



CHAMBER  
of  
COMMERCE  
OF THE PALM BEACHES

# BUSINESSwatch

October 2016

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Annual Firefighter Breakfast

**When:** Tuesday, Oct. 11; 7:45-9 a.m.

**Where:** Palm Beach County Convention Center

**Cost:** \$40 members (in advance), \$45 (after deadline); \$45 non-members (in advance), \$55 (after deadline)

**Guest Speaker:** Jeff Atwater, Chief Financial Officer of Florida

### Business Builder

**When:** Wednesday, Oct. 12 and Thursday, Oct. 27; 8:30-9:30 a.m.

**Where:** Chamber Boardroom

**Cost:** Free

### Building a Profitable Online Business Seminar

**When:** Thursday, Oct. 13; 8:30-10 a.m.

**Where:** Chamber Boardroom

**Cost:** \$30 (in advance); \$50 (at the door)

**Presented by:** SCORE

### To Sell is NOT to Sell

**When:** Wednesday, Oct. 19; 8:30-10:30 a.m.

**Where:** Chamber Boardroom

**Cost:** Free for members, \$10 future members

**Speaker:** Greta Schulz, Schulz Business SELLutions

### Business After Hours

**When:** Wednesday, Oct. 19; 5:30-7:30 p.m.

**Where:** Blue Martini at CityPlace

**Cost:** \$15 members (in advance), \$20 (after deadline); \$25 future members

### Power Networking @ Lunch

**When:** Thursday, Oct. 20; 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

**Where:** Hilton — Palm Beach Airport

**Cost:** \$35 members (in advance), \$40 (after deadline); \$50 future members

### YPOP HotSpot

**When:** Wednesday, Oct. 26; 5:30-7:30 p.m.

**Where:** Tijuana Flats (2089 Palm Beach Lakes Blvd.)

**Cost:** Free for YPOP members



From left: Chamber Chair Don Kiselewski, FPL; Nicole Burrell-Brit, Wells Fargo; Pam Rauch, FPL; Caroline Villanueva, Florida Crystals; Shanon Materio, McMow Art Glass; Beth Stevens, Junior League of the Palm Beaches; Ryan Hallihan, CityPlace; and Patti Hamilton CAPEHART PHOTOGRAPHY

## ATHENA AWARDS RECOGNIZE LOCAL LEADERS

Local leaders, businesses and young professionals came together on Sept. 15 to celebrate 25 years of ATHENA in Palm Beach County and to honor three exceptional recipients with the 2016 ATHENA Award.

The ATHENA Awards,

presented by Wells Fargo, acknowledge individuals, businesses and young professionals who have: achieved professional excellence, mentored, actively served the community and helped women to reach their leadership potential.

This year's recipients are

Shanon Materio, McMow Art Glass in the Individual category; Junior League of The Palm Beaches in the Organization category; and Caroline Villanueva, Florida Crystals, in the Young Professional Leadership category.

The ATHENA Awards are

hosted by the Chamber of Commerce of the Palm Beaches and sponsored by Wells Fargo, FPL, CityPlace, Squire Patton Boggs (US) LLP, South Florida Fair, Southwest Airlines, *The Palm Beach Post* and Toshiba Business Solutions of Florida.



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## TRUSTEE SPOTLIGHT

### John J. Bowers



John J. Bowers is a Vice President Commercial Relationship Manager at TD Bank. In his position,

Bowers' focus is supporting the financing and banking

needs of commercial and middle-market businesses in South Florida. A lifelong resident of Palm Beach County, Bowers is very active in his community and has served on the boards of various nonprofit organizations. He currently volunteers his time at the Lourdes-Noreen McKeen Residence and St. Therese de Lisieux Catholic Church.

His professional associations include the Palm Beach Young Professionals and the Business Development Board of Palm Beach County. Bowers also serves as a Board member

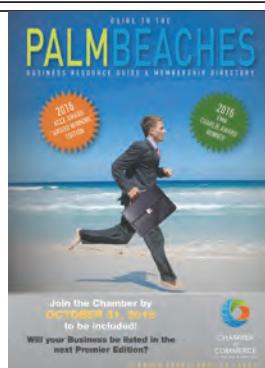
of the Chamber of Commerce of the Palm Beaches.



## Deadline extended to Oct. 31

The deadline for inclusion in the 2017 Guide to the Palm Beaches has been extended to Monday, Oct. 31. This award-winning, full-color publication is used as a source for products and services by Chamber members, residents, tourists and visitors to Palm Beach County. Each member of the

Chamber receives two free listings — one alphabetical and one by business category. You must be a Chamber member to be included. This is just one of the many benefits of membership! Please contact Kelly Fanelli, Membership Director, at (561) 257-0289 or kfanelli@palmbeaches.org.



## Chamber Trustees welcome ESPN West Palm Beach

Chamber Trustees were in attendance to help cut the ribbon on the grand opening of ESPN West Palm Beach. ESPN General Manager and Chamber Trustee Steve Politzner spoke about the timeline and outstanding programming they will continue to provide in their new downtown office.

## BUSINESS AFTER HOURS



The Chamber's September Business After Hours was hosted by the elegant Café Boulud at the Brazilian Court Hotel. Special thanks to the General Manager and wonderful staff.



Christmas came early at our Business After Hours hosted by Revolutions at CityPlace. Donations were collected for the women at Halle's Place, a new branch of The Lord's Place. Thank you to Michael Idlis with Revolutions for hosting a great party filled with holiday food, live music and bowling! Special thanks to Marilyn Laughlin with Christmas Etc. for the Christmas decorations preview.



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## Adam Putnam addresses local business leaders



From left: Adam Putnam, Florida's Commissioner of Agriculture Jennifer O'Flannery Anderson, Joe Chase. PHOTOS BY CAPEHART PHOTOGRAPHY

The Chamber of Commerce of the Palm Beaches welcomed Florida's Commissioner of Agriculture, Adam Putnam, on Friday, Sept. 30 at the Hilton West Palm Beach. Commissioner Putnam touched on a few of Florida's pressing concerns involving the state's water issues, economic development, education and the Zika virus. Commissioner Putnam stressed the importance of investing in Palm Beach County's small businesses and Florida's higher education. One of his goals is to bring the millennials and their startup companies to Palm Beach County to further enrich our



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students without the pressures of standardized testing, which can prevent the creative flow of the mind. Commissioner Putnam also stressed the importance of investing in our ecosystems. Special thank you to our sponsor Nova Southeastern University.



community. He believes the answer to this is by focusing on raising the standards for



## Science & Technology Committee tours TraumaHawk facility

The Chamber of Commerce of the Palm Beaches' Science & Technology Committee toured the TraumaHawk facility operated by the Health Care District of Palm Beach County. In November 1990, the

TraumaHawk Aero-Medical Transport Program was established. The dedicated staff operates two air ambulances whose mission it is to save lives and reduce injury/mortality through rapid transport

of patients to specialized healthcare facilities. For more information about the Science & Technology Committee, please contact Jackie Orris at jorris@palmbeaches.org.

Save the date

## SANDI 5K

& Kids 100 Yard Reindeer Dash

Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> 2016 at 7 PM

Waterfront Park | Flagler Drive | West Palm Beach

Presented by

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To register now go to:  
[sandi5k.pbplace.com](http://sandi5k.pbplace.com)

Benefiting West Palm Beach Police Foundation's "Shop with a Cop"

## State CFO to speak at Firefighter Breakfast



Jeff Atwater, Chief Financial Officer of Florida

The Chamber's annual Firefighter Breakfast on Tuesday, Oct. 11 will honor both Palm Beach County and West Palm Beach Firefighters. The Chamber is honored to welcome this year's keynote speaker, Jeff Atwater, Chief Financial Officer of Florida. Atwater is a fifth-generation Floridian who serves the citizens of Florida as the state's elected Chief Financial Officer, State Fire Marshal and as a member of the Florida Cabinet.



### MEMBER RENEWALS

Allied Capital & Development of South Florida  
American Security Mortgage  
Best Western Plus  
Bohren's Moving & Storage  
Broward Factory Service  
Charley's Crab  
City Cellar Wine Bar & Grill  
CityPlace  
Eau Palm Beach Resort & Spa  
Florida House of Representatives — District 88  
Frenchman's Creek Beach & Country Club  
Gentile Glas Holloway O'Mahoney & Associates, Inc. (2GHO)  
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Historical Society of Palm Beach County  
Holland & Knight LLP  
Nancy Hanlon Associates, Inc.  
NewTack Strategies  
Olympusat, Inc.  
Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections

Palm Beach Gardens Marriott  
Palm Beach Show Group  
Power Marketing Academy  
Pruitt & Pruitt, P.A.  
Publix Super Markets Inc. Store #848 at CityPlace  
RE/MAX Prestige  
Residence Inn West Palm Beach Downtown  
Rocco's Tacos & Tequila Bar  
Rosarian Academy  
Ruth's Chris Steak House — West Palm Beach  
Seminole Casino Coconut Creek  
The Lacy Group, Merrill Lynch  
Three Harbor Lights  
Tomasello, Inc.  
U & Me Moving, Storage & Records Management  
Verdex Construction  
VITAS Healthcare  
WPBF 25  
WTVX-TV — The CW West Palm Beach/Sinclair Broadcast Group

## YPOP develops new initiatives

The Young Professionals of the Palm Beaches (YPOP) has added new programming to its agenda. In addition to their monthly YPOP Hotspot mixers, YPOP has added YPOP 411 to encourage professional development. YPOP 411 will feature behind-the-scenes tours of local businesses and organizations to give members a more hands-on learning experience. The first YPOP 411 event will be held Nov. 30 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at United Franchise Group. YPOP 411 will also include seminars touching on topics that appeal to the young crowd such as politics, financial advising and real estate. Other sectors that will be added to the group in 2017 are YPOP Cares and YPOP Connect, which offer volunteer opportunities and social outings to help members grow as individuals. YPOP is currently running a special prorated price for the remainder of 2016. Join in October for \$15 to receive access to all of these great events! For more information on corporate sponsorship opportunities or membership, please contact Marissa Kosiec at mkosiec@palmbeaches.org.



## Chamber supports one penny sales tax increase

The Chamber of Commerce of the Palm Beaches has joined with other business groups in supporting the local one penny sales tax referendum appearing on the November ballot. The money generated by this one penny increase will be shared by the Palm Beach County School District, Palm Beach County Government and local municipalities. The proceeds will focus on infrastructure needs in our schools, roads, bridges, parks and buildings. The one penny increase will expire in 10 years or less and all expenditures will be monitored by oversight committees that will include local businessmen and women. Approximately 25 percent of the revenue generated by the one penny will come from tourists and visitors to Palm Beach County. For more information on this important issue, visit: [onecountyonepenny.org](http://onecountyonepenny.org).

Better Schools. Better Roads.

## VOTE YES ON THE PENNY!

### NEW MEMBERS

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