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President's Message

Patrice Gillespie-Smith

President, Greater Miami Shores Chamber of Commerce

What a strange and wonderful time these past few months have represented. While The Egret took a brief hiatus many momentous things were happening globally and locally. In a blink of an eye, our local businesses learned to adapt to this new socially distanced world. School of Rock began offering virtual lessons, Doctors Hospital transitioned to telehealth visits. Village Council meetings went online and curbside delivery became the new norm for our local restaurants. Zoom became a verb, noun and adjective- as in, just Zoom me; I'll set up a Zoom or you are looking Zoomed out.

The Chamber was a proud partner through all of this "pivoting." We were there to support our community, with updates on grants, loans and other resources. With the goal of keeping our businesses resilient, the Greater Miami Shores Chamber lobbied Village

Council and County governments to make sure small businesses were remembered during this challenging time. Now, as we venture out of our cocoons, we are encountering even more change. While many of the nation's communities experienced civil unrest, I was a proud participant of the Peaceful Vigil for George Floyd, planned and executed by Dynise Perry. As hundreds of us marched from Village Hall to Constitution Park, it was encouraging to see businesses like the Medi-Station hold up signs in solidarity. It is this kind of community support that we need to remember for our area businesses. They have stood by us and now we need to support them. As I recently read on a restaurant's sandwich board, "Buy Local or Bye Bye Local." If you can, please invest in our unique and exciting businesses in the greater Miami Shores area and make your purchases close to home.

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Down to Business

Check back monthly to see what's happening in local business news!

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Getting Out and About, back to the 'new normal' whatever that is or will be, feels great!

Is this our chrysalis stage? As we emerge from our homes to spread our wings and explore new things?

For the past four months, our business friends did their best to provide those services we depend upon and want. And, performed them with extra care and safely for us.

These are just some of our loyal, chamber businesses we appreciate!

Amaranthine Bistro & Bar, served take-home-curb-side taking credit cards online and by phone. There was a special, at-home family-style



menu, prepared with the same delectable elan. All of this was, and continues to be, according to Florida's State regulations, as it should be.

Co-Owner George Yannikakis has been and is on-site with a select culinary staff, all working from early morning 'til late-at-night. Co-Owner Xavier Misailidis is safely home in

Greece serving his guests at two high-octane cocktail bars.

Now, the restaurant's open for outside dining. There's plenty of al fresco on the sidewalk and the village is allowing restaurants to expand as needed. Everyone's wearing masks, both staff and guests. It's so delightful to meet friends in a safe, convenient location with great food and new menus too! Greek both lunch and dinner, Sunday Brunch and continuing the Family-Style too!

With limited, distanced capacity George doesn't know how the economics will work. Everyone in the industry, throughout the Country, is taking it one-day-at-time!

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Bank OZK, is reaching out to their current customers and potential new clients. As businesses are reopening, there will be unanticipated needs to meet the new regulations and gear up new costs of doing business. Those operations will need financing, which Bank OZK offers.

During the Quarantine, the bank remained open as an essential service, however many of the managers and officers were able to work remotely from the safety of their homes. When making a banking transaction, customers were provided with curb-side pick up service. It actually turned into a very busy

Four months, as larger banking

institutions were many times not responsive and uncertain about lending money. These are the advantages of being a smaller customer-service-oriented business.

Since Miami-Dade has allowed the opening of the banking office, it is adhering to CDC guidelines for the safety of both staff and clients. Working remotely, by video conferencing with both staff and clients, business transacted in a timely manner and the bank expects this will continue for everyone's convenience, replacing the need for in-person meetings.

Bank OZK, Wynwood office, 2632 n Miami Ave., 786-918-4007 for appointments. www.OZK.com.

CB Accounting Services, LLC, Connie Benson, CPA is your Friendly Neighborhood Accountant! As an essential business they never stopped working, just changed to a distanced friendliness. Clients were able to do remote login, online file exchanges and Quickbooks online. Other online document transfer services which simplified their accounting needs were Smartvault, Google



Docs and Dropbox. While their small business clients were struggling to file for the government assistance loans, CB Accounting was guiding them through the process.

They continue to keep current with the Government's changing programs, procedures and practices.

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.5. Dr. Douglas A. Stokesberry,

A long-time Miami Shores Dentist, was only able to help emergency patients by appointment during the quarantine, until mid-May when businesses reopened.



That closure precluded any elective procedures or routine check-ups.

Now the practice is back fully open with some new safety procedures: increased PPE, social distancing,

daily sanitizing of the office and patient screening.

9204 NE 6th Ave, Miami Shores, FL 33138; 305-751-7919

GG Salon & Spa was compassionately helping clients during the business shut-down in various ways. All the hair stylists mixed their special formula and

prepared touch-up colors kits for pick-up/delivery. In addition, the team produced on-line videos explaining and showing how to shape your own eyebrows and other beauty services.

Now, delighted to be open, Gloribel Gonzalez, aka GG, has



softened the spa's experience with eco-friendly scents and sensations that surround clients as they enter. She's calling

it "Covid Stress Relief"! By strategically scheduling appointments, the salon will be social distancing as extra precaution. The

extra-careful service includes using hospital grade disinfectant sprays in between each client's visit, checking everyone's temperature, and having ThinkClean company,

who her son works for, disinfects the entire salon.

GG had time to 'think' while business was closed and decided to extend the shop's experience with a collection of new, special formula 'at home', products packaged in a refillable and responsible glass bottle, plus a cache of hand-made gifts. She will soon be creating a Refill Product Program where clients may refill products to go towards being a more, eco-friendly salon. GG's ever favorite organic healing oil, "GG Healing Oil" protects, sanitizes and hydrates skin.

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clients throughout the shut-down. And are extra busy now that businesses are reopened. Of course, when John and staff are entering client's buildings' they're wearing masks!

To schedule your appointment when you need one, 305-893-7190;



Masons Funeral Home was always open as an essential business service, but severely restricted by regulations during the quarantine. Gregg Mason, a friend when we need him, laments the lack of intimacy and warmth families are allowed during their grieving. There were sadly 20-25 Covid services, but fortunately not more from Miami Shores and surrounding communities.

Mason's in Miami Shores most personal funeral home, one Miami Shores' has come to depend upon throughout the years. Gregg and staff are always warm and comforting, should your family need his help: 10936 NE 6th Ave, Miami; 305-757-9000. www.glmason.com.

MediStation was another Miami Shores essential business. Cathy and Dr. Carlos Sanchez with staff were available daily, just at shorter hours. It was a comfort for Shores' and surrounds families to know they could be safely treated in case of emergency.

Today's new care has two options. There is, as always, careful PPE practiced by

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the Doctors and Staff, and requested of patients also. Should a client want to be isolated without going into the office, they have set up a separate outside area. They are also practicing using telemedicine services for those at home.

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offered in office with both nasal swab for active infection and serology for antibody tests. Should a company want, Medi-Station staff will go to a place of business or organization to provide on-site testing.

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THE CUSHMAN SCHOOL As COVID-19 pushed many students from the classroom into virtual learning, Cushman's high school students addressed the needs of the community most affected by this pandemic via its Society and Me (SAM) curriculum. Students identified that many of Miami's youngest and most vulnerable students in low-income areas suddenly had no access to books. That's why they partnered with the nonprofit Achieve Miami to make sure that every student in Miami enjoyed the benefits of dedicated people reading to them aloud! Cushman students recorded themselves reading over a dozen, age-appropriate children's books now archived in Achieve Miami's Digital Library. Now elementary school students from all over Miami can access these readings at any time. This Digital Library project was one of the five main areas of focus in which Cushman students have engaged during these unprecedented times to make a difference in our community. Other initiatives include: local restaurant support, digital tutoring, local government advocacy, and services for the elderly.

MIAMI COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL CELEBRATES CLASS OF 2020 WITH 'DRIVE-IN' GRADUATION

Over 110 Seniors Received Diplomas as Family and Friends Cheered from Their Cars

MIAMI COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL

celebrated the Class of 2020 on Saturday, May 30 during a "drive-in" ceremony on Barry University's campus. Over 110 seniors received diplomas and recognition at the outdoor ceremony, while attendees watched from their cars – a new measure implemented this year to facilitate social distancing while still allowing the Class of 2020 to gather as a community. Many vehicles were adorned with creative decorations congratulating the students, as their family and friends cheered the class's many achievements in a safe manner.

Mariandl Hufford, President & Head of School at Miami Country Day School, delivered the commencement address. "On behalf of the entire MCDS community, I am honored to officially congratulate the Class of 2020 on this amazing achievement," said Hufford. "It has been a memorable year in so many ways, with many stories to share and cherish. The Class of 2020 will always be connected by the events of this year, the expected and the unexpected, and they will always be connected to this community. We could not be prouder of them."

Klara Meyer and Sofia Paredes, the class' co-valedictorians, along with salutatorian, Arian Djahed and class president, Benjamin Max Ginsburg all reflected on their time at MCDS. The students of Miami

Country Day School's Class of 2020 have been accepted at colleges and universities in the state of Florida and across the country.

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Our teachers have done an amazing job continuing to teach during the campus closure. We did complete virtual learning and were able to stick to our curriculum daily. Thanks also to our PE, Art, Music, Spanish and Bible teachers for also continuing all of their lessons with the students. We are already preparing and so excited for the new school year! It will be an amazing year!

Join MTC for an exciting summer of dancing, singing and exploring our imaginations. MTC's talented Teaching Artists will guide your aspiring thespians in creating their own short play to be performed for family and friends on the final day of camp.

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visit mtcmiami.org or contact Terrence Brunn at terrence@mtcmiami.org

ST. ROSE OF LIMA Catholic School's outstanding reputation in our local community remained unscathed while classes were out during the final weeks of school. SRL families were extremely pleased with their immediate transition to online learning and the unquestionable commitment of their faculty, staff and administration. While families were quarantined, PreK-3 through 8th grade students were attending school daily via live conferencing platforms and an array of innovative digital resources. SRL students didn't leave one stone unturned; core classes and all electives, including Physical Education, Foreign Language, STEM, Art, Music, Engineering and Robotics were continued until the final day of school. One of the many hallmarks of St. Rose of Lima is their incredible partnership between home and school; this Christ-centered, family-focused atmosphere has stood the test of

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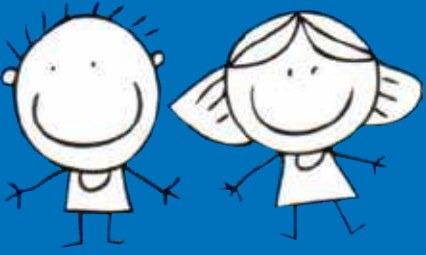
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St. Rose of Lima Catholic School has now turned their priority to returning to the school building for the 2020-2021 school year. Over the summer months, SRL will follow the latest developments as they tirelessly explore the most practical, consistent, meaningful and safe manner to fully educate their students. They are prepared to teach in-person, virtually, or following a hybrid model always with the aim of returning to the school building as quickly as possible. As you can imagine, there will be little rest for the faculty and staff as they prepare for the start of school. Thank you to SRL teachers for their unwavering commitment and to all SRL school families for their patience, trust and support.

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Treece Talk: What's Next? Mid-Year Economic Outlook Tuesday, July 14th at 6:15pm. Tune in to this online discussion to hear commentary and market updates from Miami Financial Advisor David Treece, who has a 30-year track record of success in repositioning clients' money for when financial markets rebound. Presented in conjunction with Miami Shores Brockway Memorial Library. Pre-registration for this complimentary online Zoom seminar is required.

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12. North Shore Medical Center,

was open and helping patients. Elective surgeries were cancelled but have since restarted. While many institutions were not allowing any family into patients' rooms, NSMC is allowing one family member for both 'end of life' or 'birthing' patients.

In other words, compassion



was the motivation for their care. The hospital does have an active, community outreach program throughout the year, which is still on-hold 'til further notice. 1100 NW 95th St. 305-835-6000 (main switchboard).

13. St. Rose of Lima Catholic School is a Miami Shores' institution with many generations of family's attending.

Its educational model was nearly reinvented with the school's temporary closure; however, its technology infrastructure, digital programs, continuing teacher training, and united school community allowed for a seamless transition to distance, online instruction.



During the Spring 2020 Semester, teachers offered daily remote instruction via an array of innovative online resources and live conferencing platforms. SRL students were fully engaged and succeeded thanks to their positive parent-teacher partnerships.

Over the summer months, Dr. Stephen Brown, Ph.D., principal, and the school's administration, will carefully follow the CDC recommendations, exploring the most practical, consistent, meaningful and safe manner to fully educate all returning SRL students. The instructional staff is fully prepared to teach in-person, virtually or following a hybrid model, always with the intention to return to campus. 425 NE 105th St., 305-751-4257; www.srlschool.com



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