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Artist Leonor Anthony and Photographer Roberto Polillo's ongoing collaborative project. A powerful anthology of Jazz Musicians, and Ms. Anthony's artworks. The iconic photographs include Thelonious Monk, John Coltrane, Miles Davis, among others.

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Artist Leonor Anthony and Photographer Roberto Polillo



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For a short month, February is full of fun and culture in the Greater Miami Shores area. Kicking off with Super Bowl fever, residents and members can be sure to catch the game or pre-game festivities at any of our member restaurants.

Up next, we have Unity Day on Feb. 8th at the community fields. Then Valentine's Day – a day to savor right in our backyard. Need something special for your sweetheart? Make it easy and shop from Chamber Members. You can find lessons, chocolate, spa services, lawn and home improvements or even a new home – all from our members. Visit our Website at www.miamishores.com to see a full list.

Along with celebrations, February also offers time for reflection. Read Roni Bennett's article on Black History in Miami Shores to see the tensions that were running through community leadership in the 1950s and 60s and how the Village Council and

Chamber banded together to make the right choice. It's incredible how far we have come, but we also have a far way to go. Part of the "quaintness" of the Greater Miami Shores area is that you know the name of your neighbor, and the proprietor of the businesses you frequent. It's through these relationships that we stay connected and cultivate an environment of respect... for all people. Check out the numerous opportunities for reflection this month through our local schools, Brockway Library, Miami Theater Center and Miami Shores Parks and Recreation.

Lastly, if you want to get to know a remarkable leader who has been cultivating community for decades, join us Wednesday, February 20 at the Citadel, where we will honor Citizen of the Year, Doug Romanik, for his contributions to Archbishop Curley, Cushman and St. Rose. I can't wait to see you there!

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In 1949, Miami Shores Community Church invited a Black minister, Rev. Edward T. Graham, to speak from the pulpit for Brotherhood Week. When word got out, two crosses were burned on the church lawn and one on Rev. Graham's lawn, and the invitation was cancelled.

In 1964, Miami Shores Mayor Ray Clement signed Resolution No. 433, that said "...Urge fellow citizens to employ all legal and lawful means within their powers to cause the defeat of this so-called Civil Rights Bill of 1963." The bill, which outlawed school segregation and discrimination in public accommodations and employment, was to become the federal Civil Rights Act of 1964. The Miami Shores Village Council voted to adopt the resolution opposing it on January 7, 1964, and the Chamber of Commerce resolved to oppose it too, on March 18th, 1964.



Ending long-held silences around a painful past means airing and discussing a community's shared history. Many say history is never just in the past but reverberates in the present. South Florida People of Color (SFPoC) is presenting an original exhibit called The Black History of Miami Shores, which explores our racial past at pivotal historical points in an effort to educate, shed light, and launch a public community dialogue.

SFPoC has carefully researched The Black History of Miami Shores from before the village's incorporation in 1932 through the decades, up to the election of its first African-American mayor, Crystal Wagar, in 2019. SFPoC relied on archival newspaper clippings, public records, and contemporaneous accounts to develop the exhibit, which is presented in the context of local, national, and international events.

At the opening reception on February 6th, Miami Shores residents and others will discuss their personal experiences and inter-generational memories. The Black History of Miami Shores exhibit will be on display at Brockway Memorial Library through the end of February. A Unity360 Community Race Dialogue on February 15th will provide an opportunity for deeper exploration of the themes of the exhibit.

The Miami Shores story is very much an American story, shaped by the forces of systemic Jim Crow segregation, redlining, and threatened or actual violence. This exhibit and the dialogue are for everyone who is interested in understanding our shared history and working toward a better future.

The exhibit is supported by a grant from the Miami Shores Community Alliance. Art direction & design provided by Urban Brand Specialist Ithan Payne. The Brockway Memorial Library and Miami Shores Community Church are longtime partners of SFPoC.

*By Francie Peake, SFPoC Unity360 Program Coordinator and
Roni Bennett, Executive Director*

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Citizen of the Year
By Kyle Mullan

The Miami Shores Chamber of Commerce is delighted to recognize Dr. Douglas Wayne Romanik as its Citizen of the Year. Doug is a life-long resident of Miami Shores, moving from the Twin Cities to Miami with his six siblings in 1977. Upon arrival, the family became entrenched within the village, adopting Saint Rose of Lima Parish as their house of worship and the Miami Shores Recreation Center, where the Romanik clan played sports until sunset, as their de facto home.



Douglas and Haydee Romanik

Doug attended St. Rose in middle school and matriculated to Archbishop Curley Notre Dame Preparatory School where he excelled in the classroom and on the gridiron. Upon graduation, Doug attended Harvard Univer-

sity, playing football his freshman year, and studying economics. After his stint in Cambridge, Doug decided to attend The University of Miami Law School. With JD in hand, Doug entered the workforce in Miami, working briefly at Katz Barron Law Firm followed by the Florida Bar. At this time, Doug felt a calling beyond law and decided to join his brothers in running the family bowling alley, Cloverleaf Lanes.



Douglas Romanik, Maria Caamano and Jennifer Geimer honor the Cushman HS Honor Society.

Doug embraced his true vocational calling, though, when an opportunity became available at his alma mater, Archbishop Curley. Doug commenced his tenure as Dean of Students before briefly assuming the role of Advancement Director. Shortly thereafter, he was chosen to take over as Principal, a position he held until 2017.



Dr. Douglas Romanik

It was at Curley and then The Cushman School, where in 2018 he reunited with his sister, and longtime Cushman Middle School Director, Jennifer Geimer, that his true gifts unveiled themselves. Doug's commitment to the Community Learning Partnership of Miami Shores, Green Day and Unity Day only partly captures his duty to serve and support initiatives within the Miami Shores Village. As current Associate Director of the Cushman High School, Doug is reaching a new era of Miami Shores resident.



Jennifer Geimer and Doug Romanik join in on the fun at the Cushman High School Winter Formal 2019.

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Left to right: Grace, Doug, Haydee, Rhian, and Megan Romanik

When Doug isn't molding young adults, he spends his free time giving back in other ways. Anyone who's enjoyed a day at the St. Rose Carnival has benefitted from Doug's hard work as he's served on the carnival committee for the last eighteen years and helped chair the event each of the previous five years, a commitment which requires weekly meetings throughout the year. Other than him not ordering enough beer for the parents in attendance, Doug and his staff seamlessly and selflessly continue the Miami Shores tradition. Not surprisingly, Doug's service extends beyond the carnival where he happily promises high-priced tag items to hundreds of children at the Breakfast with Santa Day at St. Rose.

Doug, and his wife Haydee, have raised their three daughters, Megan, Rhian and Grace, in Miami Shores, where the family enjoys riding bikes, attending community events and frequenting the fabulous new restaurants on NE 2nd Ave. It is with great pride that the Miami Shores Chamber bestows upon Douglas Wayne Romanik the honor of Citizen of the Year.

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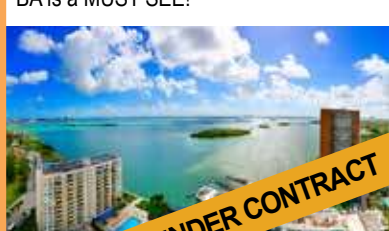
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Please join us for the WCA's annual Silver Angel Brunch held Sunday, February 9th from 11-2pm at the Miami Shores Country Club. As an organization, we raise money

for both cancer research and for those currently battling cancer who need financial support. The Silver Lady Fund provides monthly stipends to assist patients who need help with transportation, medicine, supplements, child care, or other expenses while undergoing treatment at the UM Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center and Miller School of Medicine. Social workers at both centers evaluate the financial predicaments of these patients and refer them to our organization for almost immediate assistance. The theme this year is "Brunch with a Heart," and as always it should be a lovely afternoon of fellowship and awareness to help replenish the Silver Lady Fund. The event will feature a special guest speaker, as well as live music, silent auction, Chinese auction, wine pull and a 50/50 cash raffle. Tickets can be purchased online at silverangel2020.bpt.me. For more information, please email bethhitt@aol.com.

Registration for the 2020 Dolphins Cancer Challenge is open! Join the WCA's team on February 29th, to raise funds for this annual event. Visit dolphinscancerchallenge.com and search for Team Hurricanes - Woman's Cancer Association. Use promo code "teamhurricanes100" for FREE REGISTRATION. We asking our community partners to make a commitment to ride, run, walk or dnate!!!

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Greater Miami Shores Schools' Report

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Cushman School This past January 31st, The Cushman School held its annual Gallery Walk event that showcases artwork and creative projects from all its students in pre-K through high school. As a wonderful start to the New Year, the historic campus (located at 60th and Biscayne) was transformed into an outdoor art gallery. Ranging from beautiful sunflower paintings by the youngest artists in the nursery to STEAM innovations and video productions from upper school students, the overall presentation gives Art Basel some neighborly competition! Music from the steel pan performers and singing from the Voices of Cushman and Half Notes kicked off the festive morning. Each year, Director

of Visual Arts Susan Silver and Art Teacher Ada Duffy, lead this much-anticipated celebration of the arts, which is designed to highlight how Cushman comprehensively incorporates visual arts and creative design-thinking into its curriculum.

Doctors Charter School

On December 12, 2019, the Lady Hawks Weightlifting Team made school athletic history by being the first team to have an FHSAA sporting event on campus. The team is coached by Randal Morales, a Level 1 USA Olympic weightlifting coach.

The DCS PTSA hosted "Hawks Day of Service." Students and families who participated in this event, gave back to the community by volunteering at the following nonprofit organizations: Enchanted

Forest, at Elaine Gordon Park, Miami Light Project, Saving Sage Animal Rescue, The Lodge, and Bound by Beauty.

Thank you to all the parents, students, and community members that attended the DCS 9th Annual World Culture Fair that was held on January 10th. The proceeds from this event will benefit the DCS Global Citizen Scholarship Program trip to Berlin, in March, 2020.

IT'S GREAT TO BE A HAWK! GO HAWKS!


Miami Country Day School

is proud to announce that two members of the Class of 2020 have been recognized as Posse Scholars. The Posse Foundation was founded to support the diverse leaders of tomorrow. Vanderbilt University was the first school to partner with Posse, and it has now expanded to 58 selective colleges and universities that have identified, recruited, and trained 9,200 students with extraordinary academic and leadership potential. Congratulations to Joseph A., who will be attending Franklin & Marshall College, and Rianna W., who will be attending Mount Holyoke College, on this outstanding award.

Breakthrough Miami and Miami Country Day School organized a toy drive to benefit children at three schools in Miami Dade County in December. Before the holiday break, Breakthrough Miami volunteers and Country Day students delivered over 450 toys to over 400 children at Robert B. Ingram Elementary School, Scott Lake Elementary School, and Jesse J. McCrary Elementary School. Thank you to the Country Day community for your contributions and a special shout out our Breakthrough Miami parent liaisons.


Miami Shores Community Church School has had a couple of eventful months. We had a fantastic Christmas Show for preschool-5th grade students with songs from The Beatles, a hip hop Nutcracker Ballet

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Nina, Class of 2022, was named a 2020 National YoungArts Foundation Merit winner in Theater. Merit winners represent the nation's most accomplished young artists with access to financial, professional and artistic development opportunities over the course of their careers.

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consultation, she found out the answer was a minimally invasive transcatheter mitral valve replacement performed by HCA East Florida's leading cardiac team. With this second chance at life, Connie's time in the kitchen with her granddaughter felt sweeter than ever.

and even a magic show. We had a visit from Santa and a Christmas dancing hippopotamus. We had over one hundred families and friends join us for this wonderful production. The students also had their first fieldtrip to Pinto's farm. They decorated gingerbread cookies, rode go carts, fed the Tilapia fish and even when on a hayride. We had field Day in January and participated in Jump rope for Heart. The students showed great sportsmanship and really worked as team. Our Elementary students are getting ready for the 100th day of school on February 4 by creating a t-shirt project to express how they have spent their first 100th days of school. We also have our Black History Month Project Expo and our President's Day showcase. We put enjoyment into learning at MSCCS and allow for a hands on learning experience for all students. For more information about our school, please contact us at 305-757-5866 or email us at School@miamishoresucc.org.

Miami Shores Presbyterian Church School

What a great start to the New Year. Happy 2020 to all!!

MSPCS is proud to have students lead our Town Hall (weekly gathering to share what various classes have done throughout the week and also sharing about what different classes have done to help our community). Some of our upper grade students have been

practicing and preparing to share with the rest of the student body. They MC these Town Halls.

Our teachers have been and are continuing to receive training on MAP and MAP Skills – all to help our students grow stronger in their education and desire to keep learning. We are looking at each student individually and seeing exactly what they need, the

tailoring instruction and WIN groups accordingly.

Thank You Miami Shores Police for always being there to lend a helping hand for our walking field trip - was greatly appreciated!

For more information about our wonderful school and dedicated, hardworking and talented staff, please contact us or visit our website at <http://www.mspscs.net/>

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