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# President's Message

John Hornbuckle President, Greater Miami Shores Chamber of Commerce

I am both happy and honored to serve as the new president of the Greater Miami Shores Chamber of Commerce. There are a lot of new and exciting things happening in the Shores and surrounding Villages, and I look forward to keeping the momentum going.

The Chamber recently held our Annual Retreat, to plan and set goals for 2019. We are working hard to find new ways to provide more value to our members, through new programming, events, and added Chamber features.

February is the best time of the vear in South Florida, so check out upcoming events such

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as "Caribbean Night" at Plaza 98 and Biscayne Park Art Show & Farmers Market, both happening on February 9th. For more information on these events, and others in the community, check out the Chamber calendar at:

www.miamishores.com.

Finally, if you patronize a business you saw in the Egret, or on our website, please make sure to say "I saw you in the Egret!"

I look forward to working with Executive Director, Megan Gerstel, and our entire Board of Directors...and to seeing you around the Villages!

For contact information please go to the Chamber's website: www.miamishores.com Cover & story art: Ithan Payne @ithanpaynecreative.com Landon Student Center/Barry Lucio Coffee To Wine Miami Shores Community Center Miami Shores Police Station Miami Shores Village Hall Mima Market Mobil Miami Shores North Bay Village City Hall Pizza Fiore

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January's Plaza 98 was all about celebrating a New Year, New You. Adults and children were treated to a karate demonstration and yoga class, while local vendors offered amazing food, drinks, and entertainment. Thank you to everyone who came out to make it such a fun night!













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#### Miami Shores Country Club

It seems every Shores' resident has celebrated a family, social or sporting event at the Miami Shores Country Club, or perhaps several! From life cycle events like weddings, bar/bat mitzvahs, communions and quinces, to traditional holidays like Thanksgiving, New Year's Eve and Mothers/Fathers Day, the Country Club has been the go-to venue for the community.

Built in 1939 by the Village of Miami Shores, under the leadership of Mayor John J. Lindsay and council, and with assistance from the Federal Works Progress Administration, the great depression work program, the Club very soon became the center of the Village's social life. The original Southern Revival Clubhouse encompassed what is now the lobby and foyer, Bayshore room, offices and kitchen. As the Village grew, so did the Clubhouse, building several additions through the years and culminating in 1959 with the building's current footprint. The most recent renovation occurred in 2018, with new, contemporary furnishings throughout the Clubhouse.

Generations have grown up taking both golf and tennis lessons from the pros, and as they matured, ending the day at the 19th hole. The classic 18-hole golf course was



designed by Red Lawrence, has hosted the Florida State Open Championship, and its fairways have been traversed by such notables as



Joe DiMaggio, Bob Hope and Lee Trevino.

Previously, the Club operated as a private facility that was open only to members, until 2008 when it was opened to the public. Today the golf course, banquet facility, restaurant and tennis courts are abuzz with activity, drawing patrons from near and far.

Each year the Club hosts dozens of weddings and hundreds of special events, ranging from the annual Mayor's Gala to Corporate and charity events like golf and tennis tournaments, and graduations. Two more recent additions to the annual schedule are the Pelican Harbor fundraising gala and the Miami Shores Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament!









As a committed member of the community, The Club is an active participant in many of our Village's annual events including Green Day, Unity Day, July 4th and Plaza 98.

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Down to Business, continued from page 5

The restaurant serves lunch 7 days a week, dinner service on Thursday and Friday evenings, and features a spectacular Sunday brunch. Executive Chef Emilio Feijoo, and Restaurant Chef Javier Diaz, have created an exciting American-Bistro dinner menu with creative Friday night specials to complement the live music.

The golf course is open 365 days a year from dawn to dusk, with the lighted driving range closing at 9PM.

The Club is open Mondays/



Tuesdays/Wednesdays/ Sundays from 11AM-7PM (Lunch is served from 11AM-6PM), Thursdays and Fridays from 11AM-10PM. Miami Shores Country Club, 10000 Biscayne Blvd., 305- 795-2360, www.miamishoresgolf.com.



This is Francesca from Miami Shores. She lives with Taty, and her mother, Mary. Francesca will be a 1 year old in December. She loves chasing balls, giving kisses, and playing with her brother (Copper).

Each month we publish photos of family pets. If you would like your pet featured please send in a photo, the pet's name, the name of the pet's family, and town of residence to "Pet of the Month" to: mgerstel@miamishores.com.



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#### **BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2019**



Commemorate 400 Years of Perseverance

Written by: Roni Bennet, Art by: Ithan Payne

"You will remember that it was in the year 1619 that the first Negro slaves landed on the shores of this nation. They were brought here from the soils of Africa. Unlike the Pilgrim Fathers, who landed at Plymouth a year later, they were brought here against their will. Throughout slavery, the Negro was treated in a very inhuman fashion. He was a thing to be used rather than a person to be respected. He was merely a depersonalized cog in a vast plantation machine." - Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., 1966.

February marks Black History Month, a tribute to African-American men and women who have made significant contributions to America and the rest of the world in the fields of science, politics, law, sports, the arts, entertainment, and many other fields. While Black History Month is synonymous with prominent figures such as Martin Luther King Jr., Rosa Parks, Muhammad Ali, and Maya Angelou, to name a few, there are countless other African-Americans who've made a profound impact in history.

Last year the South Florida People of Color (SFPoC) commissioned a Hidden "Historical" Figures Exhibit that showed the central role African Americans played in shaping our nation from the beginning, even though these figures have long been neglected, ignored, and even actively suppressed in our history. The exhibit displayed such figures as Garrett Morgan the inventor of the Traffic light and gas mask; Dr. Jane Wright, developer of Chemotherapy and Shirley Jackson, developer of fiber optics cable, caller id and call waiting, just to name a few.

This year the SFPoC will commemorate 400-year of perseverance, and focus on Black Migrations emphasizing the movement of people of African descent to new destinations and social realities.

Virginian John Rolfe, writing in August 1619, recorded the first instance of Africans being brought to the English colony of Jamestown, Virginia, and sold into servitude in the land that would become known as the United States of America. While these were not the first Africans to step foot on the North American continent (as African sailors and explorers traveled with Spanish expeditions across the Atlantic), the landing in Virginia in that year portended the innocuous beginning of something disastrous. From this first trickle of human trafficking precipitated by forced migration, a flood would develop, and by 1865, there would be some 4 million people of African descent held in bondage. As Dr. King reminded us, the Africans landed in Jamestown before the storied Pilgrims made it to Plymouth Rock. This point of chronology illustrates a point that often needs reiterating: that the history of Africans in America is inseparable from the fabric of the nation. The contributions of Black people to the United States, even from its infancy. represent a consistent thread in the development of the nation.

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#### BLACK HISTORY Month 2019 Events:

Sunday

2/3/19,10:30am Gospel Service and Soul Food Brunch at Miami Shores Community Church

Thursday 2/7/19, 6:00pm Black Migration Exhibit and Reception at Brockway Memorial Library

#### Tuesday

2/19/19, 5:00pm Panel Discussion From Black Trauma to Black Healing: Part of the "What is Black?" Series at Barry University

#### Thursday

2/28/19, 6:00pm Sankofa Film Screening and Talkback at the Miami Theatre Center

More details: southfloridapoc. org/black-historymonth-2019

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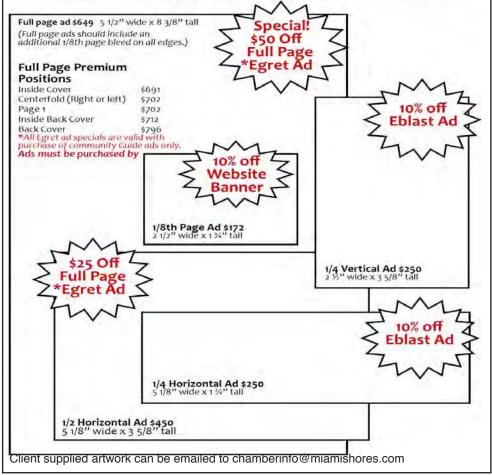


Thursday, March 21, 6:30 pm at the Miami Shores Country Club. \$100 per person, \$750 for a table of 8. Registration Required RSVP to chamberinfo@miamishores.com or 305-754-5466

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## Community News & Events

*The Greater Miami Shores Chamber of Commerce welcomes submissions for this column for community events and news. To find out about submitting information please contact the Chamber at 305-754-5466.* 

**BROCKWAY MEMORIAL LIBRARY** 

will host South Florida People of Color's (SFPOC) Black Migration Exhibit and Reception on Thursday, February 7th at 6pm. Black Migrations is SFPOC's new four-part Black History Month series, emphasizing the movement of people of African descent to new destinations and new social realities.

The Brockway Memorial Library Board is pleased to announce an art contest to gather designs for the Library's parking meters on the south border of the Library on NE 100th Street. They would like to invite students in grades 5-12 to participate! The student must be capable of transmitting his/her design from the paper to the meter. Nine winners will be selected. Paint materials will be supplied. Stop by the library or visit online at www.msvfl.gov (Click on Library, Youth Programs and Special Events) to get your template to design. Library contact person: Brenda Holsing (305) 758-8107. Entry submission deadline: Friday, March 1st by 6pm. Please bring all entries to the Library. One entry per person.

Introducing Brockway Memorial Library's Youth Program, "The Art of Ezra Jack Keats", an enriching arts-based program that will introduce the various art mediums Keats' used in his children's books including: pencil drawing, brush and sponge painting, marbling/ texture techniques, and collage. Ezra Jack Keats (1916-1983), children's author and illustrator, was a pioneer in American children's literature. He wanted no child to be an outsider. "If we could see each other exactly as the other is," he wrote, "this would be a different world." This free program is offered to children ages 7 to 12 years old, for 6 weeks on Thursdays, 3:30 to 4:30p.m., March 7th - April 11th, 2019. Registration is limited to 12 students on a firstcome, first-served basis until March 1st, 2019.

#### THE HEIDI HEWES CHAPTER OF THE WOMAN'S CANCER

**ASSOCIATION** of the University of Miami is based in Miami Shores, and is dedicated to increasing wellness in the community through raising funds for cancer research, support, education, and service. The next meeting will be Wednesday, February 6, 2019 at 7:00p.m. For more information, please email heidiheweswca@gmail. com.

Please join us for the WCA's annual Silver Angel Brunch held Sunday, February 10th from 11-2pm at the Miami Shores Country Club. All proceeds from this event go directly to patients in need of financial assistance while undergoing cancer treatment. This event features a full brunch, guest speakers, and soothing saxophone jazz from the one and only accomplished Joe Donato. There will also be silent auction items, a Chinese auction, a wine pull, and 50/50 cash raffle. Tickets are \$75 and can be purchased online at

silverangel2019.bpt.me.

We would like to thank everyone who supported the 2018 Home for the Holidays Walk and Tour. It was a beautiful event raising over \$39,000 in funds for cancer research at the Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center and the Miller School of Medicine, University of Miami. The five homes were exceptional, the Holiday Market, event tent, and perfect weather made for a gloriously fun evening. We hope that you will join us again next year.

Heidi Hewes is collecting donations for the Bargain Box. Located at 1350 West Flagler, the Bargain Box is a resale thrift shop open 6-days a week offering outstanding values to the community while profiting the Woman's Cancer Association of the University of Miami. Everyone is invited to shop at the Bargain Box and to make tax-deductible donations of items they can no longer use - gently worn clothing, home furnishings, linens, glassware, accessories, art work, luggage, jewelry, etc. Please visit the WCA Thrift store, open Monday-Saturday,10:00 am to 5:00 pm. Please call Jackie Butler at 305-633-8068, ext 107 or Bill Tenney at 305-308-4639 for questions and FREE pick up. Heidi Hewes thanks donors Susan Carlson, Martha Stobs, Brad and Betty Gelsky, and Rick and Dawn Huckestein.

MIAMI ART LEAGUE The Miami Art League February Special is an introductory offer for the Friday Drawing Nude Model class on February 8. Artists will bring their own materials and \$20 for the model fee. This instruction by Sally Willets is for the artist who is stumped rendering the nude figure. The academic theory behind the instruction is that the nude figure informs every aspect of art. The curve, the line, the circle, the oval, the angle, color and negative space can be studied with the nude figure. When understood, an artist can succeed with any other subject matter- including abstract work. Advance registration is necessary as there is Limited Space. Please RSVP to ensure your spot. You may leave a message including your name and phone number at 305-757-3161 or write to MiamiArtLeague@ aol.com Also, please check MiamiArtLeague.com for further info and a complete listing of classes.

#### **MIAMI COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL**

Save the Date for the final two John Davies Cultural Arts Series events of the year! Join us for a special performance by musical quintet Stiletto Brass on Thursday, February 7 and for an evening with awardwinning author, journalist, and speaker Nick Carr on Thursday, March 22. Both events will take place in the Miami Country Day School Center for the Arts. For more information about the John Davies Cultural Arts Series or to RSVP, contact events@ miamicountryday.org. The events are free and open to the public.

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**THE CUSHMAN SCHOOL** Cushman's Cinematic Award

Congratulations to The Cushman School's 9th grade student, Anthony Rodriguez, for winning the National YoungArts Merit Award for Cinematic Arts 2019 for his film "Swiped Thin" (recorded under his pen name Cris Wolfe). There are three levels of awards for YoungArts Finalists, Honorable Mentions and Merit Winners given each year in a competition that is open to students from all over the country.

Anthony will be participating in a week-long YoungArts Miami Regional Program February 19th-24th. This Regional Program is an all-expense paid opportunity in which he will work and learn from some of the most talented and accomplished individuals in the field. Visit www.youngarts.org/ competition to read more about this prestigious honor.

#### **MIAMI COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL**

Girls Varsity Basketball Team were victorious in two elite tournaments over the holiday break, winning both the Nike **Tournament of Champions** in Phoenix, AZ and the Naples Holiday Shootout. The Spartans defeated nationally ranked programs and are currently ranked #2 in the country (as of January 8, 2019). Congratulations and best of luck as the Spartans close out another successful season!Miami Country Day parents and grandparents: February 22, 2019 is Miami



#### MIAMI SHORES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SCHOOL (MSPCS)

Congratulations to first grade teacher, Mrs. Jessica Sergiacomi, on receiving a Step Up for Students Rising Stars Award. This is a prestigious statewide award given to select Step Up FTC and Gardiner Scholarship recipients, family members and teachers who have shown themselves to be outstanding members of their school community. Mrs. Jessica







Sergiacomi will be honored at a Rising Stars Event on February 5th. Jessica also just published her first children's book, *The Skunk Who Lost His Stink*, availabe on Amazon.com.

The MSPCS Parent Associaton is hosting its 12th Annual Night Under the Stars Gala at the Miami Shores Country Club on Saturday, March 16th. Community members are all invited to attend this premier fundraising event. Sponsorship and silent auction opportunities are available, www.mspcs.net/ stars.

#### ST. ROSE OF LIMA SCHOOL The

St. Rose of Lima boys' varsity basketball team has taken the All Catholic Conference by storm. The team finished their regular season 9-1 in early December with only one loss to St. Thomas the Apostle. The boys then moved onto the ACC 2A Division Championship where

they met their adversary, St. Thomas the Apostle once again. Coming up short the Cardinals finished 2nd place overall in their division. However, their season didn't end there. Because of their record they were the 4th seed in the ACC Tournament of Champions where again they came face to face with St. Thomas the Apostle in the finals. Due to the nature of the event, the immense talent on both teams, and the excitement, the game was played at Msgr. Edward Pace High School. Both schools filled the gym and the energy was electrifying! St. Rose was down by 2 at halftime and up by 2 at the end of the third quarter. Both teams fought hard and in the end St. Rose of Lima made history as the 2019 ACC Tournament of Champions winner! Congratulations to Coach Patrick Young, Coach Daniel Ocampo, and the team

on an amazing season and for never giving up!

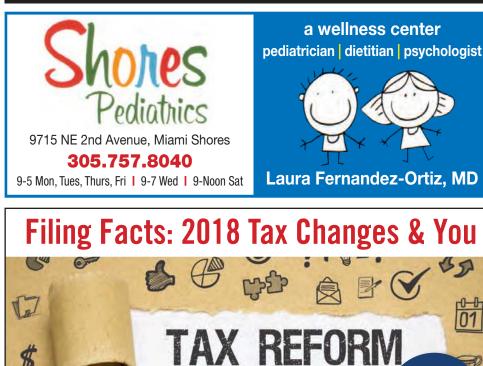
SRL will be hosting their first ever S.T.R.E.A.M. (Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Art, Math) Expo March 8th. Students will showcase their interactive and engaging learning environment to their family and friends. All grade levels have been working diligently on collaborating to create various innovative projects and activities. We are excited to see their efforts at the Expo.

In addition to all of the wonderful things taking place inside and outside of the classroom, SRL faculty and staff are preparing for the 2019-2020 school year. Open enrollment will begin for all new students and families on February 11, 2019. If you are interested in learning more please contact the school office for more details and to schedule a group tour.





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### Thursday, February 21 @ 6:15 p.m. **Miami Shores Brockway Memorial Library**

Stressing out as you pull together tax filing documents before meeting with your tax professional or sitting down to complete your own tax forms?

Join us at our community-based seminar to learn the latest on this year's tax regulations. Get answers to questions like:

- How could the government shutdown affect the tax filing and refund process?
- Will the new tax regulations cost me money or will I benefit?
- When is it best to itemize my deductions vs. taking the standard deduction?
- What is "bunching" and should I be doing it?
- How can I position myself in 2019 to maximize my tax benefits?

Attendees will receive a copy of "2019 Key Financial Data", get access to additional financial planning guides, referrals to trusted tax professionals, and have a chance to win raffle items. Open to all-bring a friend! Free parking.

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The forced migration represented by the Transatlantic Slave Trade was the first of many migrations that African people in North America would experience.

After the end of the bloody U. S. Civil War in 1865. 4 million African Americans were liberated from enslavement. Within a few decades, after their dreams of inclusion in southern society were dashed, they fled a world where they were restricted to the most menial of jobs, underpaid if paid at all, and frequently barred from voting. Between 1880 and 1950, an African-American was lynched more than once a week for some perceived breach of the racial hierarchy. The advent of another military conflict, this time World War I, would spark the next major wave of transition for this population. Known as the Great Migration. between the decades of the 1910s to 1970, an estimated 6 million Black people would leave their ancestral homes in the South in search of opportunity and inclusion in the North, Midwest, and West only to discover upon arriving in those areas that the racial caste system was not Southern but American.

Significant numbers of Caribbean immigrants also entered the US during this same period seeking economic opportunity. Many of them settled in cities in the urban North, from New York to Chicago to Detroit, bringing with them their island culture, and adding yet another layer to the African diaspora living and working in North America.

During Black History Month, SFPoC will highlight the trials and tribulations as well as the contributions of Africans and African Americans. It will be our moment to embrace the West African concept of Sankofa, which teaches us that we must go back to our roots in order to move forward.

By South Florida People of Color: Roni Bennett, ED and Dr. Tameka Bradley Hobbs, Chief Strategist







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