guide to the Palm Beaches. This award-winning, full-color publication is used as a resource directory by Chamber members, residents, tourists and visitors to Palm Beach County. The Chamber prints 4,000 copies of the Guide, and each member of the Chamber is included in the membership listings. The Education Guide will debut at the Back-To-School Breakfast on Tuesday, Aug. 6, when 400 area business men and women will leave with a copy, hot off the press. The guide will also be available in the Chamber's lobby, and in digital format online at [palmbeaches.org](http://palmbeaches.org). The deadline to join is July 15, and you must be a Chamber member to be included! This is just one of the many benefits of membership. For information, email Kirby Davis, membership development manager, at [kdavis@palmbeaches.org](mailto:kdavis@palmbeaches.org) or call 561-833-3894.



## Taylor-Made Insights at Chamber's Coffee & Chat!



Taylor Materio gave attendees much food for thought at this month's Coffee and Chat presented by the Chamber's Women in Business Committee in the Chamber boardroom.

A South Florida native, Materio is the chief development officer of the Historical Society of Palm Beach County. During the event, she highlighted the importance of recognizing themes in one's life tapestry. Themes such as being intentional when networking, knowing when to step back, and valuing that approach as an important strategy for one's own self-care and professional growth.

The Chamber thanks Taylor and attendees for another successful event. For more information on this and other Chamber events, please contact Rachel Quismundo at [rquismundo@palmbeaches.org](mailto:rquismundo@palmbeaches.org).



HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
of PALM BEACH COUNTY



## Register for tickets before July 30 to take advantage of discount prices

Join us for the 2024 Back To School Breakfast, featuring Palm Beach County School District Superintendent Mike Burke. At this breakfast, we will collect school supplies, and donations for a local school. Register for this event before the discount deadline on Tuesday, July 30 at [palmbeaches.org](http://palmbeaches.org).

### 2024 Back to School Breakfast

**Tuesday, Aug. 6**

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

**Where:** West Palm Beach Marriott, 1001 Okeechobee Blvd. West Palm Beach, FL 33401

For more information on this and other Chamber happenings, please contact Rachel Quismundo at [rquismundo@palmbeaches.org](mailto:rquismundo@palmbeaches.org).



## June Trustee Luncheon Recap

Todd Fleming, the recently appointed Executive Director of the Cognizant Classic, was the guest speaker at the chamber's trustee luncheon held on Thursday, June 20 at the Marriott West Palm Beach.

Fleming brings a wealth of experience in leading transformative projects and fostering innovation within the organization. His strategic vision for the upcoming event was showcased through his presentation giving the attendees an understanding of the expectations for the coming season.

The Chamber's Trustee Luncheons offer unparalleled opportunities to engage with influential speakers and industry leaders, cultivating connections that drive business growth and innovation.



Todd Fleming

For more information about the Trustee program, please contact Kirby Davis at [kdavis@palmbeaches.org](mailto:kdavis@palmbeaches.org).

## RIBBON CUTTINGS



### Atlantis Orthopaedics June 18, 2024

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Suite 170  
Palm Beach Gardens,  
FL 33410  
561-627-8500  
[kobards@southflortho.com](mailto:kobards@southflortho.com)  
[atlantisortho.com](http://atlantisortho.com)



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Thursday  
JULY 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](mailto:kdavis@palmbeaches.org)

**Tuesday  
AUG. 6**  
**Back to School Breakfast 2024**  
**When:** 7-9 a.m.  
**Where:** West Palm Beach Marriott, 1001 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach, FL 33401  
**Cost:** Early Registration for individual tickets Discount Ends July 30 at 5 p.m. Members: Full table of 10 seats with company signage and preferred seating, \$650. Individual ticket, \$55 with discount, \$60 without discount. Nonmembers: Full table of 10 seats with company signage and preferred seating, \$800. Individual ticket, \$75 with discount, \$80 without discount  
**Contact:** Rachel Quismundo at [rquismundo@palmbeaches.org](mailto:rquismundo@palmbeaches.org)

**Tuesday  
AUG. 13**  
**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](mailto:kdavis@palmbeaches.org)

**Wednesday  
AUG. 14**  
**Get to Know: President and CEO James Gavrilos of the Education Foundation**  
**When:** 9-10 a.m. **Where:** Chamber Boardroom, 401 N. Flagler Drive, West Palm Beach, FL 33401  
**Cost:** Free to members **Contact:** Jessica Straghn at [jstraghn@palmbeaches.org](mailto:jstraghn@palmbeaches.org)

**Thursday  
AUG. 15**  
**Power Networking**  
**When:** 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. **Where:** Hilton Palm Beach Airport, 150 Australian Ave., West Palm Beach, FL 33406  
**Cost:** Discount Registration Deadline: Tuesday, Aug. 8 @ 5 p.m. Members: \$40 before the deadline, \$45 after the deadline. Nonmembers: \$50 before the deadline, \$55 after the deadline. Day of Event: \$60 at the door, subject to availability.  
**Contact:** Rachel Quismundo at [rquismundo@palmbeaches.org](mailto:rquismundo@palmbeaches.org)

**Thursday  
AUG. 22**  
**Coffee and Chat: Katie Block, chief financial officer with Related Southeast**  
**When:** 9-10 a.m. **Where:** Chamber Boardroom, 401 N. Flagler Drive, West Palm Beach, FL 33401  
**Cost:** Free to members **Contact:** Rachel Quismundo at [rquismundo@palmbeaches.org](mailto:rquismundo@palmbeaches.org)

**Tuesday  
AUG. 27**  
**HR Law Seminar**  
**When:** 9-10 a.m.  
**Where:** Chamber Boardroom, 401 N. Flagler Drive, West Palm Beach, FL 33401  
**Cost:** Members, \$20; nonmembers, \$25  
**Contact:** Rachel Quismundo at [rquismundo@palmbeaches.org](mailto:rquismundo@palmbeaches.org)

**Thursday  
AUG. 29**  
**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](mailto:kdavis@palmbeaches.org)

**Thursday  
SEPT. 12**  
**Business Builder**  
**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](mailto:kdavis@palmbeaches.org)

**Wednesday  
SEPT. 18**  
**33rd Annual ATHENA Leadership Awards Luncheon 2024**  
**When:** 11:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.  
**Where:** Kravis Center for the Performing Arts Cohen Pavilion, 701 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach, FL 33401  
**Cost:** Please note: Online registration will close at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 17 and ALL CHANGES to table guests (deletions, changes, additions) will be handled at registration day of event. **Discount Registration Deadline:** Sept. 11 at 5 p.m. Members: Table of 10, \$750 before deadline, \$850 after deadline. Individual tickets: \$80 before deadline, \$90 after deadline. Nonmembers: Table of 10, \$950 before deadline, \$1,050 after deadline. Individual tickets: \$100 before deadline, \$110 after deadline.  
Half Page Ad: 5.5 wide x 4.25 tall full color, full bleed - \$150. Full Page Ad: 5.5 wide x 8.5 tall full color, full bleed - \$250. AD SPECS: 300 DPI / CMYK print ready PDF file. NO CROP MARKS  
**Contact:** Rachel Quismundo at [rquismundo@palmbeaches.org](mailto:rquismundo@palmbeaches.org)

**Wednesday  
SEPT. 25**  
**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](mailto:kdavis@palmbeaches.org)

**Have a question?  
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## A Message to Donald ...

As you prepare to embark on your next adventure, we would like to express our heartfelt thanks for the incredible impact you have had on our team and this Chamber. Your leadership has been nothing short of inspiring, guiding us through challenges and celebrating our successes with genuine warmth and encouragement.

Beyond the Chamber, your sincere concern for each of us has created a workplace where we feel valued and empowered. Your openness, empathy and willingness to listen have not only shaped our professional growth but have also enriched our personal journeys.

While we are sad to see you leave, we are excited for the opportunities that await you. Your legacy here will continue to inspire us, and we are grateful for the strong foundation you have built.

We will miss you Donald!

Your Team: Kirby, Rachel, Teri, Roxine, Shari, Jessica & Shemar

