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President's Message

Iohn Hornbuckle

President, Greater Miami Shores Chamber of Commerce

Wednesday, May 8 was a busy night for the chamber. Two great events with two great turn outs!

The evening started with the Shores Young Professionals (SYP) happy hour at the Citadel. Special thanks goes out to Wes Pierce, Abra Adrabi, and Vince Imburgia, for putting on a great event and also to our elected officials, Miami Shores Mayor Crystal Wagar, council members Alice Birch, Jonathan Meltz, and Village Manager Tom Benton, Biscavne Park Mayor Tracv Truppman, Mayor Claudia Cubillos and Councilman Harold Mathis. Jr., from El Portal, and from North

Bay Village, Commissioner Julianna Strout. Thank you for coming out and meeting your constituents and neighbors.

The SYP mixer was followed by a ribbon cutting at the new Amerant Bank, located on Biscayne Boulevard and hosted by Chamber Board member Fernando Vaszquez and Amerant Bank. A truly first class event, with wonderful food and drinks. Thanks to you as well!

As always, go to our website, MiamiShores.com, to find your best local business and services...

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Down to Business

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Neighborhood Go-To-Quick & Delicious Food!

If your stomach is growling, there's a quick 'n easy solution at SMOOTHIE Express, downtown's newest menu is fresh, friendly and healthy! Dairy-Free and vegan options too!

Open at 9am, you can top in for a breakfast wrap, smoothie, or try the Acai bowls, they are delicious and will keep you going through meetings and minutiae. Lunch for under \$10.00, Amazing! A combo 8" wrap and 20oz smoothie, starts at \$9.50. There are also panini, turkey burgers and veggie burgers, quesadillas and salads with plenty of 'add-on' options. Make sure to try the original house dressing, which flavors almost everything, it is a delicious vegan blending of garlic and fresh vegetables with a a hint of apple cider vinegar.

Kids get their own menu: kid-size smoothies are just \$2.99, and the eats are simple and good: The chicken or cheese quesadillas are favorites, followed by the traditional grill cheese and turkey burger sliders served with cheddar and catsup only. A kid-sized special combo price is just \$4.99 which includes food and a smoothie. Moms appreciate the super-hero shots added to the super-sweet smoothies as an after-school treat. The kids can't taste the healthy shot of raw greens, but think they're getting super-powers, which essentially, they are! Each is just 75c extra.

Let's focus on the Smoothies!





They're right for EVERY-BODY, and everybody. First and most important this is not a pre-made, commercial concoction, but real, fresh ingredients bought each day and hand made one-by-one. GREEN MILE is a super-sized wallop of good stuff. Named after actor Michael Clarke Duncan, in the movie of the same name, he was a big man full of himself. So is this smoothie in full!

SMOOTHIE THIS and SMOOTHIE THAT is a fruity blend of goodness with a little bit of everything tucked inside. This smoothie will, "change your life" say franchiser Kisha Andrews. These two are favorites but check out the full menu and don't

forget the 'add-ins'. Smoothies are priced right, 20 oz \$5.50 -\$6.60.

Fresh-squeezed, raw juices are a good choice not only for breakfast but also as a great pickme-up, as they are full of vitamins. Cold Press Juices are a big 16 to 20 oz mini meal in itself. Choose Carrot, Beet or Detox Express choices, \$8.99. Ultimate Fruit ice teas get some extra special treatment with a fresh black tea brewed

daily with tossed in fruit. Strawberries passion, strawberry mango and mango passion are the top sellers.

Miami Shores co-owners Maurice and wife Tashana Spence partner with Darryl McKenzie and are the first franchise for Smoothie Express. Founded by Kisha Andrews, she's on-site frequently to be sure all's going well with the third south Florida location. 9440 NE 2nd Ave., across from Subway, in the same Plaza. Parking is free in the back lot or on the street. 7 Days a week, Monday-Friday 9AM-10PM Saturday 10am-8pm and Sunday 10-6pm. 786-534-8696.

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Chamber News and Events

Interested in knowing more about the Chamber?



Join us for our June Networking Mixer at THE CITADEL

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New Member Special! New members, join the Chamber today for \$99*

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SYP at the Citadel

On Wednesday, May 8th, the Shores Young Professionals (known as SYP) hosted its first ever Mix & Meet your Village Leaders mixer. Council members from all four villages,

including Biscayne Park, El Portal, Miami Shores, and North Bay Village were invited to join event quests at The Citadel Miami for its popular \$5 happy hour. Guests of all ages were able to meet and speak with those Village leaders in attendance,

including Biscavne Park's Tracy Truppman, El Portal's Claudia Cubillos & Harold Mathis, Miami Shores' Crystal Wagar, Alice Burch and Jonathan Meltz, and North Bay Village's Julianna Strout.









Amerant Bank Opening

On Wednesday, May 8, Amerant Bank celebrated the Grand Opening of the Edgewater Banking Center. Located at 2590 Biscayne Boulevard, the modern banking center hosted members of the local community, loyal customers, and members of the Greater Miami Shores Chamber of Commerce.

Guests enjoyed a cocktail reception with hors d'oeuvres and entertainment, as well as brief remarks by Fernando Vasquez, Edgewater Banking Center Manager, Laura Trosclair, Amerant's Domestic Retail Manager, Mayor of the Village of El Portal Claudia Cubillos, and local artist Rigo Leon Herrera.

The Edgewater Banking Center's unique layout features a loft area that is being used by Amerant to feature the art of local artists. The first featured artist, Rigo Leon Herrrea, shared a few words with the guests about the pieces that he created specifically for Amerant's artist loft space.











Do you have an event that you want to tell the community about? Post it on the Chamber's event calendar at www.miamishores.com.



Short, Sweet & Savvy

Local theater junkies were rescued in 1995 by Summer Shorts programming! Susan 'Susi' J. Westfall founded City Theater with a passion for original plays and theater. Each year, devotees of the 24 seasons anticipate the newest collection of Shorts' plays.

Entertainment with provocative beginnings, dramatic endings and succinct dialogue throughout amuses in the 10-minute timeframe. Humor chortles through the audience as they appreciate the plays curated by Artistic Director, Margaret M. Ledford. She and 25 fellow critics read 800-1,000 submitted works. After much thought to content variety and audience appreciation the final eight are selected. The titles themselves intrigue: Franklin PIERCE: Dragon Slayer, heroine, 8th grader Jennifer assigned a lack-luster president for her essay. Book and Lyrics authored by Off, Off Broadway writer Preston Max Allen. Big Fat Cow presents her woeful Cow'ness mourning the loss of her youth. In younger days, she was Rubenesque, desired and salacious. Alas, those days are just misbegotten memories. Play-write Hillary Rollins takes us on this jocular ride, laced with musical humor. Moving on to the classics: Frozen Foods, by Ian August positions us in the supermarket's frozen foods aisle, while a woman, existentially contemplates our societal banality. Prepared, pasteurized and pathetic. Steve Yockey talks Telephones and Bad Weather,



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has to give a presentation on sexual harassment... to a very unusual audience. Author Lia Romeo we hope hasn't experienced this social phenomenon. Forgotten Place, by Jeff Locker, tells of Eric, interviewing candidates for a Best Friend position. Concluding the program, Shrödinger's gun, what's in the briefcase, takes us inside physicist Erwin Schrödinger's cat in the box paradox, an up-to-the-minute gun awareness issue, by Greg A. Smith. The evening is presented in two acts, 4-plays each with a 15 minute intermission.

Audiences received a holiday gift in recent years, Winter Shorts! 2018 featured many whimsical holiday family and friends' interactions. Fruitcake anyone? 'Short Cuts', in partnership with Miami-Dade County Public Schools, tours 50 locations, themed towards bullying, getting along, and communications. 2018 introduced its first fulllength production, Building the Wall, by Robert Schenkkan, part of National New Play Network's 'Rolling World Premiere'. Premiere showcases important





works from seasoned and emerging writers.

The artistic staff includes aforementioned, Artistic Director Margaret M. Ledford; Directors Michael Yawney, FIU professor, Andy Quiroga, MDC professor and Gladys Ramirez, a director and founder of Project Theater Company. 2019 Shorts actors: Lindsey Corey, Jovan Jacobs, Darryl Patrice, Brian Reiff, Gregg Weiner and newcomer Hannah Richter.

While the Miami arts scene has seen the loss of many independent theater companies, City Theater, founded by 'Susi' Westfall, Stephanie Norman and Elaine Whol, celebrates its 25th anniversary in 2020.

Performed exclusively at the Adrienne Arsht Performing Arts Center, 1300 Biscayne Blvd. Tickets: www.arshtcenter.com.





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5932 NE 6 Ave. - This is a truly unique opportunity to buy a fully restored historic mansion below appraised value!! This "Great Gatsby" house built in 1927 is one of gated Morningside's grandest historic homes and has been exquisitely restored. The main house is 3/2/1, 4,200 sf, plus two in-law suites (2/1 and 1/1) adding 1,800 square feet. This old Spanish Mediterranean masterpiece is located on a 12,030 sf double lot and features a brand new Venetian pool. Offered at \$1,775,000

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62 NW 108 St. - THIS EXQUISITE & GORGEOUSLY REMODELED HOME HAS IT ALL! This beautifully updated Miami Shores home features a fabulous floor plan, 3 Bedroom, 2 bathroom, high vaulted ceilings, rich hardwood & porcelain floors, wine cooler, gas stove, impact windows, deluxe laundry room, surround sound, wireless alarm system & more. MAGNIFICENT huge master suite, bath & walk-in closet. Light filled open living areas lead out to a gorgeous, lush, tropical backyard w/ large pool & jaccuzzi. Great for entertaining! Your own PRIVATE PARADISE! Offered at \$699,000

New Price!



736 NE 74th St. - Dripping in charm, this adorable Belle Meade cottage is over 1,600 sf plus a garage and 3 bonus rooms. This 2BR/2BA has 3 family rooms! 1 for an office, 1 for a family room and 1 for a 3rd bedroom (making the house a 3/2). Other features include vaulted wood beam ceilings, original fireplace, rich thick oak wood floors, open kitchen w/ SS appliances & tile counter tops, and a dining room. This gem has a beautiful brand new flat cement tile roof (which looks like slate in blended colors) keeping that cottage flavor. This home has a spacious private back yard and so much more.

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Rare 4,000 + sq ft Penthouse in the sky with 14 ft ceilings! This exquisitely remodeled 4BR/2.5BA, SE corner condo is a MASTERPIECE.



This is a truly unique opportunity to buy a fully restored historic mansion below appraised value!! This "Great Gatsby" house WAS built in 1927.



Location! This Historic Art Deco masterpiece is dripping with charm. Located on one of Morningside's most beautiful corner lots and has 3 beds & 3 baths.



This exquisite MIMO master piece has been completely remodeled. Designed by famous Architect Percy P. Turner, and located on a large corner lot.



ADORABLE remodeled duplex located in lush Biscayne Park! Main house is a huge 1,523 sq. ft. 2 story 3BR/3BA and 2nd unit is a very spacious 850 sq. ft. 1BR/1.5BA.



Welcome to the MOST DESIRABLE corner line at The Cricket Club! This 2BR/3BA Rotunda features a spacious floor plan, ALL impact windows.



You will love this adorable charming 2BR/1BA Shorecrest cottage right out of a fairy tale. Located a few blocks from Casa Bianca.



in Miami Shores. This gem features high impact windows and doors, stone fireplace and more.



Stunning! Totally remodeled 2BR/1BA ranch home Fantastic opportunity to purchase a waterfront townhouse in the sky. On the first floor of this 2-story unit is the living rm/dining, kitchen, ½ bath & balcony.



Dripping in charm! This spacious 3BR/2BA, single car garage home is located in the highly sought after Historic Bayside MIMO District.



This adorable white picket fence cottage has been remodeled without losing its charm. Located in highly sought after Riverside



Welcome to one of the most CHARMING homes in lush Biscayne Park! This custom MIMO masterpiece has 3 beds & 2 baths.



Great home on a large lot! This 4BR/2BA home features a spacious floor plan and large remodeled kitchen that overlooks the vard.



Amazing panoramic ocean views from this 2BR plus den/2.5BA condo home located in the sky on the 38th floor of the iconic La Perla condominium.



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Community News & Events

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BROCKWAY MEMORIAL

LIBRARY Join Yoga Teacher Mariana Scotti at Brockway Memorial Library for a Yoga Class + Brief Reading. Experience on how Yoga can improve your posture and daily life from the inside out! All Saturdays in June: 11am- 12pm. Please bring your own mat. To register, please call 305-758-8107.

To commemorate the 50th anniversary of the moon landing. Brockway Library will offer a free, 45-minute screening of Chasing the Moon, a new three-part miniseries that will premiere on PBS in July. The film is by Robert Stone and reimagines the race to the moon for a new generation, upending much of the conventional mythology surrounding the effort. Thursday, June 13th at 6:30pm. Please call 305-758-8107 for to register.

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, September 4th 2019

at 7:00pm. For more information, please email heidiheweswca@gmail. 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, 10am to 5pm. 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 Ines Accornero and Danielle Fay.

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WOMEN IN INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES (WIFS).

South Florida Chapter will be holding their annual Fundraiser/ Luncheon and Board Elections on Wednesday, June 12th at the Miami Shores Country Club. 11:30am - 2pm. Special Guest Speaker is Mandy Bass, TEDx Speaker and a former Past President of the South Florida Chapter. Mandy is an expert in understanding and influencing the human mind. She speaks to business leaders and professionals who want to improve sales, productivity, teamwork, customer satisfation and profitability.

The Fundraiser helps support our sponsored Charity, Safe Space Foundation and the Chapter operation. Cost: \$40. Lots of great prizes! Please register at www. wifssoflo.com. For additional information please contact Rosemary Olson, Chapter President, at (305) 915-9034.





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Greater Miami Shores Schools Report

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THE CUSHMAN SCHOOL

entertained a packed house at Barry University's Broad Auditorium with its annual Spring Play on the evenings of May 15th and 16th. This year's production was "Annie" and the show was a spectacular success as always! For anyone who hasn't had the opportunity to experience a Cushman Spring Play, it is always a performing arts highlight of the school year, which is open to the community. This annual tradition is held each May on the professional stage at Barry University. Each year, a new musical is selected to best showcase the 5th graders; their class holds the lead roles in the play as a rite of passage prior to matriculating onto Middle School. Aside from the 5th grade stars, all Elementary School students are involved in the production as supporting cast members and the Middle School theatre students provide back stage

Impressive shows have included the likes of: The Little Mermaid, Wizard of Oz, Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory and The Jungle Book to name a few. Hats off to Cushman's Performing Arts Team led by Performing Arts Director, Lisa Herbert, who brings out the star quality in all of its students who often regard the Spring Play as one of their most precious of Cushman memories.

DOCTORS CHARTER SCHOOL OF MIAMI SHORES (DCS) A big shout out to the DCS PTSA for their work for DCS students throughout the school year. Through many events and a record number of members, the DCS PTSA donated \$8,963.39 to support the DCS Technology Plan. In

addition, the PTSA has raised \$3,500 with the Community Program. Seven business partners are supporting DCS for technology this year through the work of the DCS PTSA. We thank Kickboxing, Main Street Dentistry, Orthodontic Options, Sylvio's Auto School, Mathnasium, Shores Pediatrics, and Centertone Music School for their generosity toward technology at DCS.

Mini grants were given by PTSA to the teachers this year in the amount of \$3,000. PTSA sponsored several events for students, provided for sale PE uniforms and gently used school uniforms, shirts for student teachers at Pi Day and \$2,000 to our Library Media Center were a great service to our school. Teacher Appreciation Week was another great success with PTSA supporting an outstanding staff.

We want to thank our outgoing 2018 - 2019 PTSA Representatives to the Board of Directors for their service: Clarice Kodsi and Ricardo Heredia. Newly elected PTSA President for 2019-2020 will be Lois Gramley. Rounding out the PTSA Board will be Andrew Lemke, Vice President; Karen McLaughlin, Treasurer; Heather Liburd-Halliday for Secretary; and Denise Hotze for Corresponding Secretary, Newly appointed PTSA Representatives to the School Board were presented by incoming President Gramley at the May School Board Meeting. We welcome Andrew Lemke, Middle School Representative and Nicolay Hotze, High School Representative.

DCS is most appreciative to our active PTSA and look forward to another great year of service to our students, teachers, parents and community.

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MIAMI COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL

(MCDS) Congratulations to the Class of 2019 as you continue on your academic journey!

On Friday, April 26, the Class of 2019 Senior Sculpture was unveiled at the Center for the Arts. For the third year in a row, Miami Country Day commissioned and collaborated with artist Octavio Cuellar to create a one of a kind sculpture to honor the senior class. The piece, featuring a photographer, is titled "Step Up." During the unveiling, Mr. Cuellar described the piece: "A photographer is an image hunter and a narrator of story. The artist is in constant search of unique moments, which freezes time in images. The creative process begins in an image, to which light, composition, and framing is added. My sculpture "Step Up" refers to that moment where the image appears and the creative process begins. This sculpture captures the photographer and his inspirational moment; a fleeting moment that only a trained eye is able to visualize." "Step Up" is the third installment in a series bronze sculptures displayed outside the Center for the Arts. The fourth and final sculpture will represent "drama" and will be unveiled next spring.

MIAMI SHORES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SCHOOL (MSPCS)

congratulates its 2019 Graduates! Best of luck next year in middle school and beyond!

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Academy, Ayzara Armak - Saint
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The MSPCS 5th grade teacher. Ms. Smith dedicates the following message to her students: "Thank you for giving me two wonderful years of teaching. From St. Augustine to the mission trip to winning field day, you have all given me memories that will last a lifetime. You all have grown so much not only academically, but also in God. You are prepared to take on any endeavor that you encounter in life. You are kind, strong forces of nature. I wish you the absolute best in 6th grade! Don't forget to come and visit, and most importantly, remember to always be kind."

MSPCS is open for Summer Camp beginning May 28th, and is currently enrolling students for the 2019-2020 school year, ages six weeks through 5th grade. Learn more at www.mspcs. net or call 305-759-2548.

SAINT ROSE OF LIMA CATHOLIC



CHURCH SCHOOL St. Rose of Lima 4th grade students were very busy at the end of this school year. Guided by their teachers, Mrs. Karleskey and Mrs. Cuadrado they partnered with Meals of Hope, a non-profit organization that provides meals for those less fortunate. The students raised \$1,500 to purchase and pack over 6,000 meals for the hungry in Miami Shores Village and our greater community. The packaged meals were given to St. Martha's Food Pantry in Miami Shores for distribution. We applaud their philanthropic efforts and thank them for helping those in need in our own backyard.

Congratulations to the St. Rose of Lima Class of 2019! This amazing group of young adults has accomplished many things over the last ten years. The Chamber has worked side by side with many of these students during Plaza 98 events and Green Day; their willingness to give back to the community is exactly what our Village needs to continue to thrive. We wish them well as they enter the next chapter of their lives.

As we say goodbye to the graduating class at St. Rose we welcome another group of young faces. SRL continues to accept applications for the 2019-2020 school year. For additional information please contact the school office at 305-751-4257.





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