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Gladys Coia, Esq.

President, Greater Miami Shores Chamber of Commerce



On Thursday, March 15, the Greater Miami Shores Chamber of Commerce will come together for our annual dinner. This is one of our best attended and most anticipated events of the year!

Since 1968, the Chamber's Board of Directors has honored a "Citizen of the Year" at the annual dinner. This year for the first time this honor will be awarded to the Public Works Department of the Village of Miami Shores, the Village of Biscayne Park, and North Bay Village for their tireless efforts in the wake of, and aftermath of, Hurricane Irma.

No one will forget the impact this hurricane had on our area Villages. The Public Works department of each of the Villages sprang into action in planning

ahead of the storm and in planning its aftermath. A tremendous amount of hard work and long hours were expended by the individuals that comprise Public Works to put our Villages back to normal in a relatively short time. It is for these efforts and hard work that the Citizen of the Year is bestowed on the Public Works Departments of Miami Shores, Biscayne Park and El Portal.

We hope that you will join us on March 15 in honoring and celebrating the individuals that comprise Public Works. Please see page 7 for more information about the tickets and reservations. I hope to see you then!

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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 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.

The Cushman School

Athletes from the Special Olympics were at The Cushman School on Friday, Jan. 26th, participating with Middle School students in the school's unique Blue & White Day event. These festive competitions are part of Cushman's award-winning P.E. curriculum, which ensures daily exercise with the primary goal of instilling sportsmanship, camaraderie and an appreciation for physical fitness. All students are placed on the Blue or White Team and earn points throughout the school year in anticipation of the end-of-year announcement of which team earned the most points. However, winning isn't the point. Blue & White Days are about encouraging all level of athletes to benefit from being active, being part of a team and simply making time to get out and play.

"Including the Special Olympians has really added to the concept of teamwork," explains Cushman's Director of Athletics, Pablo

Gentile. "The participants must work together to accomplish the tasks." This year, that task was a comprehensive obstacle course complete with 200-lbs. tires and 4-foot wall; the course was designed and set up by the Focused Movement Academy (FMA) especially for the event. The Cushman School has enjoyed a partnership with the Special Olympics for three years

Doctor's Charter School

DCS Class of 2024 students visited the Miami Theater Company to learn more about the American Revolution. DCS is thankful for this new partnership with MTC. The Class of 2018 has received over 133 college acceptances to date. The class will celebrate with a Senior Breakfast on March 6th at Wynwood and attend the Grad Bash at Universal Studios in April. We are proud of DCS Seniors. Congratulations to the elected officers of the Class of 2020. DCS looks forward to your

leadership and support of the school. DCS will be offering Dual Enrollment classes next year with Barry University. College courses on campus will provide students opportunities to earn BU college credit as well as become an official Buccaneer. We are thrilled with this partnership and know that this will grow many opportunities for our college prep school for the future. Thanks to Barry University for all the work that has led to this monumental opportunity.

Miami Country Day School

Six Miami Country Day School students have been nominated for the acclaimed Silver Knight Awards. Please join the entire Miami Country Day community in congratulating this year's nominees and their accomplishments. The Silver Knight awards ceremony will be held in May. The nominees are: Sydney Sazant - Social Science, Danielle Amoils - Art, Rachel Thomas - Science, Isabella Ballesteros - Digital and Interactive, Danielle Geathers - Athletics, Blaise Pronesti - Business

Several Miami Country Day School students received recognition for outstanding writing skills at Regional Scholastic Writing Awards in February. The students were evaluated by judges from the Scholastic Awards and their work will be exhibited at the Miami-Dade County Youth Fair March 15-April 8, 2018. Congratulations to all students who submitted their work.

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Each year the Chamber's board of Directors nominates a Citizen of the Year to honor at the Annual Dinner. This year, instead of nominating an individual, we did things a little differently.

Miami-Dade County had some close calls during hurricane season this year. While we were (very) fortunate not suffer the kind

of devastation seen in Houston, the Florida Keys, or Puerto Rico, the Villages still had a massive clean-up on their hands in the wake of Hurricane Irma. Once the storm stopped the Public Works departments in Miami Shores, Biscayne Park, and North Bay Village went to work - and did not stop until the job was done. For all their hard

work and dedication, the Board of Directors nominated the Public Works departments of all three villages as the 2018 Citizens of the Year.

Please join us for the Greater Miami Shores Chamber of Commerce's Annual Dinner as we honor these hardworking individuals!

VILLAGE OF BISCAYNE PARK PUBLIC WORKS



Cesar Hernandez - Public Works Supervisor, John Jenkins - Public Works Supervisor, Early McWilliams, Derrick Murray, James Thomas.

NORTH BAY VILLAGE



Timothy Smith Public Works Supervisor, Felix Carmenate, Terrence Ward, Aubrey Wright, Ernest Salter, Damian Boosen, Adrian Cushion Bernard Dukes, John Acosta, Brian Velasco, Diego Lopez and Freddy Mejia.

VILLAGE OF MIAMI SHORES



From the left side : Ernest Hamilton, Johnny Hernandez, Angel Cancel, Luis Vazquez, behind Vazquez are Muller Benjamin, Luciano Sanchez; Lucien Edmond, James Davis, Felix Alegria, Brian Brown Vicente Pascual, Mac Hernandez and Jim McCoy; Anel Belony, Henry Davis, Earnest Ray, Juan Paulino, Richard Hall, Mike Skofstad, Tracy Luecke, Donald Cambridge, Duchesne Luma, behind Luma are James Rollison and Darin Russell; Dominick Adams, Emmanuel Louis, Roberto Pabon, Cairo Bonilla, Ronald Frederic, upper back row are Antonio Perry and Carlos Espinoza, Wyatt Gaff, Maggy Deeb, Chis Miranda and Scott Davis.



The Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual meeting and dinner on Thursday, March 15, 2018, at the Miami Shores Country Club. The evening will begin with the annual meeting at 5:30 pm. Here, members can learn about plans for 2018 and ask questions of leadership. The annual meeting is free and open to all members. At 6:30 pm attendees can mingle and enjoy complimentary hors d'oeuvres

and a cash bar, dinner will be served at 7:30 pm. All of the festivities are being held at the Miami Shores Country Club, 10000 Biscayne Blvd. Tickets for the annual dinner are \$100, a table of eight is \$750, pre-registration required. Please call the chamber office at 305-754-5466 for sponsorship information and to purchase tickets.



Miami Country Day School Congratulates Our 2018 Silver Knight Nominees



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By **SUSAN ACKLEY**

Art of Fresh Creative Barber Shop & Art Gallery

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Their one-year business anniversary was Feb. 17th and they have been quietly ('til now), gaining an enthusiastic clientele.

Enough about the business.

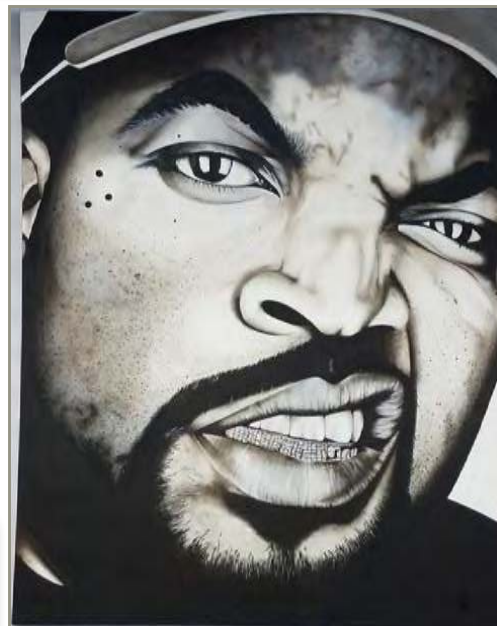
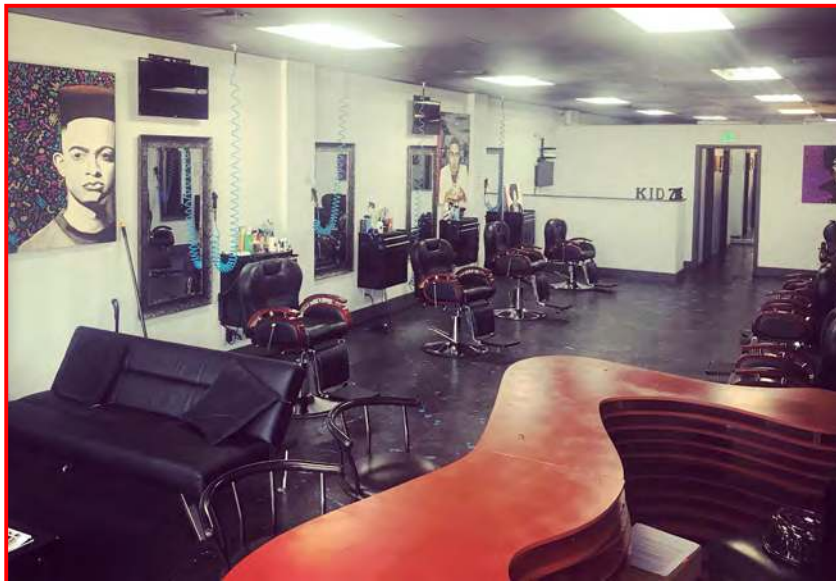
The art is all powerful portraits of famous celebrities painted by Lola. Her broad-brush strokes bring an energy to the personages and you'll know them, some of our favorites! Famous men are featured in the main salon since the business is predominantly for men's styling. Our favorite women celebs line the hallway, and yes, women's hair styling is available by Lola. She also takes personal portrait commissions and works from provided photographs, or she'll take one for you. Venture to the very, very back and catch sight of her landscapes. Her artistic curiosity knows no bounds, she wants to and enjoys exploring all themes. Her preferred medium is oil and she also dabbles with pen, makeup and glitter. Astoundingly, she's self-taught.

As young entrepreneurs they have worked in others' salons, but knew they wanted something 'fresher', more individual for each client, hence the name. And, Lola's passion for art needed a gallery, her own.

Lola laughs when asked how long she's been painting. "Ever since I can remember, including when I wasn't supposed to be", a wonderfully expressive answer, like her art. She rotates her exhibits every few weeks to keep them fresh and feature her newest works.

Her portrait of the former first couple, the Obamas, is a clientele favorite. Look for some color prints for sale soon!

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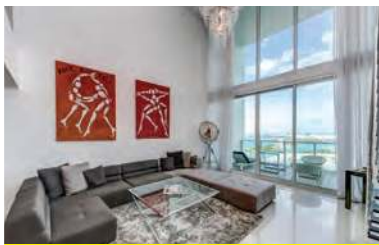
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Community Alliance, and food and drinks from Enchanting Creations, Karts of All Kinds, Lucio's Coffee to Wine, Miami Theater Center, and Pizza Fiore. Mark your calendars on Saturday, March 10th, 2018, for Plaza 98 + Friends presents: Taste of the Shores,

with performances by The Hoy Polloy and DJ Anim8ted. The *Party in the Plaza* will continue with food, music, and games...and, a little something extra. This month, we will expand the party down NE 2nd Ave and visit some of our local businesses on their own turf! Start at Plaza 98, pick up your map and visit all the participating businesses for great deals and free giveaways. At each place of business, get your map signed and bring it back to the plaza (with your name on it) to be entered in a prize raffle!



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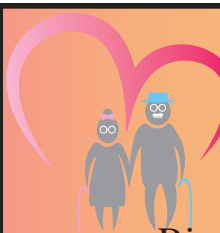
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The History of Greater Miami: Parts I and II. Thursday evenings, March 15th and March 22nd at 6:30pm. Brockway Memorial Library Main Reading Room. Join a wonderful and animated discussion of our local past, beginning with the Paleo-Indian era, racing through

time to the naming of Dade County, continuing on to the early beginnings of what would be the great cities on either side of Biscayne Bay and the forming of Miami as a city. Learn about the years of the Shoreland Company, builders of Miami Shores, along with a brief look at several other Dade County cities during the bust of the Boom, the Great Depression and World War II, as well as the military impact on Greater Miami and on into the remaining years of the 20th century, concluding with a brief look at where we are today! Registration appreciated. Light refreshments will be provided.

Miami Country Day School

Save the Date for upcoming Artist

Receptions in the Taplin Gallery. Saturday, March 17 at 7 PM – Marie Cecile Thijs – Photographer

APRIL TBD

Saturday, May 12 at 7 PM - Isabelle Beaubien – Abstract Painter

The John Davies Cultural Arts Series will welcome actor Nicholas Richberg on May 23 in the school's Center for the Arts at 7pm. Nicholas is a 1996 graduate of Miami Country Day School and has appeared in film, television, radio, as well as headlined venues across the nation.

His performance at MCDS is titled: "Finding Home: Songs I Love and Stuff I've Learned." Visit miamicountryday.org to learn more about the John Davies Cultural Arts Series and for more information about this upcoming performance.

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Miami Shores Elementary

recently held its annual Spelling Bee. This year, ten students competed in the exciting and spirited event. MSES is proud to announce the finalists: First Place -Surya Webb, Second Place - Paris Fontaine and Third Place - Rayan Guelida. Congratulations to all! MSES deeply appreciates Ms. Dominique's leadership along with the dedicated teachers, staff and administrators that make this event possible. A special thank you to Olive Garden Aventura and Crystal Caraways, GM Olive Garden for sponsoring the annual MSES Spelling Bee luncheon, for the third consecutive year. Community support is an essential component to ensuring students reach their full potential. The MSES PTA

Pledge Fund is ongoing, all funds collected will go toward purchasing 25 new laptops for student use during classroom instruction and standardized testing. Donations can be made online by clicking the "Donate" button found on the MSES PTA website: www.mses.my-pta.org. THANK YOU!

St. Rose of Lima Catholic School

In a world where everyone depends on the internet for information and entertainment, St. Rose of Lima Catholic School spent an entire week celebrating Cyber Safety Awareness. Through a variety of stimulating classroom activities, off-campus field trips, and a full-day of going unplugged, students in PreK through 8th grade were taught how to be responsible digital citizens and observe the benefits and dangers of online communication. Cyber-safety is an important part of our curriculum and lessons will be integrated throughout the remainder of the school year. Congratulations to our 8th grade class on their recent high school acceptances! We are pleased to share that 20% of our 8th graders scored

in the 90th percentile or higher on their High School Placement Test (HSPT). Among this group, five students were recognized at St. Thomas Aquinas High School for being among their highest scorers. We would like to congratulate Joelle Asante, Charlotte Caddell, Martin Gutierrez, Danicka Joseph and Alexander Mayer on being named Veritas Scholars by STA. St. Rose of Lima was selected by the Archdiocese of Miami to host the annual Professional Development Day for teachers on February 20th. Over 300+ teachers and administrators from neighboring Catholic schools spent the day at SRL to attend a variety of cutting-edge workshops and presentations. In collaboration with FACTS Education Solutions, SRL administration was responsible for coordinating the day and the experience was a great success for all attendees. Under the direction of SRL Athletic Director, Daniel Ocampo, the girls' varsity soccer team has had an amazing season. The girls are headed to the All Catholic Conference playoffs and hope to bring the championship trophy back to St. Rose.



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