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Message from Liliam M. Lopez President/CEO

Dear SFLHCC Members: I must say that the first three months of 2009 have gone by very fast. Although these are difficult and challenging times, I believe that we will overcome our current economic problems within the next couple of years. Experience has shown that when things get bad, people react and are able to do things that they did not imagine possible. In the SFLHCC we are working very close with our members trying to find solutions to the many problems we are all facing. The great concern within our small business owners is the fact that borrowing has become extremely difficult. Small businesses need the support of lending institutions in order to meet payroll and other demands. As I mentioned to our small and medium size business owner members in a recent

email, I was appointed to the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta's Advisory Council for Small and Medium Size Businesses. Small businesses are the backbone of a community providing job opportunities so necessary to a sound economy. We are here to help our members so please contact us with any questions or concerns about your business.

Recently, Ambassador Charles Shapiro, from the U.S. State Department visited Miami and met with the Board of the SFLHCC during a special lunch sponsored by Board Member Abraham Abramovich. It was truly an honor to share our time and thoughts with Ambassador Shapiro and to be able to openly discuss topics relating to US Relations with Latin America and the Caribbean.

BOARD SPOTLIGHT



In photo: Luis Casas, Nery Torrent, Luis Boue, Ambassador Charles Shapiro, Liliam M. Lopez, Erbi Blanco-True, Armando Trabanco, Dr. Jose Vicente.

8th Annual Women of Leadership Awards. Sponsored by:

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The Honorable Luz Urbabaez-Weinberg, Commissioner, City of Aventura



Ms. Liz Fernandez, C3TS



Ms. Virginia Jacko, President, Miami Lighthouse for the Blind

Announcements:

- Congratulations to Irela Bague on her appointment to the Advisory Board of the SFWMD
- Jaime Gonzalez of United Healthcare, Latino Health Solutions was promoted to Director of National Business Development
- Best Wishes to Peter Milian of Clear Channel Outdoor who was promoted to VP General Sales Manger South Florida
- Liliam M. Lopez, President/CEO, SFLHCC, was appointed to the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta’s Advisory Council for Small and Medium Size Businesses

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

- The Event
- Expense Reduction Analysts
- Trinidad Investment
- Behind Systems S.A.
- Sanchez-Medina, Gonzalez & Quesada, LLP
- Oasis
- Architectus Construction Inc.
- Massage Envy Cooper City
- Medland Russin & Budwick, P.A.
- In-Depth Analyses, Inc
- Viceroy Miami Hotel
- Schwabe Benefits Group
- Choice Solutions Group
- Farfalle Designs
- The Wren Group
- Hudson Protection Group, Inc
- Sarelson & Shafir LLP
- Aetna (Diamond Circle)
- Executive National Bank
- ESPN Deportes
- Texas de Brazil
- Teck Roofing Inc.
- CompuSOURCE Eng
- IVI Productions

THANK YOU FOR RENEWING

- Burger King Corp.
- Miami-Dade Aviation Department
- 1-866-Junk-Be-Gone
- Colbert, Boue & Juncadella, P.A.
- Victoria & Associates Career Services, Inc
- Principal Financial Group
- United Healthcare Latino Health Solutions (Diamond Circle)
- International Bank of Miami, N.A.
- Miami Beach Golf Club
- Orlando Romero
- Pollo Tropical
- Great Florida Bank
- Liberty Mutual
- JSM Consultants
- El Nuevo Herald
- Miami-Dade Housing Agency
- Eden Roc Hotel
- Rodriguez Piña & Associates
- South Florida Water Management
- American Express
- Miami Beach Convention Center
- Publix Supermarkets (Trustee)
- AT&T (Trustee)
- Amco Homes
- Care Access
- Miami Dade College
- Biltmore Hotel
- Terrabank, N.A.
- Insight Design, Inc
- Ocean Bank
- Miami Beach Police Department
- United Teachers of Dade
- Florida Marlins
- Luis Casas
- Sterling Benefits Group, LLC
- Mercantil (Corporate Partners)
- Mellon United National Bank
- Jimmy Quiroga Designs
- Brickell Personnel Consultants, Inc
- Girl Scout Council of Tropical Florida
- AmTrust Bank
- C3TS
- Conceptual Advertising
- Bongos Cuban Café
- Waste Management (Corporate Partners)
- Miami-Dade County Public Schools
- CSA Group (Trustee)
- State Representative Luis Garcia
- Financial Insurance Brokers
- American Cancer Society
- AON Risk Management
- Miami Jewish Home & Hospital
- Back Gammon
- Unique Internet Reality, Inc
- Cartridge World
- Baby Abuelita Productions, LLC
- Wyndham Miami Hotel & Executive
- Gal Program
- Walgreens (Trustee)
- EE&G
- City of Miami Beach
- PBS&J (Corporate Partners)
- Flagler Greyhound Track
- Eastern Financial Florida Credit Union
- U.S. Century Bank
- Gibraltar Private Bank & Trust
- MK Tours
- Florida Shredding Corp
- CarePlus Health Plans
- Shell Gas Station
- TD Bank (Diamond Circle)
- Sun American Bank
- Banco Popular
- Radio Paz



2009 Upcoming events

<p>April 24, 2009 Health & Wellness Expo/ Conference Luncheon at Double Tree Miami Mart/ Airport & Exhibition Center</p>	<p>May 1, 2009 8th Annual Golf Tournament @ Normandy Shores Golf Course</p>	<p>May 15, 2009 Lunch /Learn Business Series at Texas de Brazil South Beach</p>	<p>June 6, 2009 15th Annual Installation Gala “Los Quince”</p>	<p>July 22, 2009 Networking Reception with CABA</p>
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Transportation Summit Luncheon at Fisher Island



Gus Pego, FDOT Sec, Dist 6, Orlando Romero SFLHCC Board Member, Liliam Lopez, President/CEO, SFLHCC, Javier Rodriguez, MDX, Executive Director, Jose Luis Mesa, Director, MPO



Javier Rodriguez, Yvette Aleman, Richard Gonzalez, Irela Bague, Jose Luis Mesa



Jose Luis Mesa, Alfredo Sanchez, Liliam Lopez, Gus Pego



Frank Fernandez, Luis Boue, Armando Trabanco

Honorees

The SFLHCC celebrated its annual Black History Month Reception

Sponsored by:



Sophia Galvin



Marc Henderson



Beatrice Louissaint

General Membership Luncheon at Casa Juancho Sponsored by:



Nery Torrent, Maria Isabel Hernandez



Miguel LaSalvia, Armando Trabanco, Ricardo Morales



Liliam Lopez, Alfonso Berrocal, Beatriz Hartman



Luis Casas, Jacqueline Fernandez, Claudia Herbas

14th Annual Banker's Luncheon at Bongos Cuban Café, Honoring: Angel Medina



Jimmy Quiroga, Angel Medina, Liliam M. Lopez, Luis Boue



Liliam Lopez, Dr. Modesto A. Maidique, Luis Boue



Dr. Modesto A. Maidique, Angel Medina, Jose Perez de Corcho

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