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Gladys Coia, Esq.

President, Greater Miami Shores Chamber of Commerce



The past year has been a whirlwind of activity for the Chamber, we have a new Executive Director, Megan Gerstel, a new designer, Carla Peters, and a lot of great new members! Green Day 2017 was the most successful & most well attended Green Day ever, and we launched Plaza 98, a beautiful new space for the community to gather in, with monthly events to attend! The community at large has had some exciting changes as well, we gained a new farmers' market which sets up every Sunday at Optimist Park, and we've had several new businesses open downtown. In all, there is no shortage of events and gatherings for the community to enjoy.

Plaza 98 continues the second Saturday of every month through the month of March.

If you have yet to attend, you are missing a fun-filled event complete with food, drinks, music, and always something for to entertain the kids while the adults mingle with friends. There is a themed event every month. The upcoming January Plaza98 will be a "New Year/New You" theme complete with complementary yoga at sunset to help us start the new year resolutions we all tend to make after a holiday of eating and drinking...not to worry, for those of you who are not yoga-inclined, there will be plenty of music, food, and libations to keep you busy!

Have a Happy and Healthy New Year!



Please join us for the Greater Miami Shores Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner on February 22, 2018, at the Miami Shores Country Club, 6:30pm.

For more information or to RSVP call the Chamber office at 305-754-5466.

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The Village of Biscayne Park

is having its 2nd Annual Art Show on February 3, Saturday from 2-6 pm. Artists, artisans & the Urban Oasis Farmers Market will be selling paintings, ceramics, jewelry, soaps & candles, leather goods, handmade chocolates & baked goods, and much more. Come get your Valentine Day gifts! Refreshments served. The Log Cabin, 640 NE 114th St., Biscayne Park, 33161. Parking: Enter from NE 6th Ave. on NE 113th St. Inquiries Contact: Amy Raymond 305-409-2191.

Brockway Memorial Library

Attracting Birds to South Florida Gardens, Monday, January 29th at 6:00 pm. Join Kirsten Hines, co-author of Attracting Birds to South Florida Gardens, as she offers tips on how to create a garden that not only benefits birds but increases your enjoyment of your yard, patio, or balcony. Learn which plants provide the best food and shelter while attracting specific bird species. No space is too small to make your area avian-friendly! RSVP appreciated at 305-758-8107.

The National Association of Library Performers Presents Music of the Vietnam War Era, Performed by Dave Ehlert. Songs include "We Gotta Get Out Of This Place", "For What it's Worth", "War", "The Game of Love", "Ballad of the Green Berets", "Okie From Muskogee", "Run Through the Jungle", "Universal Soldier", "Sittin' on the Dock of the Bay", "Eve of Destruction", and more. Interviews with Vietnam Vets reveal many won't talk about the war but will gladly talk about the music that provided an escape from the reality of Vietnam. These songs are performed live in a 60 minute program by Master Singing Impressionist Dave Ehlert, who has presented at over 300 Libraries in 44 states. Free! Friday, January 5th, 6:30pm. Brockway Memorial Library, 10021 NE 2nd Ave., Miami Shores, FL.



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 3, 2018 at 7pm. For more information, please email heidiheweswca@gmail.com.

Please join us for the WCA's annual Silver Angel Brunch held Sunday, January 21st 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. The event features live entertainment, a silent auction, full brunch and a guest speaker from Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center. Tickets are \$75, for more information and to reserve your seat, please email heidiheweswca@gmail.com.



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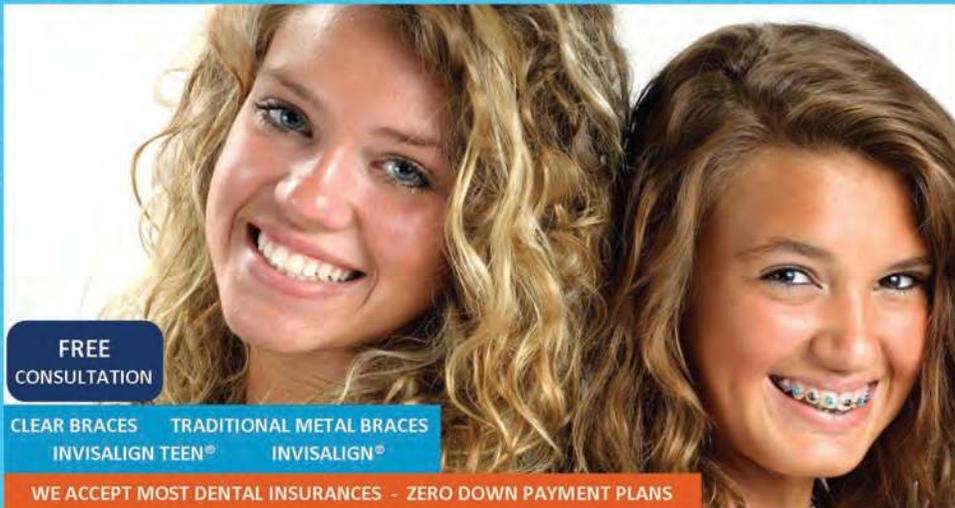
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Chamber's January Mixer

Thanks to those who joined us for our monthly mixer as we celebrated Lucio Coffee to Wine's first Anniversary! And a big thank you to Lucio Coffee to Wine for their continued support of the Greater Miami Shores Chamber of Commerce.

Party in the Plaza!

Thank you to Mount Sinai for giving away free hot cocoa to keep everyone warm! DJ Vertigo, of the Miami Marlins, kept the crowd going as they ordered food and drinks from Lucio Coffee to Wine, The Miami Shores Country Club, Miami Theater Center, Mima's Kitchen, Pizza Fiore, and Popstarz plus before settling in to watch *The Princess Bride*.



2018 UPCOMING CHAMBER EVENTS

Saturday, Jan. 13th

Party in the Plaza, second Saturdays at Plaza 98! January: *New Year, New You!* Please join us from 5-9pm, for music, food, drinks, and activities for the whole family to enjoy. Get your Zen on with complimentary sunset yoga at 5:30!

Thursday, Jan. 25th

Networking Mixer sponsored by Robert Bourne Realty, LLC. Location to be disclosed, keep an eye out for details in an upcoming Egret Enews Blast*!

Thursday, Feb. 22nd

Join us for our annual Chamber of Commerce Dinner at the Miami Shores Country Club, 6:30pm. For more information or to RSVP, please call 305-754-5466.

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460 NE 50 Ter. \$1,249,000

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11 Island Ave #1412 \$1,199,000

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A long-time favorite instructor, Inez Hollander, introduces a theme for students to interpret as they see it. The water based mediums classes are all drawing focused, students are also able to work in charcoal and pastels. Inez's classes are Tuesdays 9AM-noon.

Individual classes are kept at \$15 - \$40 modest fees, to include as many students, of all ages and abilities participation. There are also \$5 open studio times, when students may work on their own, honing and improving their techniques for the next class.



A solo-show of Ruth's watercolor work, honoring her contributions to both Miami Art League and the arts community, created a scholarship fund for deserving students.

New membership is outreaching to the tri-villages Biscayne Park, El Portal and Miami Shores.

2018 will bring extended programming including additional evening and Sunday classes, and quarterly open-house receptions.

The non-profit organization, created in 1930, actually pre-dates Miami Shores Village's 1932 incorporation. Its membership is not just Shores' residents, many members also travel from South Dade, and Broward. The membership enthusiastically participates and supports community and Chamber events, as seen here at 2017 Green Day street festival.



What sets this fine arts studio apart from others is its membership which becomes a tight-knit family. Several current members are recognized South Florida Fine Artists, and by working alongside experienced artists new students, of all ages, benefit from the association and fellowship.

Becoming a member is a requisite but brings many benefits and a trial class allows new students to experience before commitment. Included with membership are easels, drawing boards, the student's own cubby keeping

personal supplies, free parking, coffee and snacks, friendly co-members. Annual Jan - Dec. dues, \$150, Students, \$75.



To inquire about your trial class, call 305-757-3161. Leave a message, it's always returned as soon as a league volunteer arrives at the studio. Miami Art League, 9709 NE Second Ave. They welcome your questions and invite potential members to visit www.miamiartleague.com, Miami Art League Facebook page, or e-mail: miamiartleague@aol.com.



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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.

Miami Shores Elementary hosted its annual Science Fair on Tuesday, Dec. 5, 2017, receiving over 350 entries. After weeks of hard work, observation, development of theories and proving or disproving their hypotheses, MSES Eagles proudly showcased their findings and a panel of external judges declared the winners. The top three places for grades 3-5 are as follows: **THIRD GRADE:** 1st Isaiah Menard, 2nd Maia Poulson and 3rd Knox Venger; **FOURTH GRADE:** 1st Surya Webb, 2nd Lorelei Thanner and 3rd Sadie Dunham; and **FIFTH GRADE:** 1st Sienna Corredor 2nd (Tie) Maeve Walsh and Camila Thomas and 3rd Michael Charlot. MSES congratulates ALL the young scientists for their pursuit of knowledge and extends its heartfelt wishes to MSES students participating in upcoming MDCPS science fair competitions. A special thank you to Mrs. Hesler and Mrs. Carpenter for their dedication and commitment to MSES, Science Fair and SECME programs. An exceptional exposition!

Miami Shores Community Church School has begun the New Year with Career Month. Parents visited the school to share information about the many career possibilities students may look forward to. MSCCS students also enjoy Field Day during January. Students play in friendly competitions throughout the game in hopes of winning first place! Miami Shores Community Church School is gearing up for 2018-2019 registration. If you are interested in learning more information about MSCCS, visit their website at MiamiShoresCommunityChurchSchool.org.

Cushman High School partners with CLEO and MIT to Make a Difference. Several students at Cushman's High School showcased the importance of Climate Change education via their Virtual Reality projects at the Art Miami Fair this past December. Featured within the "Deep Sea" exhibit, the students' VR films portrayed how real communities in Miami are addressing this critical global issue. Their work was made possible because of the school's partnership with the CLEO Institute (Climate Leadership Educational Opportunities) and MIT (Massachusetts Institute of Technology) and the mutual dedication of these organizations to create a curriculum that inspires student to become Agents of Change. This MIT-initiated elective called BITL (Before It's Too Late) VR Lab Internship is one of many classes that makes Cushman's High School programming so relevant and progressive. Cushman is revolutionizing the high school landscape by ensuring its graduates are successful not only in top colleges but in the difference they make in our world beyond college. These student's VR projects have also been accepted to be featured in the Miami Dade Public Libraries traveling exhibit this year.

Doctors Charter School of Miami Shores The DCS Science Club visited the Frost Museum and the Class of 2022 saw the movie "Wonder" at the Aventura Theater in December. These activities have boosted enthusiasm school-wide for gratitude and generosity as we study these Core Essential Values in November and December.

More than half of the Class of 2018 has received early college acceptances to date. The DCS Guidance Department has been actively engaged with every senior in promoting college applications, scholarships, and financial aid. Congratulations to all seniors for their hard work and diligence to the process.

DCS celebrated the holidays with a Winter Music Program at the Miami Theater in downtown Miami Shores on December 19th. This new partnership with MTC is a great opportunity to bring the fine arts into our school.

The DCS Technology Campaign exceeded our early goals and we want to thank the Miami Shores Rotary for kicking off the season with a \$2000 grant donation. Give Miami Day 2017 and Giving Tuesday successfully launched the efforts and the spring annual campaign is just around the corner. If you are interested in supporting DCS with your tax-deductible gift, click on the link on the DCS website (<https://www.classy.org/campaign/dcs-technology-campaign/c147639>) and give the gift of technology for DCS students.

We are #DCSHawks!

Miami Country Day School had an Art Basel week of its own in early December. The renown New Orleans Preservation All Stars visited the school on December 7th. The All Stars were on campus to for a special jazz performance in the school's Center for the Arts for the John Davies Cultural Art Series. Students also had the opportunity to benefit from the master musicians. The All Stars taught a "Master Class" to Middle and Upper School music students. This amazing day was made possible by Title Sponsors: Bal Harbour Shops and Whitman Family Development. In its inaugural year, the John Davies Cultural Arts Series is bringing well known speakers, artists, and musicians to speak and perform for the local community. (photo attached) Save the date for the following upcoming events: January 10: Yale's Whim 'n Rhythm All Women's Acapella Group; February 15: Musician, Jacqueline Jove '04; May 23: Musical Theater, Nick Richberg'96.

On Friday, December 8, Sheppard Fairey, well known graphic and mural artist visited with the Miami Country Day Lower School. Fairey fielded questions about his art, his passion, and his inspiration(s) from young students. Several renditions of Fairey's art were installed on the school's new Center for the Arts parking garage earlier in December.

Save the Date: Miami Country Day School Grandparents' Day is February 9. More information to follow.

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Each month we publish photos of family pets. If you would like your pet featured please send in a photo, the pet's name, the name of the pet's family, and town of residence to "Pet of the Month" care of mgerstel@miamishores.com.

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St. Rose of Lima alumni continue to soar at our local Catholic high schools! Among the 37 SRL graduates currently enrolled St. Thomas Aquinas HS, 30 students received Honor Roll during the 1st Semester; 18 were on Principal's List. Of the 32 SRL graduates currently attending LaSalle, 24 achieved Honor Roll during the 1st Semester. At Pace HS, 21 of our 31 alumni received either Principals or 1st Honors and at Chaminade-Madonna HS, 23 of our 27 students were recognized with Honor Roll with over 21 alumni receiving 1st Honors or higher. We are very proud of our SRL alumni!

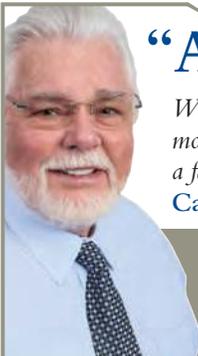
SRL boys' varsity basketball team had the opportunity of a lifetime and participated in the Miami Heat Court of Dreams. The varsity team competed at the American Airlines Arena against Belen Jesuit. This experience was a dream come true for many of the SRL student athletes.

Congratulations to Girl Scout Troop 415 for collecting hundreds of toys for needy children within the St. Rose of Lima parish. Many children were blessed by the kindness of others this Christmas season.

SAVE THE DATE – The 64th Annual St. Rose of Lima Carnival will take place January 26, 27, 28, 2018. Discounted ride tickets and weekend ride wristbands will be available for purchase now through Thursday, January 25th. If you are interested in getting involved or would like additional information please visit www.stroseoflimamiamishores.org or contact the church office at 305-758-0539 for more details.

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