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UPCOMING EVENTS

BUSINESS After Hours

Governor, Lowell P. Weicker, Jr. and represented served as Executive Aide to former Connecticut

Least recently, Coady served as Area Executive for

The Art of Rebranding Seminar

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 McKinlay delivers State of the County Address at November Breakfast

Palm Beach County Mayor
Melissa McKinlay delivered the State of the County Address at the November Breakfast, presented by Nova Southeastern University (NSU). Mayor McKinlay discussed her core initiatives of affordable housing, the economic outlook, and improving Palm Beach County’s neighborhoods. She stated that unemployment is currently at a historic low and tourism is up in record numbers.

During her speech, the mayor gave special focus to the cities of Belle Glade and Palm Beach. The county anticipates 400 new housing units will be built when they finalize building a 400-square-foot manufacturing floor in the Belle Glade area. In addition, more than 600 new housing units have been built for low-income families. McKinlay also said that the Glades Pioneer Park renovation, in collaboration with the Pompano Park as a legacy field project, has been completed.

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Nearly 100 business men and women joined us for the November Power Networking program sponsored by Berman Printing. This program consists of quick rounds of networking and an intro talk by Bill Aschengran, President of Berman Printing, who shared some of his story. Our goal was to get 100 attendees in the room. Will you be a participant? Visit palmbeaches.org to register today.

Chamber donates more than $7,000 to Shop with a Cop Program

In partnership with the West Palm Beach Police Foundation, the Chamber supported the 6th annual “Shop With A Cop” event on Dec. 5 at the Palm Beach Lakes Target.

This year’s goal was to provide 200 underprivileged West Palm Beach children with three gifts: a coat, shoes and food. Officers, shops for gifts for their moms, dads, grandparents and siblings. Donations were accepted at the State of the County Breakfast and the November Board of Directors meeting.

Thank you to everyone that contributed to this very worthy cause!