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## Celebrating 62 Years of Keeping Our Community Informed!

**John Hornbuckle** Past President, Greater Miami Shores Chamber of Commerce



It is not without a fair amount of melancholy that I write this final column! It has been a very rewarding year as President of the chamber. Although 2019 was not without its challenges, they were easily outweighed by our progress...

**Carla Peters**, our new executive director has been a driving force for positive change. 2nd Avenue is thriving. We have many new Chamber members and I am happy to announce 3 new board members! Please welcome **Melida Matos**, **Vanessa Maggi**, and **Gigi Turkel** to

our Board.

And, most importantly, let's welcome our incoming president, **Patrice Gillespie-Smith**! A dynamic force that in a very short time has done much for our community. I know she will carry on the great tradition that is "the Chamber" as well as bring current and relevant ideas to our association!

Thanks to everyone associated with the Greater Miami Shores Chamber!

Best Regards,

-John

## President's Message

**Patrice Gillespie-Smith**

President, Greater Miami Shores Chamber of Commerce

Happy 2020 to You! With the new year, I am honored to serve as the new President of the Greater Miami Shores Chamber of Commerce. Encompassing four communities, the Chamber represents a dynamic group of businesses, services, non-profits, destinations and yes, residents. That's where I come in. For the last four years I have served in various roles on the Chamber's Board as a resident member. Why does a resident join a group focused on "economic vitality, civic affairs and quality of life of the total community?" The better question, is Why Not?

A healthy business climate creates a diverse tax base, which means your government depends less on residential property tax and more on other forms of general revenue. A superior quality of life means that we enjoy robust services and are exposed to fabulous educational and cultural experiences all within reach of our homes. Did you know that Plaza 98 blossomed out of the Chamber's Downtown Advisory Committee, a group largely made up of residents like you and me? Regardless of your position, I am guessing you care about civic affairs—we work closely with the leadership of Biscayne Park, El Portal, Miami Shores Village and North Bay Village to host discussions about the latest

initiatives and we attract more than 8,000 people to our community events, including Green Day in the heart of Miami Shores.

As a resident, you will experience a healthy return on your membership in the Greater Miami Shores Chamber of Commerce - you'll encounter great folks and learn useful information - I promise. Join us on January 22 for our Home Expo where you can meet all types of home vendors and contractors and network with the Chamber's diverse membership. If rooting for the home team is more to your liking, come out on January 29 for the Chamber's Tailgate Mixer with Barry University's new president, **Dr. Mike Allen**, prior to watching the men's basketball team secure yet another victory. Whether you prefer networking, sharpening your business skills or just finding out more about your community, 2020 is your year to engage in the Greater Miami Shores Chamber of Commerce!

Finally, I want to recognize **John Hornbuckle**, our outgoing President, for his vision and leadership. John helped put the Chamber back on track, built critical relationships and elevated our reputation in the community.

Thank you, John!

# Down to Business

Check back monthly to see what's happening  
in local business news!

## Our Homes! Our Castles!

**Who you gonna call?  
When you need help and  
you need it now!**

**Come meet the experts at  
the Chamber's first HOME  
SHOW EXPO**

The inner workings of our homes, keeping our families safe and comfortable, need the services of reputable, qualified service providers.

Those mundane pipes, wires, ducts, joists and joints. When they break, leak or just don't work we need Help. Now. Fast.

Greater Miami Shores Chamber of Commerce is hosting a HOME SHOW EXPO, introducing residents, friends and colleagues to its contractor

members. It's an early breakfast meeting so everyone gets to work on time!

Meet the AC, architects, building department, electrical, fence, landscape

and lawncare, locksmith, pavers, pest control, pools, pressure cleaning, roofing, restoration, septic service, tile and wood floor contractors.

What's the problem? Ask

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NE 2nd Ave.

Catered buffet continental breakfast, \$15.

To reserve  
your breakfast attendance:

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# Art Matters

BY SUSAN ACKLEY

## A Day of LOVE, Turned to HATE HEALING with music

Drama Class was alarmingly interrupted February 14th, 2018. Margery Stoneman Douglas high school was under attack by a former student. Andrea Peña and Sawyer Garrity were in class but heard the shots and ultimately lost fond friends.

All of South Florida, including Miami Shores, was affected. Unfortunately, on Valentine's day our hearts were broken. As was

the entire MSD's community. However, in the face of sorrow, the human spirit rises. These



two young women, high school

students, needed to 'deal with' their pain. Turning to the arts, their music proved their salvation, shared with the entire community and today the entire world.

SHINE MSD, the song they co-wrote just days after the tragedy, has traveled far and wide, sung by professionals and those among us who are captivated with the refrain:

We're tired of hearing that we're too young to ever make a change,

Whoooooaa we will be something special

Whoooooaaa we're gonna shine  
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**WEDNESDAY  
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half, hiding in a hot, cramped closet with 60 classmates. They heard the gunfire, it seemed unreal. Sadly, it was real.

"Music is the most accessible and researched medium of art and healing, and there has been a principal emphasis on the soothing, capacity of music and its ability to offset overly technological approaches to care", write co-authors Heather L. Stuckey, a member of Pennsylvania State University's College of Medicine and Jeremy Nobel, with the Department of Health Policy and management, Harvard School of Public Health.

The girls hadn't studied this, they just knew it instinctively. Says Sawyer "I know Andrea and I, we both turn to music – it's something we both turn to when we're feeling an emotion". "And I think what happened at our school, we were just left feeling so many emotions that we didn't know how to deal with. And so, we just kinda poured it all into this song".

You, you threw this city away

You're not gonna knock us down

We'll get back up again

You may have hurt us

But I promise we'll be stronger

We're not gonna let you win

We're putting up a fight

You may have brought the dark



But together we will shine the light.

We're gonna stand tall

Gonna raise up our voices so we never fall

We're done with all your little games

We're tired of hearing that we're too young to ever make a change

Whooooaaa we will be something special

Whoooooaaa we're gonna shine (shine)

And from that hopeful song came Shine MSD, a non-profit organization, to raise funds for the community to provide mental health programs centered around the arts. The girls anticipate the healing and mental health needs in their community to be a continuous, ongoing effort with the potential to expand the scope of their work to other individuals and communities in need around the world. We're tired of hearing that we're too young to ever make a

change...defiantly challenged by these two amazing young women. The recorded song is downloadable on itunes.

A further healing art, the Instrument of Hope, was created by master brass technician, instrument maker, Josh Landress. The trumpet crafted from expelled brass bullet casings, now travels the world, in the hands of both famous artists and amateurs. It made its debut on Broadway in Oklahoma and tours the country spreading awareness as the Shine students perform and share their story. To learn more about this amazing message of hope, visit [www.instrumentofhope.org](http://www.instrumentofhope.org).

One of the positive results of Shine MSD is Camp Shine, a ground-breaking summer program designed and run by leading national creative arts therapists, developed specifically for the MSD students and the Parkland community. The focus is on fun and storytelling through a variety of art forms, allowing students to find therapeutic value in activities like storytelling, painting, songwriting, photography, drama, lyric analysis and graffiti and street art.

Whatever money "Shine" raises will help fund Camp Shine. Its aim is to encourage shooting survivors to release their pain through poetry, art, music, dance, and any other creative outlet.

To donate, <https://www.gofundme.com/shinemsd>.

And, Thank You.



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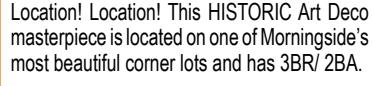
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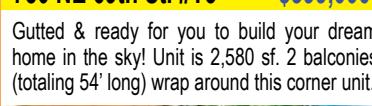
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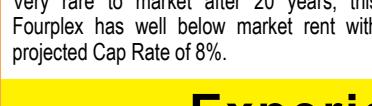
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# Community News & Events

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## BROCKWAY MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Join local yoga teacher, Mariana Scotti, for a Yoga Class + Brief Reading

Experience. Learn how Yoga can improve your daily life from the inside out!

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Please call 305-758-8107 to register. Free to attend.

Thursday, January 16th at 6:15 pm. 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, January 8, 2020 at 7:00p.m. For more information, please email [heidiheweswca@gmail.com](mailto:heidiheweswca@gmail.com).

Please join us for the WCA's annual Silver Angel Brunch

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held Sunday, February 9th 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 from UM's Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center. For more information on sponsorship or tickets, please email [bethhitt@aol.com](mailto:bethhitt@aol.com).

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 Michele Tuohey and Ines Accornero.

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Upcoming Community Events  
Drepung Gomang Monastery Monks, Sacred Arts Tour - Monday, January 13 - Friday, January 17 at Miami Country Day School

Spartan Dance Presents Bikini Bottom Day Dancical – January

15 & 16 at 7 p.m. in the Center for the Arts

The John Davies Cultural Arts Series, Harvard Lowkeys – Thursday, January 23 at 7 p.m. in the Center for the Arts

Upper School Thespian Showcase – Thursday, January 30 at 7 p.m. in the

Center for the Arts

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# Greater Miami Shores Schools' Report

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## CUSHMAN SCHOOL



Cushman's Innovators of Change. Senior Madeline Ley at Cushman High School has been making significant progress advancing her initiative @ShrinktheGap, aimed at closing the gender wage gap. This past December, Madeline spoke at the Stephen P. Clark Center (The County Commission Chambers) to advocate for equal pay for women in Miami-Dade County. She was invited to speak after approaching Congresswoman Donna Shalala at a town hall meeting

where she lobbied for additional equal pay protections in Florida, first proposing a state-wide ban on the salary history question.

Since founding this movement in 2018, Madeline has impacted approximately 50 young women in her school community and in Liberty City by leading workshops to empower participants with information on how the wage gap impacts women in all occupations and key steps one should take before a job interview. Madeline also worked as the Youth Engagement Leader for the non-profit organization Social Impact Movement (SIM) that builds community partnerships to promote social change based that is aligned with the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). As the Youth Engagement Leader for SIM, she is helping design a program called Miami Young Leaders for Equality (MYLE), which encourages high school

students to submit ideas for projects focused on supporting women. Madeline also attended the Impact Women 2020 Summit, hosted by The Women's Fund Miami-Dade, to help set the agenda for advocacy efforts in Tallahassee and Washington D.C.

Madeline's community outreach work, like all her peers at Cushman High School, is a result of the school's innovative, problem-based curriculum, of which the Society and Me (SAM) course is a pillar. SAM is a unique service learning initiative because it is a required part of every students' daily curriculum and pushes students to set their own agenda and pursue goals that are meaningful to them. The SAM course delivers the tools so that students can effectively identify pressing problems and then find ways to actively make a positive impact in their communities and beyond. [www.cushmanschool.org](http://www.cushmanschool.org)

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Over Thanksgiving Break, 34 students and six faculty members traveled to the Nuevo Paraíso Orphanage in Honduras as a part of Country Day's "X-Term Fall into Service – Honduras." Country Day students and faculty raised over \$11,000 for a road project and spent five days in the community paving the road. Our students also spent time with the community's residents, mostly children, and organized "camp" activities for them. After returning from the experience, one of the student participants, Chole B., share the following: "I just wanted to thank you again for such an amazing experience that has truly changed my way of viewing life. X-term has allowed



me to go somewhere I never thought I would have ever gone and I am beyond grateful that you and my fellow peers and

teachers have given me the opportunity to go on such an amazing trip and have the best experience."

The Upper school theater program won two Top Honors and Best in District at the Florida Thespian District 8 competition. But it didn't end there! They were also awarded 19 'Superiors' (equivalent to 1st place ranking) and

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six 'Excellent' (equivalent to 2nd place ranking). Senior Amaris R. was awarded the scholarship winner for District 8! Congregations to our Country Day performers!

Middle and Upper School students were recently awarded membership in the following Florida All-State Honors Orchestra and Band Music Ensembles: the All-State High School Honor Orchestra, All-State Middle School Honor Orchestra, All-State High School Honor Band, and the All-State Middle School Honor Band. These recognitions mean our students are among the top instrumentalists in their

age group in the state of Florida. Congratulations to all on their exemplary work.

Miami Country Day hosted the seventh annual Spartan Cup Business Challenge on December 10th. The Spartan Cup is a part of Country Day's Innovation, Creativity, and Entrepreneurship mentoring program. It is designed to inspire, empower, and encourage students to take their ideas, products, and businesses to the next level. In December, eight Upper School teams competed in the school's "Shark Tank" competition and presented their businesses to a panel of judges. Congratulations

to Shaina B., Class of 2020, for winning first place with her business pitch, "Hair Envy," a new booking application for hair salons.

## MIAMI SHORES PRESBYTERIAN SCHOOL

MSPCS is so proud of our students who are showing a lot of leadership skills. Some of our 5th graders have lead our weekly Town Hall. This is a weekly time that our whole school body comes together to celebrate and share learning through song, poems, writings, pictures and more. How wonderful it is to see them lead the school!

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Thank you to all of our families and our wonderful community. MSPCS has been voted Best of 2019 Private School in Miami Shores!

We would love to have you contact us for a tour and see if our school is a great fit for your child and your family. <http://www.mspcs.net/>

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In the spirit of taking advantage of all that our community has to offer SRL 5th grade science classes had a wonderful visit from chemistry students from Barry University. These students, under the direction of Tamara Hamilton, Associate Dean and Professor of Chemistry, worked with our 5th graders doing various hands-on chemistry experiments. The experiments were packed with information and excitement! The children discovered and learned about different chemical reactions and were able to take part in every step of each experiment. We even had a few "explosions"! It was a day of science our 5th graders will not soon forget!

If you would like to learn more about the wonderful things happening at St. Rose of Lima Catholic School please visit [www.srlschool.com](http://www.srlschool.com).

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