



Chamber Hears From Utility Board Hopefuls



Key West Chamber of Commerce President Nicki Will, left, thanks Chamber board member Kim Works for moderating the organization's Utility Board candidate forum during the Chamber's Sept. 23rd luncheon at the Key West Marriott Beachside.

The Key West Utility Board is all about power – literally. The five-member board oversees the operations, expenditures and future endeavors of Keys Energy Services, the electric utility that keeps the lights on and air-conditioners humming in homes and businesses from Key West to the Seven-Mile Bridge.

The Key West Chamber of Commerce dedicated its September 23rd membership luncheon at the Key West Marriott Beachside to a candidate forum featuring the seven candidates seeking three seats on the Utility Board.

Board members are paid \$19,663 a year, with the chairman earning \$23,408. The chairman is selected annually by fellow board members. Members also get free health insurance and a \$50,000 life insurance policy. They may pay for health insurance coverage for spouses and family members, but Keys Energy doesn't pay for it.

Three seats — in Groups 1, 4, and 5 — are up for grabs in the October 6th Utility Board elections, with two incumbents hoping to hold their positions. In Group 4, retired educator and Key West native Mona Clark is facing a challenge from Christine Gorham, who is campaigning on “green” initiatives and calling for closer examination of solar power and alternative energy sources.

In Group 5, incumbent Charlie Bradford is defending his seat from challenger Tom Milone, who also sits on the city's Citizen Review Board, which investigates complaints about police misconduct. Milone told the lunchtime crowd on Sept. 23rd that he “brings a fresh perspective” to the Utility Board, and has experience running governmental meetings and reviewing contracts and agreements.

Bradford touted his continued experience and proven track record, which includes an overall reduction in energy bills since he's been on the board.

A newcomer to the board will occupy the Group 1 seat being vacated by Barry Barroso, who owns a local plumbing business. Hotel manager James Marquardt and

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Message from President Nicki L. Will



The Key West Chamber of Commerce and Waste Management presented the 27th Annual Trade Show on Wednesday, September 16th at the Key West Marriott Beachside. The 2015 “Showcase of Key West Businesses” was a

great success. I would like to thank all participants and attendees. The Trade Show was particularly interesting with a variety of vendors from many segments of business and services in the Key West area. Many of the vendors had tremendous prizes and give-a-ways and the Chamber appreciates the support of all vendors. What was particularly interesting were many new and exciting offerings by long time Chamber members from their business enterprises as well as meeting newer chamber members and understanding the products or services they offer to the Keys community. We will be announcing the date of the 2016 Trade Show shortly so do please mark your calendar for next year.

The fall is always a busy time for the Keys and many of our members. It is a time for gearing up for fall and winter seasons as well as for many signature events of the Keys. It is amazing to think that the

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Spotlight Shines on ... Jennifer Mayo, Duval Collection



Each month, the Chamber of Commerce spotlights a business or professional person whose business card is drawn at the Business After Hours. This month's winner is Jennifer Mayo, Duval Collection.

Jennifer Mayo hadn't planned for a career in spa management and never imagined she'd be living in Key West and working as director of spas for the Duval Collection of hotels, which includes the Pier House Resort and La Concha Hotel.

The Connecticut native who grew up in Florida wanted to be a nurse – or so she thought.

"I got my massage therapy license in 2001 as a way to put myself through nursing school," said Mayo, who grew up in Ponce Inlet, just outside of Daytona Beach.

She was waiting tables and working as a nursing assistant when she stumbled across a hotel in Daytona Beach Shores that needed a spa receptionist.

"Since I had my massage license, I thought I might be a good fit," Mayo said.

She thought right.

"I immediately fell in love with the world of spas and wellness, and after three months, I was promoted to spa supervisor," said Mayo, who eventually relocated to Naples, Florida following another promotion.

Then she had a decision to make.

"I was accepted into nursing school at the same time I was offered a job as assistant spa director at a

brand new spa on Marco Island," she recalled. "It was a tough choice, but my heart guided me to the spa and it was the best decision I've ever made."

The same decision also brought Mayo to Key West three months ago. As director of spas for the Duval Collection, she oversees operations at the Pier House Spa and Top Spa at La Concha.

"I love, love, love what I do," said Mayo, her energy and enthusiasm evident in every word. "I have the opportunity to work with a local and long-established favorite resort like the Pier House, as well as a brand concept at Top Spa."

She had vacationed in the Keys several times while living and working in other parts of the state, including Naples, Marco Island and Boca Grande.

"I love the small-town feel of these Florida towns, and Key West offers the same close-knit type of community," she said, adding that every day is different at her current job. "I get to work with people who want other people to feel better and enjoy great health."

Mayo said she also enjoys the ever-changing dynamics of her job.

"At different times I am a teacher, a healer, a marketing guru, a leader and I get to do this in an industry I really enjoy," she said, commending her staff and enjoying her daily surroundings. "We have a highly skilled team that can work at both locations to offer all their knowledge and expertise in the beauty and wellness business and we take pride in choosing the right partners to represent us at both locations."

At home, Mayo also has a cherished "support staff" in her husband and her "baby boy, Kingston," a Belgium shepherd. Her husband also works in the hospitality industry as a fine dining manager.

"When I have the time, I love to paint and draw. I also enjoy art festivals, wine, beer and any chance to attend a tasting," said Mayo, who added that given her job and hobbies, Key West is proving to be a perfect fit.

For more information about the Pier House Spa and Top Spa, contact Jennifer Mayo at 305-296-4600 ext. 593 or email jennifermayo@pierhouse.com.



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human resources specialist Donna Bosold followed Steve Wells a local fire fighter into the race for Barroso’s Group 1 seat.

The Chamber’s lunchtime forum featured questions that had been previously submitted by members of the Key West Chamber and reviewed by the candidates committee.

Moderator Kim Works randomly drew a candidate’s name and a question, and gave each candidate 30 seconds to answer.

Topics included Keys Energy Services’ rising pension costs; its ability to generate its own electricity; a comparative salary study of utility employees and the cost of residents’ electric bills in light of some of the lowest fuel costs in years.

“I’d have to say my comfort level with the utility’s ability to produce its own power is at about 50 percent, because I’ll have to look further into its abilities to generate its own power,” Gorham said in answer to the first question of the forum.

She said she was unfamiliar with the utility’s current generation capability using its Stock Island power plant in the event the tieline that carries power from the mainland to Key West was offline or damaged in a storm.

(Bradford later explained that the Stock Island plant can produce enough power to provide for 60 percent of the utility’s peak energy consumption, which would be sufficient to power most of its service area.)

Gorham emphasized her commitment to exploring and encouraging increased solar options and other alternative energy sources such as wind and water.

Works then asked Wells, who also sits on the city of Key West’s pension board as a firefighter, whether, in light of increasing costs of pension benefits as Keys Energy employees “age out,” he would “push for a review of the utility’s pension plan, benefits and costs.”

“I believe there are other options, but I generally like to keep pension benefits in place,” said Wells, who later added that his mother worked for Keys Energy Services for 35 years — back when it was still called City Electric Service — and that he himself had worked there for a short time before joining the Key West Fire Department. “So it’s been a part of my family for a long, long time.”

Donna Bosold told the audience that she brought six years of experience to the job, after working in the human resources department of the Florida Keys Electric Co-Op, Keys Energy’s counterpart that powers Marathon and the Upper Keys.

Bosold was asked if and how she would push to lower customers’ electric bills.

“Education is the biggest aspect,” Bosold said, adding that her background in contract management would serve her well on the Utility Board. “We need to spend more time on outreach, teaching our customers about options such as on-demand hot water and better insulation options.”

Tom Milone happily offered his opinion on the utility’s customer service fee, which appears on each month’s bill regardless of a customer’s energy consumption, and has been a pillar of Milone’s campaign.

“They claim there’s a certain cost associated with providing power to its customers, but I think it’s a gimmick and is unfair,” said Milone, “And if elected, I do plan to look into the validity of that charge.”

Bradford pointed to his experience on the current board and its actions to lower energy bills in recent years. He answered confidently when asked why the Utility Board races are only open to Key West voters when the utility’s service area extends to the Seven-Mile Bridge.

“We’d have to petition the legislature to change the voting and allow Lower Keys residents to vote in the Utility Board elections,” Bradford said, explaining that the Utility was part of the city of Key West when first chartered, and unincorporated Monroe County does not contribute the required funds to have a voice in the elections.

Marquardt said he would “lead by example” as the general manager of The Gardens Hotel, which is a certified “green” lodging property.

“Turning our back on possible alternative energy sources would be like turning our backs on our children; that’s our future,” Marquardt said.

He also said he would support a wage and benefit study to compare the salaries and benefits packages of Keys Energy employees to the private sector and other comparable utilities.

Clark said she, “still has a lot to offer the Utility Board” as a native Key Wester and an experienced and accomplished board member.

The election takes place on October 6th, but early voting is available now at the Supervisor of Elections office on Whitehead Street. 

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holidays are just around the corner.

Fall is also a time in Key West for various political activities. I would like to thank the Honorable Mark Rossi and the Honorable Teri Johnston for their years of service to the Key West Community on the City Commission. Being an elected representative of the community and making difficult, if not sometimes unpopular decisions, is not an easy task. Both individuals have served their community well and with dignity.

I would also encourage all voting members of our community to get out and vote in the upcoming election for the City Commission and Keys Energy Utility Board races. As the Chamber does not endorse candidates, we certainly do encourage individuals to assess all candidates, make their choices, get out, and vote. Furthermore, on behalf of the Chamber I thank the candidates that participated in our candidate forums at the August and September General Membership meetings.

The Image Committee chaired by Lynne Tejada continues to work on the community survey. Member surveys will be emailed to all members of the Chamber. Please take the time to complete the survey. This project will culminate with the Board Retreat, where your directors will gather to develop plans and ideas for the future beginning with the 2016 program of work.

The Key West Chamber of Commerce announced the award program and prizes for local float entries into the annual parade that culminates the events at the end of October each year. The new program will reward the best overall local float participant of the parade \$7,500, with the runner up local float awarded \$2,500. Please see the Chamber’s website for complete details.

Thank you for your continued support of the Chamber. Please let me know how we may better serve you. 



27th Annual "Showcase of Key West Businesses" Trade Show was another successful event!

Thanks to our presenter Waste Management, sponsor CH2M/OMI, and the Business After Hours sponsor Key West Marriott Beachside



Tiffany Cormack-Pierce and Gary's Plumbing owner Gary Centonze were at the Chamber's trade show to spread the word about their new fire sprinkler and inspection services.



Naval Air Station Key West Public Affairs Officer Trice Denny and Emma Harlow of the Navy's Morale, Welfare & Recreation department were at the trade show to promote the next Blue Angels air show spectacular in April.



The Marcia de Gomar's Emeralds International family, Marina Marcial Schutze, Inge Marcial, Manual Marcial, and Carl Schutze showed off their precious gems and jewelry services.



Key West Chamber of Commerce President Nicki Will visits with Ocean ATM's Andrea Ippolito at the Chamber's Sept. 16th "Showcase of Key West Businesses."



The ladies of Zonta reminded trade show attendees of the club's community service initiatives.



Colonel Lou Caputo, left, and Major Chad Scibilia manned the Monroe County Sheriff's Office booth at the Chamber's trade show.



Welcome New Members!



The Key West Chamber of Commerce welcomed four new members to its ranks during the Chamber's September membership luncheon. New members, from left, include Associate Member Ed Krane, Chuck Licis of Take Stock in Children, Business Advisor Joe Caso, Membership Committee Co-Chairs Joyce Benavides and Kim Works and Chamber President Nicki Will. The Chamber also welcomed Dr. Michel VanDormael of the Keys Heart Center (not pictured) to the organization.

Michel VanDormael, MD

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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

The Key West Chamber of Commerce is excited to announce that it has commissioned an independent research company to survey our members. This is in an effort to help the chamber better understand and serve the needs of our membership. On October 5th, members will be invited to complete the survey by an email containing a personalized link. The invitation will come from "Survey Research" and invites@mailer.surveygizmo.com. Please be on the lookout and act quickly! The survey will only be available for two weeks and your response and feedback are vital to our leadership in building a strong and informed chamber. Thank you for helping your chamber.

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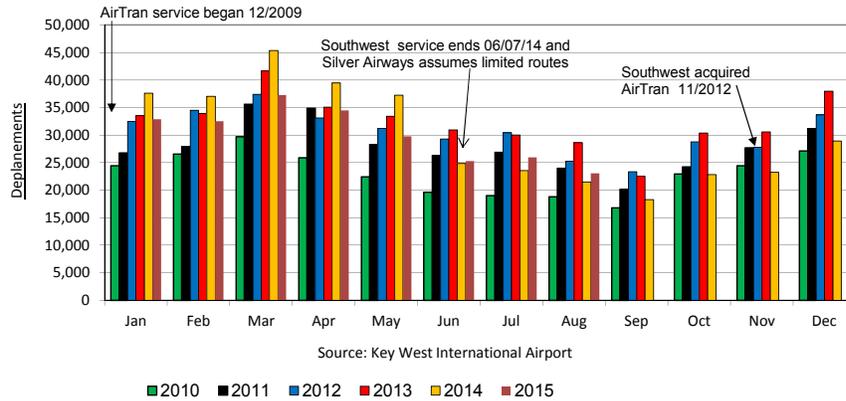
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Key West International Airport Arrivals
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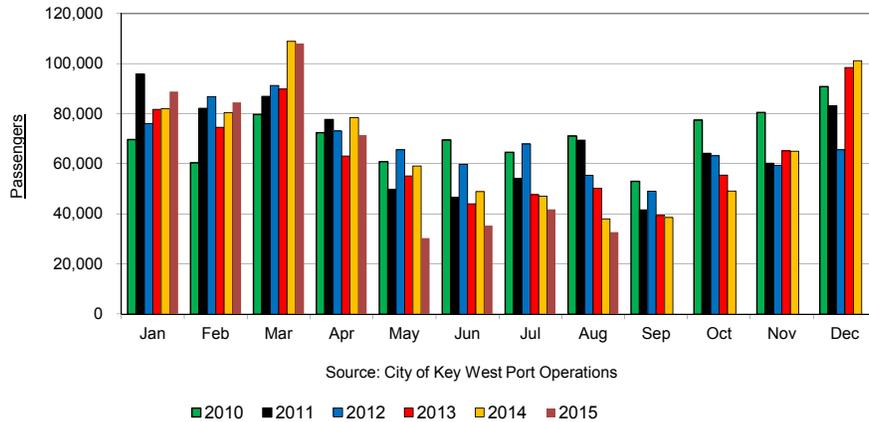


Passenger arrivals to Key West International Airport in August 2015 totaled 23,080. **This is an increase of 7.3% when compared to August of 2014.**

Total passenger arrivals for the first eight months of 2015 were 241,431. That is a 9.5% decrease over the same period in 2014. However, this is similar to the arrivals seen before Southwest. Our monthly arrivals closely mirrored 2012 for January thru May, and we are only 4.1% behind the arrivals to date in 2012.

Losses from Air Tran & Cape Air have largely been picked up by American & Silver, with Delta & US Air contributing.

Key West Cruise Ship Passengers
January 2010 - August 2015



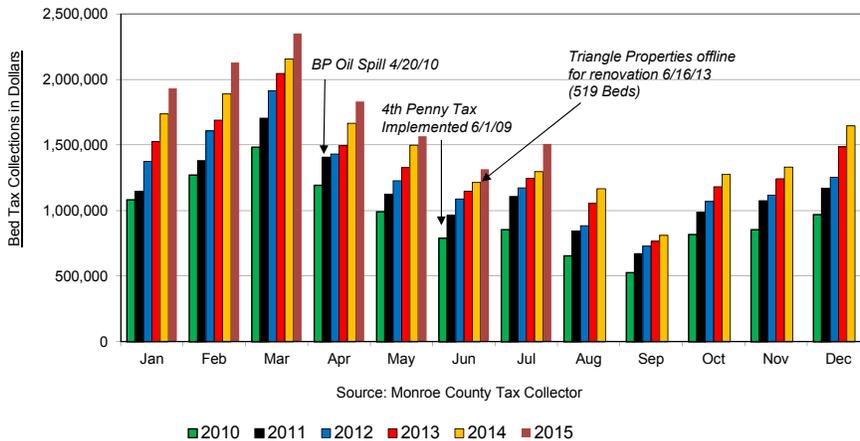
A total of 32,791 cruise ship passengers disembarked in Key West during August 2015. **This was 13.8% lower than August 2014**, which saw 38,059 passengers disembark.

For the eight months of 2015, cruise ship arrivals saw 493,284 passengers disembark from 208 port calls. While port calls are down 6.3% so far for 2015, passenger counts are down 9.2% over the same period in 2014.

The cruise ship schedule for October to December 2015 compared to the same three months in 2014 is shown below:

	Number of Ships	
	2014	2015
October	20	16
November	29	30
December	51	40

Key West Bed Tax Collections
January 2010 - July 2015



Reported Bed Tax Collections for Key West were **\$1,510,510 for July 2015, an increase of 16.5% compared to July 2014.**

According to Smith Travel, **July 2015 occupancy was 88.7%, a 1.3 percentage point increase from the July 2014 occupancy rate of 87.4%.**

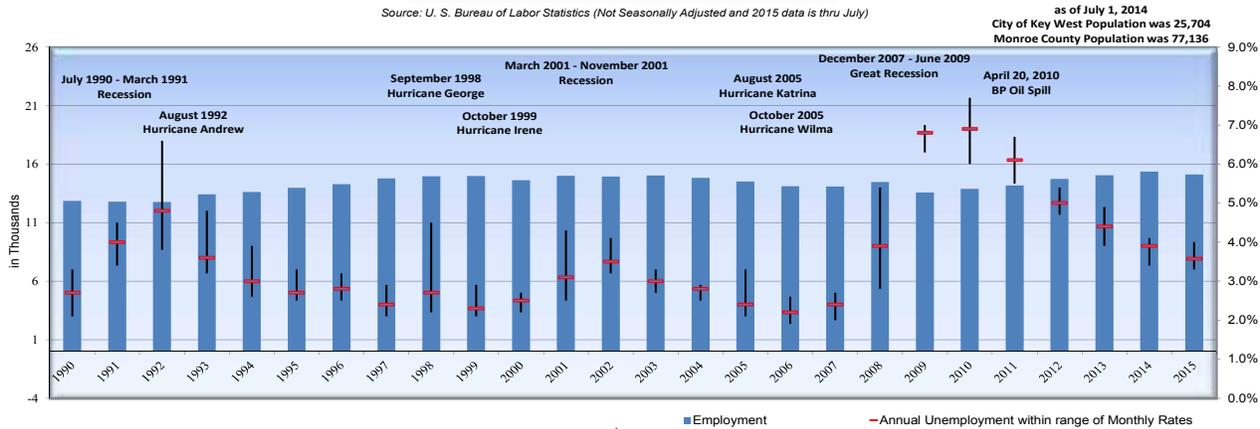
The Average Daily Rate (ADR) was reported at \$259.52 for July 2015, an increase of 8.2% from the ADR of \$239.78 posted for July 2014. This ADR of \$259.52 is the highest recorded for the month of July. This continues the record of 66 months where the ADR has been higher than the previous year. In fact, **the last 52 months are all-time records for each month.**



Workforce Labor Market in Review

Key West Unemployment Rates 1990 - 2015

Source: U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (Not Seasonally Adjusted and 2015 data is thru July)



59.8% Participation rate while the nation's as a whole is 62.8%

- that's 15,375 of its 25,704 residents employed

- + Supporting 2,662,500 visitors
- + with some 6,000 transient rooms
- + and a seasonal resident swell, some say doubles the population

"every 85 visitors to our state adds another job for our families" - Rick Scott

Key West unemployment rates have been slowly settling over the past eighteen months, having first dipped below 4% in December 2013 and been tracking at rates seen back in 2008, 2002 and 1993.

Employment in Key West has remained remarkably consistent for the past twenty-five years. While the population hit a peak of 29,312 in 1970, the city's modern numbers have floated between 24,500 to 25,500. Even with the City dipping below 24,000 in 2005, it hit 25,704 last year. Key West's workforce is capped along with its population, as an Area of Critical State Concern. Key West is also continuing to see an aging demographic shift.

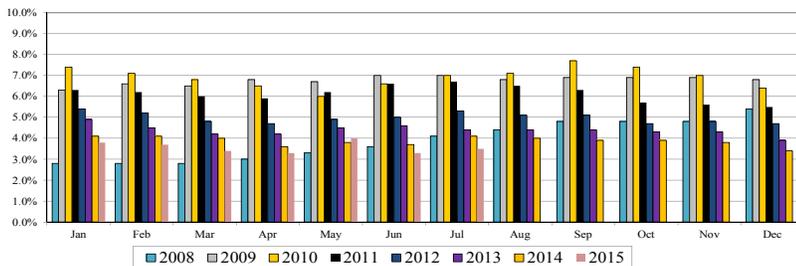
While the nation is drifting to 1 in 5 ratio of senior citizens, Florida is drifting to 1 in 4, with certain areas drifting to 1 in 3. This impacts not only the workforce but also housing availability for them. So while Key West's participation rate is about 60%, the nation as a whole hit over 67% in the late 1990's and had been above 66% for two decades before 2009. This historical participation rate is four points higher than it is right now at 62.8%.

While Key West consistently reflects a seasonal unemployment trend seen in monthly rates, the City continues to see rates favorable to those of other Florida destinations as can be seen compared with selected high-tourism cities in the lower chart. Key West's unemployment rate has historically been lower than these other destinations, so while all are currently higher than their average jobless rate, Key West did not experience as severe of a shock in 2009. The gap between unemployment rates that widened in 2009 has continued to remain with Key West being lower than Miami Beach by 0.9 points, Orlando by 1.2 points, Ft. Lauderdale by 1.5 points, Panama City by 2.7 points, and Daytona Beach by 3.3 points. Though not shown on this chart, Key West is also below the State of Florida and the nation as a whole which are both averaging 5.6% so far for 2015.

Remember, that while all these tourist destinations experienced a gradual decline from the high in 2010, the nation as a whole saw rates remain high during the first years of the recovery. This perhaps evidences the unique transient nature of these areas' workforce.

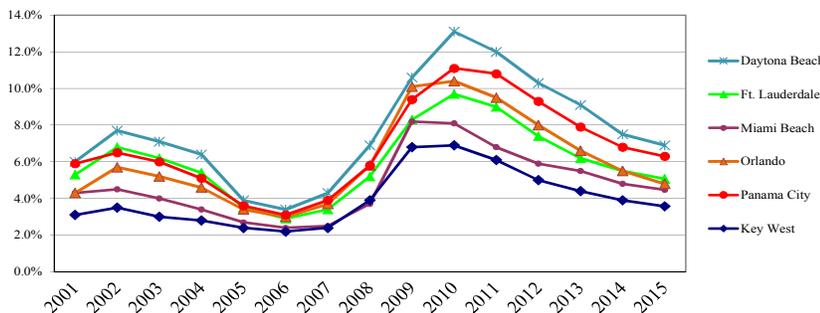
Key West Monthly Unemployment Rate January 2008 - July 2015 Monthly Rates

Source: U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



Key West Unemployment vs. Selected High-Tourism Cities 2001-2015 Annual Rates

Source: U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



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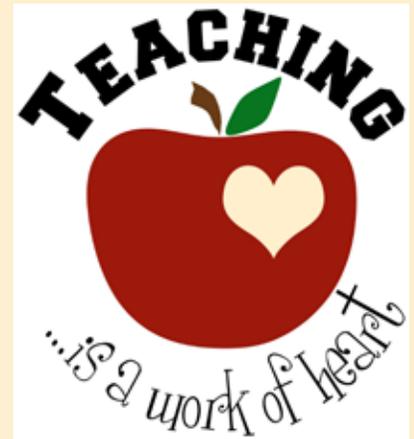
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Chamber Hosts 27th Annual "Showcase of Key West Businesses" in New Location

First timers and familiar faces filled a new space on Sept. 16th for the annual Key West Chamber of Commerce "Showcase of Key West Businesses."

Nearly 40 businesses, utilities, nonprofit organizations and educational institutions filled the Key West Marriott Beachside ballroom, offering demonstrations and information about products and services available throughout the Florida Keys.

More than 300 attendees perused the booths while enjoying promotional giveaways and raffle prizes.

Waste Management sponsored and presented the annual trade show along with CH2M/OMI as a co-sponsor. The show which was open to the public from 3 to 5 p.m. and at 5:30 p.m., the event changed gears and was transformed into the Chamber's members-only Business After Hours networking event, featuring food and drinks hosted by the Key West Marriott Beachside.

Gary Centonze of Gary's Plumbing reserved a booth again for this year's trade show to highlight his company's new fire sprinkler and inspection service.

"I've been plumbing for nearly 30 years, since 1987, but we just started in January doing fire sprinklers installation and inspections for homes and businesses," Centonze said. "We're currently doing most of the hotels on the island, so I thought the trade show would be a good way to spread the word. So far, things have been going really well."

Across the ballroom, at the Mote Marine booth, Protect Our Reefs Program Manager Jason Wolf provided information about Mote's coral reef restoration efforts, along with the Save Our Reefs specialty license plates and the annual Ocean Fest event in April.

"We've gotten a really good response from today's event," Wolf said. "It's good to be part of the local community and people are genuinely interested in our efforts to expand our reef restoration efforts by partnering with local businesses."

Andy Smith of Keys Business Solutions has been partnering with local businesses – and participating in the Chamber's trade show – for the past 10 years and this year was no different.

"We're here every year," Smith said, adding that Keys Business Solutions provides imaging solutions in terms of copy machines and other technology for businesses and other offices throughout the island chain.

At his booth, Smith demonstrated some of the latest color imaging technology from Konica Minolta.

At the TEM Environmental & Mechanical Services booth, Tom McKechnie distributed information about indoor air quality and the company's duct-cleaning services. McKechnie showed trade show attendees a demonstration of the camera they use to inspect air ducts in a home or office. The company offers free air conditioning duct inspections and has the ability to clean out any contaminants or seal any leaks found in the ductwork.

Show sponsors Waste Management once again answered questions and offered information about Key West's and Monroe County's recycling programs – distributing pamphlets that described what items should be placed in the large blue recycling containers.

"And CH2M/OMI was generous enough to not only co-sponsor this year's show, but also donate its booth space to the Chamber's Education Committee," said Virginia Panico, executive vice president of the Key West Chamber of Commerce, pointing to the committee's familiar red schoolhouse on the table at the booth.

Panico and other show organizers were pleased with the new location of this year's trade show and the turn-out of attendees both during the day for the free public event and the evening's Business After Hours.

"The layout of this room worked out quite well, and now that we know exactly how much space we have and how many booths we can accommodate while still allowing a good flow of traffic, we can plan accordingly for next time," Panico said.

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Cruise Ship Schedule

October 2015

10/01	Majesty of the Seas	9:30am-6:00pm
10/02	NO SHIPS	
10/03	Disney Magic	10:45am-6:00pm
10/04	NO SHIPS	
10/05	NO SHIPS	
10/06	Ecstasy	7:30am-1:30pm
10/07	NO SHIPS	
10/08	Majesty of the Seas	9:30am-6:00pm
10/09	NO SHIPS	
10/10	NO SHIPS	
10/11	NO SHIPS	
10/12	Carnival Freedom	10:00am-7:00pm
10/13	Ecstasy	7:30am-1:30pm
10/14	NO SHIPS	
10/15	Disney Magic	9:30am-6:00pm
10/15	Majesty of the Seas	9:30am-6:00pm
10/16	NO SHIPS	
10/17	NO SHIPS	
10/18	NO SHIPS	
10/19	NO SHIPS	
10/20	Ecstasy	7:30am-1:30pm
10/21	NO SHIPS	
10/22	Majesty of the Seas	9:30am-6:00pm
10/23	NO SHIPS	
10/24	NO SHIPS	
10/25	Westerdam	8:00am-5:00pm
10/26	Norwegian Sky	10:00am-5:30pm
10/27	Ecstasy	7:30am-1:30pm
10/28	NO SHIPS	
10/29	Grandeur	7:00am-5:00pm
10/29	Majesty of the Seas	9:30am-6:00pm
10/30	NO SHIPS	
10/31	Eurodam	8:00am-5:00pm

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Paying for College | 6:30-7:30p.m.

Receive hands-on guidance through the completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) & learn about scholarships, grants, and loans.



Community Calendar

October 2015

10/8-11	Southernmost Marathon & Half-Marathon http://somomarathon.com/ 479-200-4689
10/15-20	Halloween Half Marathon events throughout town (actual race on 18th) halloweenhalf@exclusivesports.com
10/23-24	Goombay Festival 305-809-3888
10/23-11/1	37th Annual Fantasy Fest www.fantasyfest.net 305-296-1817
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Key West Chamber Calendar of Events

October 2015

Business After Hours

Date: Wednesday, October 21st

Time: 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Sponsored by:

Keys Federal Credit Union,

75th Anniversary

Location:

3022 North Roosevelt Blvd.

Members Only Networking Event

General Membership Meeting

Date: Wednesday, October 28th

Noon

Speaker: John Underwood,

Chief Marketing Officer for

Tinsley Advertising

Topic: TDC Advertising Campaign

Location: Key West Marriott Beachside

Please RSVP to the Chamber

at 305-294-2587 or

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November 2015

Business After Hours

Date: Thursday, November 5th

Time: 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Sponsored By:

Wine-O,

Crowne Plaza La Concha

Location:

430 Duval Street

Members Only Networking Event

General Membership Meeting

Date: Wednesday, November 18th

Noon

Speaker: Scott P. Russell, CFA

Monroe County Property Appraiser

Topic: The Real Estate Market

in Monroe County

Location: Casa Marina Resort

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