

The Women's Chamber of Commerce of Palm Beach County, Inc.



THE CONNECTION

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The Women's Chamber of Commerce had a busy July and August with networking mixers, luncheons and programs. I want to thank all of you that attended the Club 10 Mixer, the Tri-Chamber Luncheon, the Strawberry Fiesta and the Safety Luncheon. Some highlights were that our own Theresa LePore (Immediate Past President) won Volunteer of the Year by the South Florida Fair for the Women's Chamber of Commerce at the Tri-Chamber Luncheon and Deputy Eddie Nelson from the PBC Sheriff's Office gave us fantastic safety tips for our businesses and ourselves at our Safety Luncheon. We would like to thank one of our newest members, Angela Barnard of Audio Video Systems, Inc., who not only sponsored our Safety Luncheon, but also gave us some helpful hints for our personal safety.



If you missed any of these Programs, don't worry, we have more planned! Don't miss our next Networking Mixer scheduled for Ill Forks Restaurant in Palm Beach Gardens on September 29th. We are planning a Speed Networking Luncheon, a Networking Mixer and a Luncheon Program to discuss Domestic Violence and Victim Assistance in October. October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Please keep checking the Events Notices that we email out as well as our website for more details.

The WCC and WCF have a team for the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk on October 17th at Okeeheelee Park in west Palm Beach. Please see below for more information on our "Kick-Off Luau" and how you can join our Team and/or make a donation. Any help you can give is greatly appreciated!

Lastly, if you have any comments, ideas, thoughts and/or suggestions, please share them with me...REMEMBER...this is YOUR Chamber! I look forward to working with all of you.

Sincerely,

Jane

Jane Bloom, President
The Women's Chamber of Commerce of Palm Beach County, Inc.

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WOMEN'S CHAMBER FOUNDATION



by Theresa LePore, Chair

On September 24th, we had the first of our "Lunch & Learn" Program Series at the Marriott WPB. The Director of Palm Beach County's Office of Small Business Administration was our guest speaker. She explained how your small business can become certified to do business with Palm Beach County as well as gave us valuable tips on running a successful small business.

In an effort to raise funds for our Scholarship Program, the Foundation has partnered with Macy's Shop For A Cause. For a \$5.00 donation, you can purchase a coupon for special discounts at all Macy's Department Stores in the United States on Saturday, October 17th. See below for more details...happy shopping!

We have another fundraising activity that **DOES NOT** cost you anything! It is when you use www.goodsearch.com which is a Yahoo-powered search engine that donates half its advertising revenue, about a penny per search, to registered charities. It has a sister site, www.goodshop.com, is an online shopping mall which donates up to 37% of each purchase to charities. The Women's Chamber Foundation is listed as "Womens Chamber of Commerce - Palm Beach County - PBC (West Palm Beach)". Start searching and shopping now...every penny raised goes towards our Scholarship Program!

If you have any questions or suggestions, please always feel free to contact me!

Sincerely,

Theresa

www.womenschamberfoundation.org



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FOUNDATION LEADERS

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SAVE THE DATE!

09/29 @ 5:30 pm
Networking Mixer @ III Forks, PBG

10/20 @ 5:30 pm
Networking Mixer @ TBD

10/29 @ 11:30 am
Program Lunch @ Cafe L'Europe

11/12 @ 11:30 am
WCF Lunch & Learn @ WPB Marriott

12/01 @ 11:30 am
WCC/WCF Holiday Luncheon & Auction
@ The Kravis Center

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COMMITTEE
MEMBERS NEEDED!

The following WCC
Committees need
members...why not join a
Committee today!



The Women's Chamber of Commerce

Invites you to attend a

NETWORKING MIXER

at



III Forks Restaurant

4645 PGA Blvd, Palm Beach Gardens

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

\$10 - MEMBERS Pre-Registered on or before 09/28/2009

\$15 - NON-MEMBERS Pre-Registered on or before
09/28/2009

\$20 - Members and Non-Members on 09/28/2009 and at the
door

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Make your reservations NOW for this exciting
Networking Mixer!

Bring plenty of business cards!

50/50 and Door Prize Drawing

RSVP NOW!

RSVP By Phone: (561) 684-4523

On-Line: www.womenschamber.biz



PLEASE JOIN TEAM WCC/WCF

Hawaiian Luau Party for the
Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk

Wednesday, September 30, 2009

Ambassador/Membership
Communications
Fashion Show
Finance
Fund Development
Giraffe Awards
Nominating
Networking
Programs

Contact the Women's Chamber Office for more information!

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DRAWING ITEMS NEEDED FOR WCC EVENTS

Promote your Business and receive recognition from the podium and in the WCC Newsletter!

Call the WCC Office for more details.
(561) 684-4523



Gold Partner



Corporate Partners



5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Palm Beach Hibiscus House 213 Rosemary Avenue, West Palm Beach (corner of Rosemary Avenue & Evernia Street)

Please show your support for TEAM WCC/WCF and the American Cancer Society by joining us for this evening of fun, fabulous food and live entertainment! There will be drawing prizes and goody bags for all who attend!

For \$20/per person (payable at the door to the Palm Beach Hibiscus House), there will be an "All-You-Can-Eat" Buffet which will include:

Mahi Mahi with pineapple sauce, tropical bruschetta, lobster pieces on cucumber slices, spring rolls, Hawaiian meatballs, salad with honey ginger dressing, tomato caprese, Columbian salad, Hawaiian chicken, crab cakes, pork tenderloin with Hawaiian sauce, macaroni & cheese, pineapple and macadamia nut muffins, flourless chocolate cake and Aloha cake!

Specially priced drinks at the bar!

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A very special THANK YOU to the Palm Beach Hibiscus House and Catering by Leilani for their generosity in hosting this Event.

And, for graciously donating 20% of all proceeds from the Event to TEAM WCC/WCF!

No RSVP is needed...just bring LOTS of friends! There is no obligation to sign up for the Walk...but PLEASE come and support our Team!

For more information, please contact Team Co-Captains Carol Dixon and Margo Kohlhoff of Carl Domino, Inc at (561) 833-2882.

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To sign up to join our Team for the Walk, please click www.womenschamber.biz



WOMEN MEAN
BUSINESS!

MEMBER ADVERTISING



1873 West Lantana Road
Lantana, FL 33462

There couldn't be a better time to join!
Call For special Promotions for new
members. Types of membership include:

- * **Executive** - Receive a 2% Reward (up to \$500/year) on most Costco purchases
- * **Business Memberships** for business owners and managers for the purchase of products for business, personal and resale use
- * **Gold Star Membership** for individuals who want to purchase products mainly for personal use

All members may apply for a complimentary "True Earnings" American Express Card which acts as both an American Express Card and your Costco Membership Card. Earn cash back on virtually every purchase you make everywhere.

For more information, contact:

Tatiana Parra at 561-584-2848
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THE HOLIDAYS ARE HERE! THE EARLY BIRD GETS THE WORM!

NOW is the time to plan your Holiday
Vacations

CRUISE THE CARIBBEAN
SKI THE ROCKIES
ALL INCLUSIVE WITH THE KIDS
ROMANTIC WEEK ON THE BEACH
WEEKEND IN NEW YORK, PARIS OR
LONDON AT LOW PRICES



SAVE THE DATE!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2009

Since 2006, Macy's "Shop For A Cause" Event has partnered with non-profit organizations nationwide to raise more than \$28 million for their ongoing charitable efforts. This is your chance to be part of this monumental event on Saturday, October 17, 2009.

"Shop For A Cause" gives you the opportunity to help the Women's Chamber Foundation (WCF) by purchasing a \$5 Shopping Pass* for exclusive savings and special offers in every Macy's store in the United States on Saturday, October 17th. As a participating charity, WCF keep 100% of the proceeds from the sale of each pass. Plus, you can enter to win a \$500 Macy's Gift Card!

Come together with Macy's and us, and while you're out enjoying a day of shopping and great savings, you'll be helping our community at the same time.

For more information or to order a shopping pass, call contact Theresa LePore, WCF Chair at (561) 684-4523 or at president@womenschamber.biz.

*Some exclusions apply.

SPECIAL WCC NEWS

WCC Office Hours

Please be advised that our Office hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. If you call and receive the voicemail, please leave a message and someone will get back with you as soon as possible. Thank you for your cooperation!

