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Spring is here and its warming up, which means we have time for a couple more outdoor events before it gets too hot!

To that end, the 2nd annual GMSCC golf tournament is coming up on Friday, April 12. Last year's tournament was a blast, and this year is going to be even bigger and better. There's still time to get your foursome in, and if you're interested in showcasing your business on the green, there are still a few sponsorship opportunities available as well. But hurry, the tournament is less than 2 weeks out, give Megan a call at the chamber office today for more information.

This month we are closing out the season of Plaza 98 with our annual Taste of the Shores event on April 13. Enjoy food, drinks and a live band, while

getting a "taste" of our local businesses. These free events have become a staple on 2nd Ave., so be sure to stop by on Saturday!

Coming in August, our first annual casino night! Guaranteed to be a fun time, with food, drinks and all types of "gaming". This is another one you won't want to miss.

Did you know that you can find a local business or service with just a couple clicks of your mouse? Go to the Chamber's website, www.miamiShores.com, and click on "find a business", type a name or service into the search bar, and one of our fantastic members info will pop up. Give it a try next time you need a service or local product!

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Miami Shores Village Council Candidate Profiles

The Miami Shores Village Biennial 2019 election is April 9th, 7AM – 7PM.

The candidates will be onsite during voting hours at the Community Center's parking lot, across the street from 9617 Park Drive.

The C. Lawton Community Center is the voting location

for all Miami Shores Village voting precincts.

The election results will be announced at approximately 7:30 PM when all votes are tallied, and the Vote by Mail ballots have been counted.

For more information, contact Village Clerk, Ysabely Rodriguez, 305-762-4870.

The Candidates are profiled in alphabetical order.



ALICE BURCH:

After serving our community for four years, I have learned a lot. Working with the families, volunteers and employees of Miami Shores makes me proud to represent our Village. Whether it was as Mayor or as a Council member, I have been able to slow down traffic, lower our crime rate, strengthen our schools; create more walkable and bikeable streets; secure more grant dollars to increase services and hold the line on taxes.

Looking forward, I know there are complex issues that we must address: adapting Miami Shores for climate change; continuing to activate our downtown to provide more restaurant and retail options; ensuring the completion of the Brockway Memorial addition; leveraging our community's assets, identifying the best way to update our parks and recreational facilities; and making sure our Village offers the best services.

With your support, I can take the

useful information I have gained and work with our partners to ensure Miami Shores is positioned for the future. I have proven that I am willing to do whatever it takes for Miami Shores. With your support, I will continue to give to our Community.



STEVE LOFFREDO:

Over the past 38 years Stephen (Steve) Loffredo has raised a family and maintained his law practice in beautiful Miami Shores Village. Additionally, he's served for a total of 18 years on the Village Council as both Vice Mayor and Councilman, providing him a wealth of leadership experience.

Steve has always been an advocate for the environment. Through his efforts on the council our community became part of the "green corridor" which promotes homeowner energy conservation through the PACE program. He also championed our recycling program, one of the first in the county, later following up with the institution of yard waste recycling

in 2011. In the future, Steve would like to explore ways the Village can increase recycling to become a nearly zero-landfill community, as well as partner with other communities to collaborate on problems coming from sea level rise.

Over the years, Steve took part in council actions to expand the police department, institute a street closure program (to slow traffic and discourage crime), provide support to Doctor's Charter School, and provide funds to build the Miami Shores Aquatic Center. Moving forward, he pledges strong code enforcement and zoning to protect the single-family character of the Village. He is also in favor of traffic calming efforts to promote public safety.



JULIO MARTINEZ:

I've been a resident of Miami Shores for over 25 years. My wife and I have raised four children and two puppies here. We love this community and as a long-time resident, I have a vested interest in protecting my neighborhood while maintaining its beauty and character.

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- ✓ Tackle important environmental policies such as sea level rise and climate change
- ✓ Enhance our Downtown and 2nd Avenue Corridor
- ✓ Highlight our local schools
- ✓ Invest in public safety resources



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I consider myself loyal to this community and its people. So much so, that I established my property management firm in the heart of its commercial district. I manage and run my business from the 9999 Building. As the manager for the largest commercial landlord within the Village, I was a huge proponent of the sewer line project. I strongly believe in the development of downtown Miami Shores, while also recognizing that this development must be resident/community friendly.

My vision for the future of MSV is quite simple. Make this community safer by improving street lighting, modifying and adjusting the village code while maintaining the charm that makes this community unique, ensuring that all rules are applied without favoritism and that all residents are allowed participation with regards to measures that impact us all. I guarantee that I will do the impossible to earn your trust. I hope I can count on your support and your vote.



JONATHAN MELTZ

Jonathan is running for Re-Election because he wants to do his part to make Miami Shores a better place to live.

Having served on Council for the last 2 years, Jonathan has shown his leadership and commitment to the residents. He has carefully considered every issue with the utmost professionalism, courtesy and common sense. He asks tough questions. He holds people accountable. He will continue to make the right choices and do only what's best for the residents of Miami Shores.

Jonathan, his wife Evelin and their three daughters have been part of this community for almost 17 years. Their daughters excel at St. Rose of Lima School, where Evelin is the Home and School Board President and Jonathan previously coached

Girls Basketball, Volleyball and Flag Football.

Let's work together on Public Safety, Building Downtown, Protecting the Environment, Improving Schools and Enhancing Our Quality of Life.

Let's focus on Downtown as a Destination; Crime Prevention; Traffic Enforcement to Stop Speeding and Make Our Streets Safer; Reducing Litter, Pesticide Use, and Plastic Consumption; Addressing Sea Level Rise; Improving Recreation and Encouraging Use of Solar and Other Forms of Green Energy.



MIRYAM ROJAS:

For the past 15 years, I have loved this village and am grateful it's my home.

As a Council-appointed volunteer on the Fine Arts Commission, I

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On Thursday, March 21 the Chamber had it's Annual Dinner and Citizen(s) of the Year ceremony. This year, the board (unanimously) voted to recognize the Heidi Hewes Chapter of the Women's Cancer Association of the University of Miami. Thank you to everyone who joined us in honoring this amazing organization.





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Amerant Bank, formerly known as Mercantil Bank, and the largest community bank headquartered in Florida, opened its new banking center in the Edgewater neighborhood of Miami on Monday, Feb.

4. Located at 2590 Biscayne Blvd., the branch will be headed by Market Manager and Vice President Fernando Vasquez Jr.



Dedicated to strengthening customer relationships by helping them achieve their financial goals, Mr. Vasquez brings 25 years of banking experience in the South Florida market and has been a Banking Center Manager at Amerant Bank for eight years.

Spanning 3,000 square feet, including a second floor loft that will spotlight artwork from local artists throughout the space, the banking center continues the bank's commitment to celebrating the arts in the

community while providing a forward-thinking banking experience to its customers.

"I'm proud to be part of Amerant Bank's Edgewater Banking Center and I'm excited to serve our customers in this area with the quality banking products and services we provide," Mr. Vasquez added. "This new location affords us the opportunity to better serve our customers as we continue to be active supporters of our local community."

Amerant Bank's Edgewater Banking Center hours of preparation are Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; telephone 305-892-1560.

Amerant Bank, headquartered in Coral Gables, offers 23 banking centers in its network, with 15 in South Florida, eight in Houston, TX, and one loan production office in New York as well as a newly opened loan and deposit production office in Dallas, TX.

For additional information about Amerant Bank, visit www.amerantbank.com.

March's **Plaza 98** was all about BBQ & Brews with live music by Signal Fire. Huge thanks to everyone who helped make this such a fun event!



Don't Miss the Season Finale!
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PLAZA 98

Presents **Taste of the Shores**
April 13th 5pm-9pm

Join us while we celebrate under the stars!
The event will showcase the best bites by local vendors. We will also have a crowd participation vote to see which of the bites reign supreme!
Come join the fun!





Greater Miami Shores Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament

April 12th, 2019

11am Registration - 1pm Tee Time

Miami Shores Country Club

10000 Biscayne Blvd., Miami Shores, FL 33138

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\$200 per golfer

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have worked for the past 10 years on creative and cultural endeavors always seeking to enhance the quality of life for Shores' residents.

As a council candidate, I believe we can harness the full potential of our village while at the same time maintaining the values and reasons, we moved to The Village Beautiful. Matters that are very much at the heart of Miami Shores life today and for the future involve a thriving downtown, environmental stewardship and a closely connected and supportive community.

With my experience as a commercial property owner, as well as, a seasoned entrepreneur, I know that our downtown can once again become a thriving destination that first and foremost benefits residents. My ideas for redevelopment provide current businesses with enhanced visibility and attract much-needed businesses tailored to our community of young families.

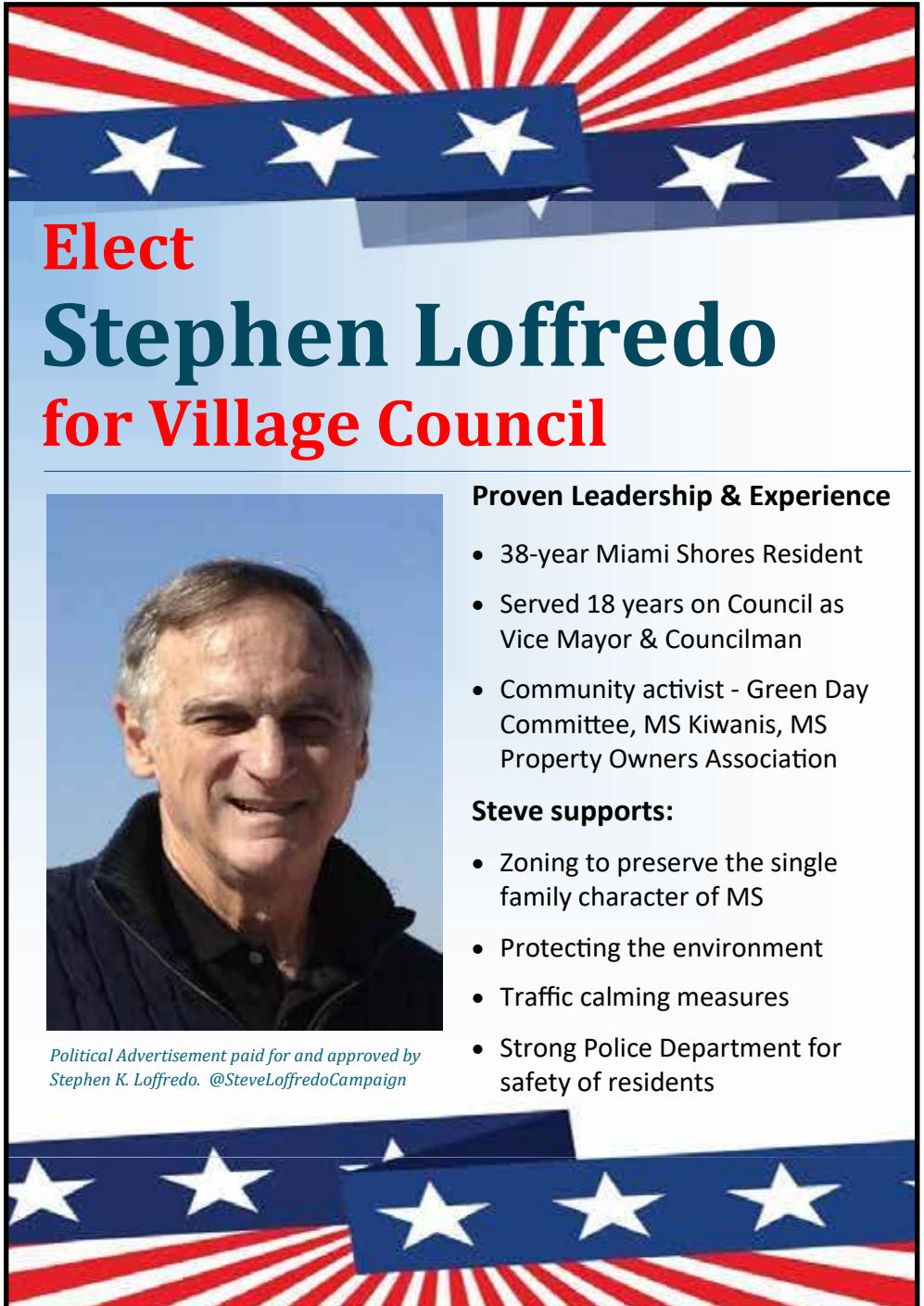
I encourage an environmentally progressive Council leading local initiatives with our village doing its part to mitigate sea level rise and climate change as it affects us both directly and indirectly. Working in a concerted effort with other municipalities on both county and state levels will be imperative to achieve the most impact by far.

Concentrated support village-wide is crucial for the ultimate success of all Miami Shores organizations, churches, businesses, and schools. It takes a village to support these pillars of our community, and when they win, we all win.


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Stephen Loffredo
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Stephen Loffredo
for Village Council



Proven Leadership & Experience

- 38-year Miami Shores Resident
- Served 18 years on Council as Vice Mayor & Councilman
- Community activist - Green Day Committee, MS Kiwanis, MS Property Owners Association

Steve supports:

- Zoning to preserve the single family character of MS
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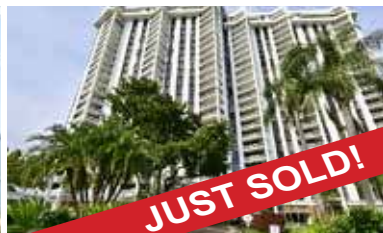
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1508 S Indian River Dr. \$1,149,000

This stunning 4,082 sf water front estate is on the wide inter-coastal waterway. MIMO Beverly Hills ranch boasts 4BR/4BA with a 2 car garage.



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River views, rare to market! This end townhouse is located at the end of a cul-de-sac, w/ a private pool! One side of the unit borders the preserve!



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CHRISTIAN ULVERT:

As a proud resident of the Village of Miami Shores, I know that our community is special and has a uniqueness that makes our Village a home. I love the Shores, and I appreciate all the hard work and commitment that helped create the community that I know and love. I also appreciate that we have more work to do to ensure that the Village we love delivers on its promises to its residents.

Raised by a single mom and a product of our public-school system, I learned at a young age the importance of public service and community involvement. After graduating from MAST Academy, I moved to Tallahassee and attended the Florida State University on a service-based scholarship. Before I started my own firm, I worked in the Florida Legislature as communications director and policy advisor to then State Rep. and Leader Dan Gelber during his leadership term.

My husband Carlos and our two

Maltese pups love this community and being active members of our Village has been so rewarding. This is why I am so excited about the journey ahead. In 2015, we helped Mayor Glinn’s campaign, and again his subsequent 2017 race, as well as being part of a number of public policy discussions and community events impacting the Village. In addition to our volunteer work with the Mayor’s annual Gala committee, Carlos and I are part of the St. Rose of Lima church community.

As a husband, homeowner and small business owner, I am committed to making Miami Shores a safe, vibrant, and prosperous community, and keeping the collaboration our Council has seen in recent years.



CRYSTAL WAGAR:

I have lived in Miami Shores for 15 years, I am raising my children here and I want the Village to continue moving forward.

What I believe separates me from

our other great candidates is my government experience, which will benefit the Village. I served as chief policy aide and Chief of Staff to Commissioner Jimmy Morales and I have served as the Interim Manager for the Village of El Portal.

As the former Chair of the Good Government Initiative, I value transparency and ethical leadership.

I will build on the vibrancy of Miami Shores so that all residents feel the Village is working for them. Here are a few of my priorities.

1. Our downtown should be a place where we spend time with our neighbors and spend our dollars. We have much to offer businesses, but we have to sell our community.
2. Support Miami Shores Elementary and Doctors Charter schools to help them be the destination of choice for the children of our residents.
3. Energize our different neighborhoods to participate in shaping our Village.

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Greater Miami Shores Schools Report

The Greater Miami Shores Chamber of Commerce welcomes submissions for this column by all schools that are Chamber members, whether public or private. To find out about submitting information on behalf of your favorite school, please contact the Chamber at 305-754-5466.

Barry University Barry University hosted its inaugural Nun Run Feb. 16 as part of its Homecoming/ Reunion Weekend. More than 400 people participated in the 5K/8K races – ranging in age from 79 to six-years-old. The course started at Barry University’s main campus in Miami Shores, wound through the leafy streets of Miami Shores Village, and ended back at the University.

The Nun Run honored the determined spirit of Barry University’s founders, the Adrian Dominican Sisters, so participants were encouraged to race with a nun’s habit. Sister Mary Ann Caulfield participated in the race, and placed in her age group.

Ryker Wall from California won the 5K race and Barry alumna Sarah Sellers won the 8K race. You may remember Sarah, who surprised everyone in 2018 by coming in second place at the Boston Marathon!

All Nun Run participants received a complimentary T-shirt, finisher medal, hydration drinks, snacks, and admission to Barry University’s Bucky Fest after the race. The event was a great success so be sure to sign up next year!

Accounting Students Provide Free Tax Preparation for the Community

Students and faculty at Barry University’s Andreas School of Business are offering free income tax preparation for individuals and families with an annual income of \$55,000 or less. The service is offered through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program, which is sponsored by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

Kevin Kemerer, associate professor of Accounting at Barry University, said that the IRS certifies all of the volunteer tax preparers. In addition, after one volunteer prepares the tax return, a second volunteer reviews the return ensuring accuracy of the return. In the event of a discrepancy, Kemerer assists in finding the correct tax position.

“The public can be confident that their taxes will be done correctly because of the processes in place,” Professor Kemerer said.

Income tax preparation is provided by appointment only at Barry University on Saturdays between 9am and 3pm and on Mondays between 4 and 8pm. The average return can be completed in two hours or less. To make an appointment, visit the Barry VITA scheduling page. Barry’s VITA site will remain in operation until April 15.

Doctors Charter School of Miami Shores Pi Day was held with many activities celebrating the Math Department at DCS. Students took over classes, contests were held as well as scavenger hunts throughout the day. It was all things Pi at DCS!

The Class of 2019 continues to receive college acceptances as well as scholarships and financial aid. At this time, they have received collectively over 140 acceptances and almost \$3 million dollars to attend the college/university of their choice. This is an outstanding accomplishment for these 78 scholars.

Dual enrollment courses with Barry University continue to thrive on our campus. DCS is currently in discussions to expand the course listings for the coming year. We thank Barry University for their partnership and vision for our students.

The DCS school calendar for the 2019-2020 school year has been developed and is now posted on the school website. DCS will start the school year on August 15th in the fall. Go to doctorscharterschool.org for further information.

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DCS held a Candidate's Forum for the current slate of candidates for Village Council. This forum was led by student leaders and the history department of DCS continuing our mission for civic education and global citizenship.

The International Travel group traveled to Switzerland, Italy, and France for a 13 day tour of southern Europe. Fifty travelers had a great experience earning history elective credit for every student and CEU's for each of the educator/chaperones.

The National Honor Society is working on a project to supply children at the Miami Rescue Mission with Easter baskets. All donations are greatly accepted.

Winter Sports Awards were held and honored 5 coaches and 63 scholar athletes in basketball, weightlifting and middle school volleyball. Congratulations for a great season!

Congratulations to Senior Rick Pierre Louis who was honored at the Miami Heat game in March for receiving the Carnival Cruise Line scholarship. He and DCS were highlighted at halftime of the game.

A fundraiser for Athletics was held in March to celebrate all the accomplishments of all DCS Athletes. Cheers for our Athletes will become an annual event.

A big shout out to the DCS PTSA for their work on the Community Program. Seven business partners are supporting DCS for technology. 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. We are #DCSHawks!

Miami Country Day School

The Miami Country Day Lady Spartans are officially the greatest dynasty in the history of Florida High School Girls Basketball. On February 28, they won their sixth straight state championship with a 62-30 victory over the Carrollwood Day Patriots. The victory broke the Florida High School Athletic Association record for consecutive state titles. Congratulations to the girls and the entire coaching staff on another successful championship season. The Miami Country Day community is extremely proud!

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Community News & Events

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BROCKWAY MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Celebrate Your Library! National Library Week runs from April 7th - 13th **For Adults:** The Future of the Miami Marine Stadium. Built in 1963 for boat racing and featuring concerts on a floating stage, the Miami Marine Stadium is considered to be an architectural marvel. The Stadium has been shuttered since 1992 but will now be renovated by the City of Miami. Don Worth is a long-time preservationist who was one of the Co-Founders of Friends of Miami Marine Stadium. He presently remains involved in all aspects of the Stadium restoration efforts. This presentation will focus on the Stadium's exciting past, the current status of proposed renovations, and its exciting future as one of the greatest outdoor venues in the world. Thursday, April 4th at 6:30 pm.

Poetry After Dark As part of the National Library Week celebration, Brockway Library will be featuring Beat poet and Spoken Word artist, Rebecca "Butterfly" Vaughns. Friday, April 12th at 7:00 pm

Top 10 Plants for South Florida Gardens Join local resident, Wendy Saltzburg, as she discusses the best plants for South Florida Gardens and their care. Saturday, April 6th at 10:00 am.

Author Event Join local author and professor, Karyn M. Bruce, as she reads and discusses her new poetry book, *I Will Write Loudly So You Can Hear Me*. This book is a quiet book. It's a book of poetry that takes all of the tendrils of the human experience and wraps them together in a way that is soft and full and will send you to a place deep in your own heart, so that when you arrive there, you will feel like you have discovered yourself all over again, and, then, for the first time. Copies will be available for purchase and signing by the author. Thursday, April 25th at 6:30 pm. Free.

For Kids: at the Library! All ages welcome. SATURDAY, April 20th at 10am: "The Rabbit and the Moon" and "The Rabbit and King Frog". Come meet author, Marianne Lecron, and make a craft! "The Art of Ezra Jack Keats"

Student Art Show: Thursday, April 25th 4-5pm. Come see student artwork created during this enriching arts-based program for children ages 7 to 12 years old. Student work exhibits their exposure to the various art mediums Keats' used in his children's books including: pencil drawing, brush and sponge painting, marbling and texture techniques, and collage.

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, April 3, 2019 at 7pm. For more information, please email heidiheweswca@gmail.com.

The Woman's Cancer Association will take part in the 2019 Dolphins Cancer Challenge on April 6th. There is still time to donate to our team by visiting dolphinscancerchallenge.com and searching for Team Hurricane's - Team Woman's Cancer Association. The DCC raises money each year that goes directly to cancer research at Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center.

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,

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MIAMI ART LEAGUE JUST IN TIME for Spring! The Miami Art League has 4 new offerings for April. If you are ready for Evening and Sunday creativity, these NEW classes are for you! Watercolor Fast and Fresh, Wednesday evenings, 7pm - 9pm, April 3 - April 24, taught by Artist Will McGaul. The Art of the Portrait, Thursday evenings, 7pm - 9pm, April 4 - April 25, taught by Artist Salvador Zarate. Instructed Figure Drawing, Friday evenings, 7pm - 9pm, April 5 - April 26, taught by Artist Salvador Zarate. En Plein Air, Sunday afternoons, April 14 & 28, with Artist Salvador Zarate. Class size is limited to 10 students. For more information and to Register, please go to www.MiamiArtLeague.com, write to MiamiArtLeague@aol.com, or leave a message at 305-757-3161 and an Artist will return your call. Regularly scheduled daily morning Drawing and Painting classes will continue!

MIAMI COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL Please join the Miami Country Day and Greater Miami Shores community at a reception with artwork from the Davidson Gallery on Saturday, April 13 at 7 pm in the school's Taplin Gallery. The reception is free and open to the public. For more information or to RSVP, please email events@miamicountryday.org.

MIAMI SHORES FRIENDLY VILLAGERS will be meeting April 2nd @ 11:30 A.M. A delicious lunch will be served at the Miami Shores Country Club. We will have the beloved "Butterfly Women." Founder of Bound by Beauty, Mary Benton will be our speaker. Cost is \$25.00. You may pay at the door or make reservation with Robin @ 707-299-7844. Welcome. We look forward to meeting you!

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MIAMI SHORES FINE ARTS COMMISSION

The Miami Country Day School K-3 Chess Team captured 3rd place in the 2019 Florida State Scholastic Chess Championships in Orlando last month. The Spartan Chess team rallied from fifth place at the beginning of the last round, captured a couple wins, and finish the weekend "on the podium." Congratulations to the team!

Isabella Pedraza, Class of 2019, has been recognized as one of the country's most outstanding high school leaders by the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation and has been awarded a \$20,000 college scholarship. As a member of the 31st class of Coca-Cola Scholars, Isabella not only exemplifies superior leadership, service, and academics – she is a change agent, positively affecting others in her community. Isabella is one of 150 selected from 95,715 initial applicants from across the country to receive this scholarship. Congratulations to Isabella and this amazing accomplishment!

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Miami Shores Presbyterian Church School

The three and four-year-olds at

Miami Shores Presbyterian Church School (MSPCS) participated in the Hanging of the Hands event for the 24th Annual Children's Week. Along with tens of thousands of children and their teachers across the state of Florida, the kids created custom hand art that will be hung to create an amazing art display throughout the State Capitol Rotunda. The hands remain in the Capitol Rotunda for an entire week to serve as a reminder to legislators and advocates that we must take care of our most precious resource: our children. Children's Week is a schedule of events put on by the United Way of Florida and is the only annual event held in the state of Florida that celebrates and honors its commitment to children and advocates.

In March, MSPCS and MSPC hosted their first Beach Clean-Up at Oleta River State Park as part of the church's annual Lenten Mission Challenge. Parents and students from the school, church members and staff, and community members met at the beach to help clean up.

Saint Rose of Lima Catholic Church school

St. Rose of Lima Catholic School's inaugural STREAM (Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Art, Math) EXPO was a huge success. Students in PreK through 8th grade spent several weeks

researching, collaborating and executing their STREAM projects and showcased them for friends and family on Friday, March 8th. The expo included many creative exhibits from an "Eggstronaut" experiment to solutions for cleaning up The Great Pacific Garbage Patch. The students and teachers proved to be beyond innovative as they showcased their love for academia. We can't wait to see what the SRL STREAM EXPO will present next year!

In addition to the incredible things happening within the classroom we would like to congratulate the St. Rose of Lima boys' varsity soccer team on their winning season! These student athletes, led by SRL Athletic Director Coach Ocampo faced some of the fiercest competition in the history of the All Catholic Conference and finished their regular season 4-3 with one tie which placed them as a number three seed in the ACC playoffs. The team came out victorious in the semifinals against a very talented St. Thomas the Apostle team to meet St. Agnes in the finals. The team finished their season as the ACC Division 2A Runner Up.

If you would like to learn more about the wonderful things happening at St. Rose of Lima Catholic School please visit www.srlschool.com or call the school office at 305-751-4257 to schedule a tour.

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Miami Country Day School has a vibrant chess community. The campus hosts several chess tournaments and our K-3 team won 3rd place at the State Championship this year. Led by FIDE International Grandmaster Ron Henley, our summer Chess Camps provide campers with a chance to join this community by learning the rules and knowledge required to play chess sociably and compete in scholastic tournaments.

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