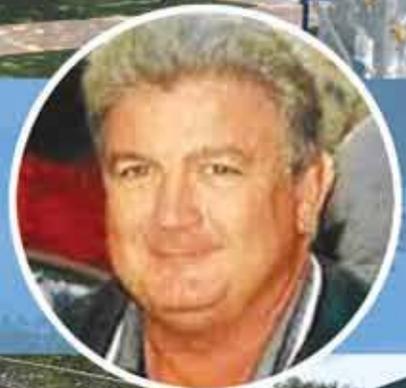


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Jonathan Meltz, President, Greater Miami Shores Chamber of Commerce



Remembering "Mr. Recreation"

This month we remember a true Miami Shores icon, the late Jerry Estep. Mr. Estep was the longtime head of the Miami Shores Recreation Department, and he died suddenly on June 20 at his home. Jerry will be greatly missed, most of all by his beloved wife, Barbara Estep, the equally well known Miami Shores Village Clerk. A devoted couple who did everything together, they were fixtures at area events like Unity Day.

Mr. Estep oversaw a very large staff at the Recreation Department, as well as key village facilities like the Community Center and athletic fields, the Aquatic Center, and the Tot Lot. He was also a member of the Board of the Directors of the Chamber of Commerce and a stalwart on the Green Day Committee.

On a personal note, it was my privilege to serve on the Miami Shores Recreation Advisory Board for several years and meet with Jerry each month as we planned activities for young and old.

Jerry's untimely death is a reminder of the many cherished community leaders we sometimes take for granted in our fast paced lives as they quietly go about doing their work, and a cautionary reminder to enjoy every moment you have with your friends and family while they are with us.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Brockway Memorial Library is proud to participate in the Florida Library Association's One Book One State Program 2016. This year's selection is John D. MacDonald's famous 1977 hurricane disaster novel, *Condominium*. This year marks MacDonald's 100th birthday anniversary. Harriet Ottenheimer, author and former professor of anthropology at Kansas State University, will lead the discussion. Monday, July 11th, 6:00-7:00 p.m. Please call 305-758-8107 to register.

Kira Kismet is a second generation dancer who has been involved with dance for the past 30 years. A full time instructor/choreographer, she is a nationally acclaimed performer/choreographer, who has studied Ballet, Modern Dance, Gymnastics, Yoga, and Middle Eastern Dance. Ms. Kismet's beginner's belly dance class features proper body posture, isolations, strong shimmies, and graceful arm and hand movements. This class will contain all styles of Middle Eastern Dance utilizing Turkish, Egyptian, Greek, and New World music. 4 sessions: Tuesdays, July 12th, 19th, 26th and August 2nd from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Classes are open to teens and adults. No dance experience necessary! Admission is free. To register please call 305-758-8107.

Local author Jorge Reyes will discuss his new book, *Justified Retribution* and his international thriller series, *The Retribution Series*. Signed copies will be available for purchase at the event. This event was originally set for June and will now be held on Thursday, July 14th from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Fans of the *Outlander* series will truly enjoy a discussion of Diana Gabaldon's *Outlander* books, now a wildly popular TV series. Taste and share recipes from the newly released *Outlander Kitchen: The Official Outlander Companion Cookbook* by Theresa Carle-Sanders.

Featuring more than 100 recipes, *Outlander Kitchen* retells Claire and Jamie's incredible story through the flavors of the Scottish Highlands, the French Revolution, and beyond. Scottish attire encouraged! Hosted by Miami Shores resident and *Outlander* mega fan, Cheryl Gowing. Saturday, July 16th from 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Registration required: 305-758-8107.

Miami Country Day School graduate and Valedictorian Emma Rodriguez has been awarded the prestigious P.E.O. Star Scholarship for her freshman year at Dartmouth. P.E.O. Star Scholarship criteria includes academics, leadership, community service and potential for future success, and Emma was one of 400 seniors awarded this Scholarship from a field of 1,933 applicants nationwide.



Emma plans to study Neuro Science at Dartmouth. Her long range plans include medical school and affiliation with Doctors Without Borders. This goal was inspired by 2 family vacation/work projects to House of Hope, an orphanage adjacent to a hospital in Beraca, Haiti. Emma's family, Wally and Terry Rodriguez and brother Jack, have been Miami Shores residents for over 20 years, and P.E.O. Chapter BJ of Miami Shores is proud to have sponsored Emma for this award.



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Raquel V. Reyes, Senior Columnist

THE SANCTUARY AT EL PORTAL



Photos courtesy of the Sanctuary at El Portal

I recently had the pleasure of conversing with Seth Gadinsky of Gadinsky Real Estate, LLC. He and Sam Soriero purchased the Radar Memorial Church site in February of this year with plans to open a mixed-use complex. Their development is called The Sanctuary at El Portal. The building will be converted into studios and an event space. It was reported that they intended to launch in December for Art Basel and its satellite fairs. The Egret asked me to follow up on the development's progress.

You have an ambitious timeline. Will your December deadline be achievable? *Probably not. We are still fielding inquiries and want to head in the right direction. So, we are taking it a little slower. We should start the plans in July which puts our timeline into 1st quarter next year.*

The building has not been fully occupied in a long-time. What state of disrepair is it in? *The last owner started interior demolition and stopped. It's in pretty rough shape but the bones are wonderful and it will be great again.*

Doesn't the building have some asbestos issues? *No, it was cleaned out before our purchase of the property.*

The Sanctuary will be an event venue and have studio spaces that will lease at approximately \$25 a square foot. Will the studios be only for visual artist or are you expecting to attract small design firms, performance artists, and other such "creatives"? *We have been approached by people from all walks of life. So, it will not be relegated to artists only.*

I know residents along the parallel streets will want to know—what is the plan for managing the parking and traffic during events? *We have not studied that but rest assured we are sensitive to balancing the desire to activate the property without reducing the quality of life for residents. When we have an event, we will take precautions to avoid spill-over.*

I am curious as to how the beverages and food for events be handled? Will there be an on-site restaurant or will it be catered for events? *We are planning for an on-site restaurant serving three meals a day that will have the capability to service the events, as well, but probably not on an exclusive basis.*

How do you see the residents and neighboring communities engaging with The Sanctuary? *This will be the best part. We are close to a deal with an operator who wants this to be a place for residents. They will serve coffee in the morning and go through dinner at night. They even want to clean up the playground in back so kids can run around while their parents enjoy some time off.*

Lastly, what is your vision of the area's future? *We want to help El Portal continue on its current trajectory as a hidden gem in this bustling city. What it needs is a central place of identity and hopefully we will accomplish this.*

Is there someone in your neighborhood that needs to be publicly recognized for their contribution to the community? Do you have an idea for this column? Please email your feedback to: rreyes@miamishores.com.

Raquel Reyes is a writer living in Miami Shores. Check out www.rvreyes.com for more information about her.



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.



Supported by grants from **Unite Miami Shores** and the **Miami Shores Community Alliance**, the **Community Learning Partnership of Greater Miami Shores (CLP)** presented student leader awards to students from the Cushman School, Doctors Charter and Miami Edison Senior High. College readiness packs were delivered to high school seniors by **Barry University's** mascot, Bucky. Dr. Mark Walker, friend of the CLP, presented Social Entrepreneurship Awards to students who created the "Light it Up Project", "Run for Life Club" and "Zachopedia" for their perseverance with the implementation of their projects. Overall, eighteen students were recognized for their leadership in the Miami Shores community. Special thanks to CLP teachers Yolette Mezadieu, Sue Edminson, Kiyata Branker, Kyle Mullan, Shay Bellamy and Ashley Yao and for their work in promoting community and civic engagement that positively impacts our neighborhoods. For more information about the CLP please visit barry.edu/clp.

Miami Shores Community Church School had an exciting end of the school year! The MSCCS Debate Club were champions at the 2016 Great Debate, hosted at MSCCS. MSCCS would also like to wish the best of luck to their graduates! Summer Camp at Miami Shores Community Church School is off to a great start. Campers are loving the many fun activities planned throughout the week, including dance, karate, music, art, gymnastics, and more. MSCCS campers love to cool off after a long, exciting week with an awesome Water Day every Friday. Join MSCCS this summer for a great time with new friends. Registration for the Fall is also underway. Come visit MSCCS for a tour of their preschool and elementary program, and be sure to secure your spot as soon as possible.

Dr. Mark Walker and representatives from Barry University were at **The Cushman School** in May honoring two of its 8th grade students for their CLP Social Entrepreneurship Projects. Lelani Antar was given an iPad to further her research and development of her health and fitness initiative, "Run for Life".

Zach Fotiadis was awarded a \$400 check to evolve his "Zachopedia" educational concept, which he also spoke about in February at a TEDxYouthMiami event. Dr. Walker began this CLP program to encourage students in our community to come together and bring their creative and entrepreneurial ideas to fruition. For more information, visit: www.communitylearningpartnership.com.

The kids at **Miami Shores Presbyterian Church School (MSPCS)** Summer Camp are having fun learning with weekly themes like *Under the Sea*, *Yee-Haw!*, *Barnyard Fun*, and *Summer Science*. During *Let's Get Cooking!* week, the kids learned from a professional chef, experimented with fruit art, and went on a field trip to Publix to learn where fruit and vegetables come from. They made art with the fruit, pretzels and crackers, learned how to make pizza, fruit kabobs and muffins, and enjoyed a chocolate fountain. MSPCS Summer Camp runs through July 29th with open hours from 8am-6pm. To learn more and to register visit www.mspsc.net/summer-camp or call 305-751-5417.



To keep children learning throughout the summer, MSPCS is offering Summer Academic Programs in STEM, SciPi Math for Science, and Literacy and Yoga. These engaging and rich opportunities are for kids grades K-6 and are designed to reflect the MSPCS philosophy of collaborative, experience-based education. Encouraging creativity, problem-solving and personal exploration, these programs are the perfect alternative to what can sometimes be the lazy days of summer. To learn more and to register visit www.mspsc.net/summer-programs or email creynoso@mspsc.net



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The Chamber of Commerce applauds her for her service to the Village of El Portal, which was recently featured in *The Miami Herald* as having the third highest change in property values in Miami-Dade County, up 13.8%!

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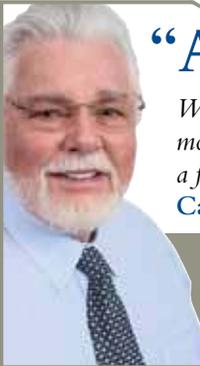
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Chamber members and area residents are invited to mix, mingle, and meet your neighbors at a FREE mixer with refreshments provided by the Village of El Portal. Advance RSVP online at www.miamishores.com.

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Welcome to our new neighbors! These homes were recently sold ...

Biscayne Park:

- 424 NE 121st Street \$389,000
- 11100 NE 12th Avenue \$198,500

El Portal:

- 120 NE 88th Street..... \$699,000
- 199 NW 90th Street..... \$462,000
- 301 NE 87th Street..... \$450,000
- 222 NE 89th Street..... \$405,000

Miami Shores:

- 1551 NE 103rd Street..... \$1,125,000
- 10585 NE 6th Avenue \$1,010,550
- 151 NE 99th Street..... \$785,000
- 366 NE 99th Street..... \$735,000

- 395 NE 92nd Street \$710,000
- 873 NE 96th Street..... \$650,000
- 424 NE 103rd Street..... \$640,000
- 80 NW 92nd Street \$630,000
- 171 NE 102nd Street \$630,000
- 75 NE 92nd Street \$600,000
- 260 NE 95th Street..... \$548,500
- 137 NE 108th Street..... \$545,000
- 429 NE 102nd Street \$489,000

North Bay Village:

- 7928 East Drive, #103, Eloquence on the Bay \$510,000
- 1555 N Treasure Drive, #411, The Breeze Condo..... \$285,000
- 1900 S Treasure Drive, #7D, Treasure on the Bay III.. \$265,000



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CLUB CORNER

A listing of area fraternal, social, and civic organizations and their upcoming meetings

Organization	Meets	Time	Location	Contact
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	No meeting in July	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>	Call for date and time	TBD	TBD	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



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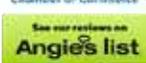

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HISTORY CORNER

? 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 we asked who was the individual on the left in this photograph from Barry University's 1971 "President's Day"? Very easy this time, former United States Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey, of course! There were many correct answers and a couple of cute incorrect ones (Pat Summerall and Liberace!). Our randomly drawn winner is Diane Butler of NE 91st Street in Miami Shores. She wins a \$25 gift certificate to Mr. Pasta in downtown Miami Shores.



This month, in honor of our dearly departed Miami Shores Recreation head Jerry Estep, we ask where this photo is from. Hint: it's Jerry's hometown.



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 end up being our winner!



LAST WORD

Quote of the Month:

*"Love your neighbor.
Yet don't pull down your hedge."*
Benjamin Franklin

To Wit:

*Did you hear about the scientists at FIU who turned a dolphin invisible?
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