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Jonathan Meltz, President, Greater Miami Shores Chamber of Commerce



Voting is of Primary Concern!

The late Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives

"Tip" O'Neil, a Congressman from my birthplace, Massachusetts, famously said that "All politics are local."

And on Tuesday, August 30th, that will be especially true in greater

Miami Shores. Now that the two major party political conventions are over, and

as we await the "Big Kahuna" on November 8 between Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton and her Republican rival, Donald Trump, our attention turns to the lively local races.

On August 30th there is a spirited contest to see who will be our next State

Representative in House District 108 (now that Daphne Campbell is seeking higher

office) and our new State Senator in Senate District 38 (due to the retirement of Gwen Margolis). There are seven Democrats running for their party's nomination

for House 108 alone. One of the candidates lives in Miami Shores. And in Senate 38 there is a six-way Democratic Primary, a candidate of no party affiliation, and one Republican.

Both Democrats and Republicans have tight races to see who their candidate will be for the U.S. Senate seat to be voted on in November. But our county commissioner, Audrey Edmonson will be returning for another term after her only opponent, former El Portal Mayor Daisy Black, passed away suddenly last month.

It's an exciting time and I hope
I will see you at the polls!

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Brockway Memorial Library is offering a free, 2-part introductory computer course where participants can learn how to search the internet, check email, and other basic functions. The classes will be held on Fridays, August 19 & 26, from 10-11 a.m. Limited to 8 participants. Please call 305-758-8107 to register.

Brockway Library wants to make sure you save the date for the Library Artisan Fair on October 1st from 10am-3pm. Shop beautiful, one of a kind handmade items and homemade goods.

There will be live music by the band Box of Light playing hit songs from the Rolling Stones, Beatles, Bob Dylan and more. For those of you interested in selling your wares, table reservations for the fair are filling up quickly! If you would like to be an artisan vendor at the fair, please call the Library at 305-758-8107. There is a \$35 table fee to register. Cash only please.

Brockway's book groups and clubs will be back in full swing in September.

Spaces are available in Needle Arts, Recipe and Travel Club, Great Conversations with Dr. Rosenblum, and the Mad Hatter Saturday morning book group. If you would like to learn more

or register for any of these groups, please call the Library at 305-758-8107.

The Hurricane Jumpers Competition

Team won big in their first appearance at the World Jump Ropes Pan American Championship (WJRPAC)! The WJRPAC Tournament was held July 1st – 5th at the University of Central Florida's CFE Arena in Orlando.

Competing against 300 athletes, and 26 teams from 6 countries, the Hurricane Jumpers won 13 medals in single rope and 7 in double dutch events qualifying them to compete in the Grand Pan-American Championship again winning three 2nd and 3rd place awards over all age divisions!

Former Chamber of Commerce President **Susan Clifford Dombrowsky**, passed away July 12 of complications from cancer. Mrs. Dombrowsky was 72. She served as Chamber President in 1989. She had a long career as a doctor to many area families, was a local icon and a true champion of education, and supporter of the The Cushman School. She is survived by her husband Alan Dombrowsky and three sons, Alexander, Daniel and Joseph. The family asks that those wishing to make a memorial in her



Susan Clifford Dombrowsky

honor do so with The Cushman School.

*Editor's Note: It was a sad month for our community, as we also lost **Arnold Perlberg**, often remembered for his Goldcoast Society Danceband that performed at Trio on the Bay in North Bay Village. Donations in Mr. Perlberg's name may be made to the Heidi Hewes Cancer Fund online at wcaofum.org/make-a-donation. And, Miami Shores Village has announced that a fund has been created for a memorial in honor of **Jerry Estep**, the Village's late Miami Shores Recreation Director. Donations may be sent to Miami Shores Village, c/o Jerry Estep Memorial, 10050 NE 2 Avenue, Miami Shores, FL 33138.*



Hurricane Jumpers, Top L-R: Alex Costa, Catherine Salow, Amanda Sepe, Simone Costa, Coach Moody; Bottom L-R: Lauren Heller, Scarlett Infante, Brooke Bellinson, Taryn Marriott

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PLAN AHEAD:

- Ensure your employees' contact information is up-to-date and that you have a plan in place to communicate after the storm passes.
- Determine if your business is in a flood and/or evacuation zone and review evacuation routes; identify an emergency temporary site.
- Identify what you need to secure your building or office.
- Review your insurance coverage; photograph or videotape your building or office — inside and out.

BEFORE A STORM:

- Gather supplies to secure the exterior of your office and protect interior furniture.
- Fully charge all portable electronics.
- Make multiple back-ups of computer files and data, and store records off premises.
- Record a special voice message informing employees and customers the status of company operations.
- Close your offices with sufficient time to allow employees to secure their own homes; inform clients that you're closing early and when you plan to reopen.

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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 members of the Chamber, whether public or private. To find out about submitting information on behalf of your favorite school, please contact Jesse Walters at the Chamber at 305-754-5466.

Barry University hosted its 8th annual Move Out Drive to collect as many items as possible that would eventually end up in a landfill, if not donated by students. The Drive is designed to encourage Barry students who are moving out of the residence halls at the end of the semester to donate gently used items instead of throwing them away. The items are then sorted and donated to community organizations within the Miami Dade county area. Items collected and donated this year include 318 lbs. of food, 2,362 lbs. of clothes, 350 lbs. of shoes, 15 mini fridges, 10 microwaves, and 6 TVs. These donations were received by 11 non-profit organizations in Miami-Dade and Broward Counties. Barry University plans to expand marketing of the program to attract even more student participation in years to come. Barry University staff Patricia Ramlow, Shernee Bellamy, and Ashton Spangler are to be commended for spearheading this initiative with the help of numerous volunteers.

St. Rose of Lima Catholic School welcomes Mrs. Brenda Cummings as its' new principal. Mrs. Cummings is coming from St. Anthony's Catholic School in Broward County where she served as Curriculum Coordinator. Prior to St. Anthony's Mrs. Cummings was the principal for Franklin Academy in Pembroke Pines and St. Gregory Catholic School in Plantation. Mrs. Cummings has been busy working at St. Rose since



July 1st and she is excited to be a member of the Miami Shores Village community. The 3rd Annual SRL 2016 Gala will be taking place October 1, 2016 aboard the Biscayne Lady motor yacht. This event is a major fundraiser for both the school and church. For more information, please contact Angela Young at ayoung@srlschool.com or 305-757-5026.

Miami Shores Presbyterian Church School (MSPCS) is accepting applications for Preschool and Elementary students for the 2016-2017 academic year. MSPCS offers a Christ inspired educational experience that empowers students to reach their full potential in life, where academic excellence is nurtured and students are treasured and respected. Students 18 months to 5th grade are encouraged to learn independently and creatively within small class settings. If you have questions regarding registration, please contact 305- 759-2548 or schools@mspcs.net.

MSPCS is proud to host their Second Annual Arts Festival, ART CRAFT LOVE

on November 12, 2016. The event will be under the covered courtyard and will make use of MSPC Fellowship Hall. This free community event is organized by the school's Parent Association, and will bring together local artisans and vendors featuring Kids' Zone, Art Gallery, Student Art Contest, and Food Trucks. For more information, visit www.mspcs.net/artfest or contact Liangy Calli at lcalli@mspcs.net.

Following two comprehensive research studies evaluating the need for a high school in the north Miami area and a unanimous vote by The Cushman's Board of Trustees, it's official, **The Cushman School** will extend its programming through high school. The hard opening is set for fall 2017. Mrs. Caroline Lewis, Former Head at Ransom Everglades, has been brought on as High School Director to work with Cushman Head of School, Ms. Arvi Balseiro, and the administrative team. The team has been working diligently on the progressive curriculum and implementation of a project-based educational environment that effectively teaches students to communicate, collaborate and problem solve in the competitive 21st century global landscape. This is a historic time for Cushman, Miami-Dade's oldest continuously operating private school. Established in 1924, Cushman is known for its innovative educational environment for children from preschool through eighth grade. For additional information, call 305-757-1966.

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TUESDAY, AUGUST 16
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Board of Directors meets at Doctors Charter School

WED., AUGUST 17
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- 11705 NE 7th Avenue \$371,000
- 845 NE 119th Street..... \$330,000
- 741 NE 114th Street..... \$293,944

El Portal:

- 392 NE 87th Street..... \$549,000
- 25 NE 87th Street..... \$420,000

Miami Shores:

- 444 NE 96th Street..... \$1,215,000
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- 925 NE 98th Street..... \$990,000

- 335 NE 101st Street..... \$756,000
- 901 NE 97th Street..... \$639,000
- 990 NE 99th Street..... \$640,000
- 136 NW 96th Street..... \$560,000
- 29 NW 96th Street..... \$540,000
- 121 NE 110th Street..... \$575,000
- 1061 NE 91st Terrace \$550,000
- 290 NE 100th Street..... \$540,025

North Bay Village:

- 7935 E Drive, Unit#1202, Cielo on the Bay..... \$665,000
- 1471 S Treasure Drive..... \$550,000
- 7928 E Drive, Unit#1504, Eloquence on the Bay \$460,000
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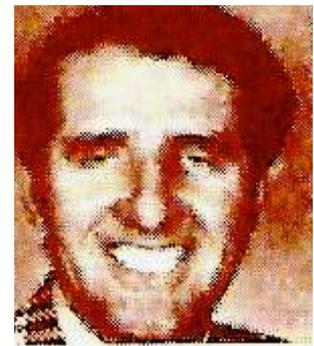
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| Heidi Hewes Chapter, WCA <i>Meetings, mixers & events in support of the Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Care Center.</i> | First Wed. of each month | TBD | TBD | Catherine McLaney 305-450-1212 |
| Miami Shores Community Alliance | Off until September | 8:00 a.m. | Community Center | Bekky Leonard 305-759-2235 |
| Miami Shores Friendly Villagers | Off until September | 11:30 a.m. | Country Club | Kathy Dzwonkiewicz 786-236-6481 |
| Kiwanis Club of Miami Shores & North Miami | 1st & 3rd Thursdays | 12:15 p.m. | Country Club | Sam Michels 305-757-5599 |
| Miami Shores Optimists Club | Last Wed. of each month | 6:30 p.m. | Community Center | Eddie Lewis 305-812-8516 |
| Miami Shores Property Owners Association | Call for date and time | 7:00 | Community Center 9617 Park Drive | Bekky Leonard 305-759-2235 |
| Miami Shores Village People <i>Free non-membership social group for LGBT residents and straight allies.</i> | Sunday, August 14 | 4-6 p.m. | Antica Mare 7999 NE Bayshore Ct | John D'Alessandro 305-505-9551 |
| Miami Shores Woman's Club | Off until September | 11:00 a.m. | Country Club | Helen Mendel 305-751-6885 |
| Rotary Club of Miami Shores www.miamishoresrotary.org | Every Wednesday | 12:15 p.m. | Country Club | Jerome Hurtak |

HISTORY CORNER

Each month, we feature a question or a photograph here from our archives. The randomly drawn winner receives a \$25 gift certificate to an area Chamber member restaurant or retail establishment. The winner is drawn on the 15th of the month. Last month, in honor of the untimely passing of long time Miami Shores Recreation Department head Jerry Estep, we ran a beautiful photo of his hometown. There were a surprising number of correct

answers. Either folks remembered where he was from or the photo looked familiar. Our randomly drawn winner is Priscilla Muniz, who knew it was Gulfport, MS. She wins a \$25 gift certificate to Mr. Pasta in downtown Miami Shores.

For August, who is this handsome devil?! This photo ran in a 1979 edition of this publication. Hint, he's fortunately still with us, lives here, and ran a moving and storage business on NW 112th Street. One of Miami Shores truly good guys.



Know the answer? Email the Chamber at jessewalters@miamishores.com or call 305-754-5466. Remember to tell us your name and how to contact you if you're our winner!

LAST WORD

Quote of the Month:

"Some drink from the fountain of knowledge. Others just gargle"

Robert Anthony

To Wit:

A celebrity chef took over Amtrak? Yup—tickets are still pricey, but the trains run on thyme.

Courtesy AARP Bulletin

Jason PIZZO

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Jason Pizzo is committed to focusing on the issues that matter most to all of our working families across District 38.



Climate Change

While Tallahassee Republicans want to deny climate change at every chance, those of us in South Florida know better. We've seen the flooded streets and the rising sea levels. We need to work together, acting now to both curb climate change and prepare for its effects on our neighborhoods.



Give Workers A Living Wage

Nobody can deny that the cost of living in District 38 has gone up dramatically over the past few years. While the world floods to our beaches and resorts, thousands of working families end up getting left in the dust, stuck with escalating rent and food costs, while enduring stagnant wages. That's why Jason supports a living wage of \$15 an hour.



Protect Our Neighborhoods

Gun violence continues to rip our neighborhoods apart. We need leadership in Tallahassee that isn't afraid to stand up for common sense gun laws and will work to keep our community safe. As a former prosecutor, nobody is more prepared to take on this challenge than Jason Pizzo.



Invest In Our Children

Regardless of location or family income, EVERY child in District 38 deserves a quality education. That's why Jason is committed to smart education reforms that put the emphasis back on student achievement and make sure our schools have the funding they need for our children to succeed.



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