



NEWSLETTER

New Year, New Chamber

NMB Chamber Member, NetWORKS It!

Our chamber membership is composed of the creme de la creme of North Miami Beach. We attract business owners of all levels, including the mom and pop business owner all the way to the high powered corporate CEO. Our Chamber has many delightful and hard working members, who are ready to make moves and connections within the community. During our last happy hour at Kitchen 305, one member in particular stood out from the crowd. He's a member that we continuously see at EACH event we throw. After learning more about this member we found out something rather fascinating. Evan Piper, President of The Piper Companies, finds company growth by being involved! The Piper Companies are composed of three core businesses. We have Piper Construction, Piper Automotive and Marine, and Piper Medical,

Mobility and Accessibility. These three companies help the community get mobile, as well as providing residential and commercial improvements that are affordable, and reliable. What impresses us most about Evan, is he doesn't stop at 5pm when the typical work day is over. Evan still finds time to go to all of our events, AND is an active Chairman on TWO different boards! Evan is the Chairman of the NMB Planning and Zoning Board as well as the Chairman of the NMB Advisory Committee on Disabled Individuals. Evan found that getting involved has helped his core businesses grow, as well as establish the political connections needed in his industry. All of our members can learn something from Evan Piper, the next time you see him at one our events (because he WILL be there!) pull him aside, and ask him how he does it all!

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MOVERS N' SHAKERS NEW MEMBER



Welcome our latest North Miami Beach Members!

Diamante Auto Care

Area Code 55

Stellato-Perez Health Care

Intracoastal Mall-Restaurant Row

Opa Locka Flightline, LLC

Aventura Learning Center

Scorch

Super Shots

Shelly's Indian Bazaar

What's In It For The Members?

CONNECTIONS!

Read All About It



College Summit is proud to be contributing to the improvement of North Miami Beach. We are successfully increasing college enrollment amongst students from low-income households right here at North Miami Beach Senior High School! At the North Miami Chamber of Commerce New Member Luncheon on February 25th, 2010- College Summit Florida's Executive Director, Sonia Mucarsel connected with City of North Miami Beach Councilwoman Barbara Kramer. This connection led to a gracious invitation from Councilwoman Kramer to attend the Tiger Bay Club Luncheon on Friday, February 26, 2010. This luncheon would be addressing very important educational issues and challenges within our local education leadership. This luncheon was not only delectable, but very informative-as it provided an opportunity for College Summit Florida to increase its presence among key community leaders. We recommend attending the Chamber luncheons and events! You never know who you'll run into!

NEW Chamber member, Global Aviation Miami learned how powerful being an NMB Chamber Member really is! While attending our first Luncheon on January 28th, Global Aviation's Hector Tosta was introduced to Board Member Yona Lunger. After a short conversation, the aviation connection was made. Yona was able to connect Global Aviation with a contact for Doctors Without Borders. From that introduction Global Aviation was able to fly a group of Doctors, from Doctors Without Borders to Haiti after the devastating earthquake-to give medical attention to those in need. The introduction was truly a win-win! BUT you have to attend our events, to make connections!



GREAT Opportunities, Too!

Join the Chamber and Members for an evening with the Miami HEAT!

Miami Heat vs. New Jersey Nets @ 8:00 P.M. on April 14th.



For just \$30 per person, the Chamber provides: 1 game ticket, 1 happy hour drink ticket, happy hour food spread, and round trip transportation to the game.

Chamber meets 5:30pm for a Happy Hour @ Miami Prime Grill
16395 Biscayne Blvd * North Miami Beach, FL 33160
6:45pm Game Departure

R.S.V.P Is Necessary:
Phone: 305-944-8500 * E-Mail: Chamber@nmbchamber.com
(Individual game tickets available for \$15 per ticket)



FEBRUARY 11TH HAPPY HOUR RECAP



Our first 2010 Kick Off Happy Hour was a success!

Our recent NMB Chamber member, Racks housed our first Happy Hour! It was a star studded event, and full to capacity! Members enjoyed cocktails, a lavish spread of Racks signature dishes, fun networking games and music by special guest DJ-DJ Dean Michaels. Lucky winning members, Downtown Towing won Racks gift cards and chocolate from Le Chocolatier, while Business Member Hector Tosta, from Global Aviation Miami took home the autographed Michael Beasley picture. RSVP Now for our next Happy Hour, you wont want to miss it!



Racks bar area-Packed with NMB Chamber Members!



Capturetainment, and Racks Director Steve Lieber



Mary Bonilla, South Beach Face Lift and Capturetainment



Raffle winner superstars, Downtown Towing



Global Aviation Miami, Hector Tosta



Downtown Towing, Dagmar

RSVP for our next Chamber Luncheon March 25th:
SCORCH GRILL HOUSE AND BAR
 13750 Biscayne Blvd.
 North Miami Beach, FL 33181
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FEBRUARY 25TH LUNCHEON RECAP

NMB Luncheon, BRAZILIAN style! Members and supporters gathered for our Luncheon at Area Code 55 while Mayor Myron Rosner made it official, by conducting an NMB Ribbon Cutting. Welcome Area Code 55 to the NMB Chamber! Our members enjoyed fine cuts of meat, endless salad bar choices while rubbing elbows with City Officials. Speakers included representatives from the College Summit, and representatives from the City of NMB who discussed the Community Festival and how our members could get involved. Plaques were presented to new members: Aventura Learning Center, Opa Locka Flightline, College Summit, Pre Paid Legal Services, D&B Computer Services and Area Code 55. Anyone know which country has the area code 55?



Seth Bramson (Historian), Chris Heid (DCD Director), Paul Lemay (President)



Paul Lemay (President), Jeannie Kelly (Managing Director), Linnette & Eric Turner (Opa Locka Flightline)



Paul Lemay, Beatrice Mazuera (Pre-Paid Legal Services) Jeannie Kelly, Holly Jordano (Communications/PR Director)



Jeannie Kelly, Barbara Kramer (Councilwoman), Sheri Kamali (Director Community Development & Planning)



Global Aviation and Stephanie Young-Woolbright (Intracoastal Mall)



Eileen & Richard Otero (Aventura Learning Center)



City Officials and NMB Mayor Myron Rosner



Juan Carvalho, Marlon Santana (Area Code 55)



Area Code 55 and City Officials

CONNECT WITH THE NMB CHAMBER ON FACEBOOK



It's now easier than ever to keep up with the NMB Chamber of Commerce. Add us as a friend of Facebook, we will keep you updated on luncheons, events, mixers, happy hours, and special offerings...It PAYS to be a Facebook Friend! (FB: NMB Chamber)

FPL COMMUNITY OUTREACH TEAM PROVIDES SOLUTIONS

Always wondered how to get rebates for buying energy efficient products? Not sure how to implement a storm plan for your business? Florida Power & Light Company's Community Outreach Team can help!

**Greater NMB Chamber
Trustee Spotlight!**

As a special, complimentary offer to **Chamber members**, FPL's Community Outreach Team is ready to share knowledge on today's important energy issues. The group of dynamic speakers is geared up to deliver free and informative presentations to local neighborhood and community organizations in your area!

Available topics include:

- Practical tips to manage energy use in the home
- Helping low-income customers manage energy use
- How business customers can take control of their energy use
- FPL's commitment to clean and renewable sources
- Steps to weather hurricanes and severe weather safely.

Interested organizations can find out more information about these presentations or schedule a speaker from the Community Outreach Team through the online request form at www.FPL.com/seminars, by sending an email to seminars@FPL.com or by calling 1-888-407-1410.

Organizations are asked to please allow 15 business days notice before the event. A minimum of 20 audience members is requested.

It's For The Kids! PROMOTING EXCELLENCE IN STUDENTS THROUGH HIGHER STANDARDS!



You're invited to participate in our "Career/Truck Day" on Friday, May 7, 2010 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. On this day, we plan to introduce our students to various members of the community workforce. By doing this, we hope to instill a strong work ethic in our students as well as help them to begin developing their career goals.

Please be prepared to speak to students regarding the interesting, fun, or unusual aspects of your career. Presentations are approximately twenty minutes each. Presenters may speak to a class, facilitate hands-on activities, or have students to participate in role-playing activities. Remember,



visual aids such as work related vehicles, product samples, coloring books, and any other items that you feel our students will enjoy are welcome. Please keep in mind that our students range from kindergarten to fifth grade. Presenters may request a specific grade level or be assigned to one.

On behalf of the students and staff at Greynolds Park Elementary School, we thank you for your support and we look forward to your participation in our annual "Career/Truck Day". Please join us for breakfast at 8:00 a.m. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact us.



The City of NMB Correspondence and Events



What is the Census?-The census is a count of everyone residing in the United States (all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the Island Areas). This includes people of all ages, races, ethnic groups, citizens and non-citizens. **When and Why?** Every household in the country will receive a questionnaire in **March 2010**. To ensure an accurate and fair count of all populations at all geographic levels in the nation, the Census Bureau needs you or someone in your household to respond to the [census questionnaire](#).



United States Tennis Association (USTA) and the City of NMB's Disability Sports program will host its **First Annual Wheelchair Tennis Classic Championship** at the Arthur Snyder Tennis Center. **Registration period:** Monday, March 2, 2010 thru Wednesday, March 24, 2010.



Qualified owners of businesses in the [CRA](#) may **apply for grant assistance** that will pay for up to 50% of the total cost of improvements. The CRA Facade Program will give preference to businesses along NE 163rd Street from NE 8th Avenue to Biscayne Boulevard and north to NE 171st Street. For complete information, please download the [Facade Improvement Grant Program Application package](#). For additional information, contact Dan Wick, CRA Coordinator, at 305-354-4441.

PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE



On behalf of the Greater North Miami Beach Chamber of Commerce, we all wish to take a moment to express our sincere empathy and our strong solidarity to the Haitian community affected by this tragic earthquake. NMB will be setting up drop off locations throughout the city of North Miami Beach, where necessities such as water, medical supplies, clothing and food can be collected and sent to Haiti. Current drop off locations include; Mall at 163rd Street, Highland Village Community Center, Washington Park Community Center, Allen Park Youth

Recreation Center, NMB City Hall, and the North Miami Beach Chamber of Commerce Office. In addition, Centro Properties Group, owners of Mall at 163rd Street, has created an internal link for employees to send needed items directly to the Mall for shipment on to Haiti. Please stay tuned for updates and additions on these drop off locations.–

c'est le visage non seulement du Haiti mais aussi de toute l'humanite.

Warmly,

Paul Lemay - President

Chamber and City Calendar

March 25

Chamber Luncheon:

**SCORCH GRILL HOUSE AND
BAR**

13750 Biscayne Blvd.
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March 28

Bunny Sunday Fun DAY!

April 2

USTA-Wheelchair Tennis Classic
Championship

April 14

Chamber Miami Heat Game

*Log onto NMBChamber.com or
CityNMB.com for events specifics