

Chamber Hosts State Senate Candidates



The Key West Chamber of Commerce hosted a candidate forum during its September 20th luncheon featuring the two hopefuls for the Florida Senate seat for District 39. Anitere Flores, left, is the Republican candidate and Debbie Mucarsel-Powell is the Democrat.

The Key West Chamber of Commerce members had the opportunity to hear from the two candidates seeking to represent the Florida Keys in the state senate.

The chamber's September 20th luncheon at the Marriott Beachside Hotel included a candidate forum featuring State Senate candidates Anitere Flores, a Republican, and Debbie Mucarsel-Powell, a Democrat.

Although Flores was first elected to the Florida Senate in 2010, there is no incumbent in the District 39 race that includes the Florida Keys. Neither Flores nor Mucarsel-Powell has ever represented the island chain before, and both are quickly receiving an intense education about the Keys' unique issues.

The Florida Senate admitted in 2015 that the senate district lines violated the Fair Districts provision in the Florida Constitution. As a result, the Florida Supreme Court ordered the district maps to be redrawn. The redistricting resulted in the Keys being included in District 39, along with parts of Miami.

Flores and Mucarsel-Powell are opposites when it comes to their political experience. Mucarsel-Powell has proudly and repeatedly emphasized that she is not a politician. She said she is a working mother, a Hispanic immigrant, and a longtime nonprofit leader who has worked for low-income health care, higher education and environmental protection for coral reefs and wildlife.

Flores on the other hand has made a career of politics, working first for the Florida House on the Education Policy Council under Governor Jeb Bush. She won her first election to the Florida House before she was 30 years old. She served as a State Representative from 2004 to 2010 and has been in the Florida Senate since 2010.

Both women were given a minute to introduce themselves at the chamber forum, where President Kim Works asked a series of questions that had been previously submitted by chamber members.

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Message from President Kim Works



Unless you live in a cave, you know that we are well into the political season. Not only is it the presidential election but there are also a LOT of local and state races.

The Key West Chamber has been diligent about educating you on our candidates with political forums these last few months.

Although we weren't able to accommodate all of the candidates, we were able to hear from the Florida Keys Mosquito Control candidates and the State Representative candidates before the primary.

We recently featured the two State Senator candidates at our September General Membership meeting. They are new to Monroe County due to redistricting that took effect last January.

The October 26th meeting will feature our two U.S. Congressional Candidates, Joe Garcia and incumbent Carlos Curbelo. I would highly recommend you try to make this next meeting especially if you're undecided. We try our very best to keep it to an hour and we encourage you to send in your questions since we poll the membership before every forum.

I realize that a lot of our members need to run their businesses and can't always attend

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ATHENA Award Recognizes an Outstanding Professional Woman

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The Key West Chamber of Commerce is accepting applications to honor a woman who exemplifies leadership in her profession and industry by presenting her with the much-coveted ATHENA™ award, sponsored by Niles, Sales and Service.

The ATHENA™ award is a high honor given to a professional woman who demonstrates excellence in business or profession and provides valuable service to the community. The recipient will have exhibited initiative and creativity enhancing the efficacy of her business or profession and the stability and improvement of the community. Lastly, the recipient will have demonstrated support of the goals of professional women and have provided unselfish assistance on their behalf.

In 1980, the ATHENA™ awards program originated in Lansing, Michigan when Martha Mayhood Mertz, owner of her own real estate company, was asked to join the Lansing Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. Mertz realized she was the only woman on the board and that the Lansing Chamber had recognized only one woman in its 75 years. This realization was the driving force in establishing the ATHENA™ foundation. Thus the first ATHENA™ award was given in 1982 to recognize an outstanding businesswoman and celebrate her achievements in community service and profession. Since its inception, the ATHENA™ award has grown into a national and international tradition with thousands of recipients in cities all over the country as well as in Moscow, Russia, and Canada, China and The United Arab Emirates, and the United Kingdom.

The ATHENA™ Foundation is a non-profit organization that is dedicated to providing leadership opportunities for women and recognizing those individuals who have given outstanding service to their profession and community. The foundation has been underwritten nationally by Oldsmobile Division of General Motors since 1985. National City Bank and Pontiac GMC, GM, and Buick are underwriters as well.

Each year, the ATHENA™ recipient receives a beautiful statue designed by sculptor Linda Ackley of Tampa, Florida. The statue represents Athena, the wise daughter of Zeus, in bronze. The head of the statue is a multi-faceted crystal ball and each statue has a protective acrylic coating and walnut base. Ackley has uniquely made each and every one of the ATHENA™ awards since 1982.

The 2015 Key West Chamber ATHENA™ award recipient was Piper Smith. Past recipients include Rita Irwin (2014), Diane Schmidt (2013), Joy Smatt (2012), Sandra Higgs (2011), Diane Gibson (2007), the late Merili McCoy (2005), Melissa Kendrick (2004), Elmira Leto (2003), Phyllis Allen (2002), the late Sharon Moore (2001), Amy Culver-Aversa (2000), the late Connie Rice (1999), Kim Works (1997), Sandra Taylor (1995), CeCe Roycraft (1992), the late Wilhemina Harvey (1991), Linda O'Brien (1990), Dee Von Quirolo (1989), the late Terry Horton (1988), Sue Barroso (1987), and Virginia Panico (1986).

The community is highly encouraged to nominate local individuals for the ATHENA™ award or to receive a nomination form, contact Kerry Baker at the Key West Chamber at 294-2587 or via email to membership@keywestchamber.org. The Deadline to submit an application is Friday, October 14, 2016.



The Key West Chamber of Commerce recently elected its leadership for 2017.

Officers include, left to right, Treasurer John Toppino, Secretary Suzanne Moore, 1st Vice President Billy Spottswood, President Greg Sullivan, 2nd Vice President Claude Gardner is not pictured.

The Chamber Chowder Heartily Thanks These Businesses for Their Generous Support of this Issue of the Newsletter

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The first question was about increasing the minimum wage.

Flores never specified whether she would support an increase, but said she understands both sides of the issue, with regard to employers and small business owners.

“But I also understand the plight of working families who work 40 hours a week for minimum wage and still can’t make ends meet,” she said.

Mucarsel-Powell was more direct.

“I think we need to not just raise it, but also make sure families are making a fair, living wage,” she said, adding that the State Senate has not addressed the issue. “We need to choose Senators who will work for families and workers.”

When asked what makes them qualified to be the Keys’ Senator, Flores pointed to her years of experience in Tallahassee while Mucarsel-Powell pointed to the fact that she is not a politician.

“I’m not a politician, I’m a mother and a nonprofit worker,” Mucarsel-Powell said. “I’m very committed to fully funding education, the environment and individual rights for women and the LGBT community.”

Flores told the chamber audience that she started coming to the Keys to learn about the island chain’s issues 10 months ago.

“When the maps changed, I started coming down here,” she said, adding that she was a co-sponsor of the Florida Keys Stewardship Act, and voted to support increased dormitory beds at Florida Keys Community College.

“I’ve been able to do this in the past ten months since I adopted the Keys,” Flores said.

Both women then pledged to make every effort to ensure the Florida Keys receive the remaining funds from the \$200 million that was approved in 2007 for Keys wastewater projects but has never been fully allocated.

“I’ll be working very hard to represent this district, which hasn’t been very well represented in recent years,” Mucarsel-Powell emphasized, while Flores said that the financial recovery in Tallahassee is making more things possible.

“Now we have the opportunity, the funding and the political will to be sure that money comes to Monroe County,” Flores said.

When asked whether they would support an overhead pedestrian crosswalk at the entrance to Key West, Mucarsel-Powell said she didn’t have enough information to answer the question, but said it would be a question of safety, and if it was deemed to be the safest option, she would support it.

Flores used that question to tell the audience that Monroe County Sheriff Rick Ramsay had endorsed her for the senate seat.

“If we could install perhaps a movable walkway so traffic wouldn’t be impeded, especially during your special events, I’d be in support of that,” Flores said.

The candidates differed again in their position toward the opening of Cuba.

Flores urged caution, and said, “We have to look at the economic impacts on our tourism industry if cruise ships start going to Havana instead of Key West.”

But Mucarsel-Powell wants to see relations fully normalized so families can be reunited.

“I fully support President Obama’s new policies. The embargo didn’t work and it’s time to open relationships to fully support families here and in Cuba,” she said.

Both candidates agreed that windstorm insurance is a critical issue for the Keys, and both have met with the leaders of FIRM (Fair Insurance Rates for Monroe).

“I’ve met with FIRM, and these rate increases are becoming impossible,” Mucarsel-Powell said, taking the opportunity to point out that, “My opponent has voted for a rate increase, and we’re now facing another 10 percent hike.”

Flores, though, said she approved “legislation after legislation supporting consumers and I read with as much shock as anyone about the state insurance commissioner’s approval of a nine percent increase that equates to a double-digit rate increase. I’ve called it a slap in the face.”

In their closing statements, Flores reminded the lunchtime crowd that, “What happens in state government has much more to do with your life than what happens in Washington.”

She pledged to tirelessly represent the Florida Keys and its unique challenges.

Mucarsel-Powell promised to do the same, and told the audience, “We’ve had a Republican hold in Tallahassee for 20 years, and that needs to change. I think we need to make better choices.”

Works thanked each candidate and wished them the best in the Nov. 8th general election. ▼

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meetings. If you can’t make it, check out the Chamber’s Facebook page to see the recorded forums, thanks to Josh and Rodney at Firma IT.

So, go to the polls an informed voter this year and we’ll see you at the next meeting, if you can make it.

Of course, anytime you have thoughts or ideas to make our chamber more user friendly and successful, please feel free to contact the office. Remember, one of the features is our Wednesday morning member meetings where you explain to the staff what your business is all about. It’s important that they understand what you have to offer so they can recommend your services to our members, residents and visitors.

On a side note, I just wanted to thank everyone, especially the Chamber staff for making this year’s trade show a GREAT success. This was the second time we have had it staged at the Marriott Beachside and their service and food was over the top as well.

The show was sold out and everyone had a great time and made some major business connections which is the BIGGEST reason to be a Chamber member...to help your business grow. So, we’ll definitely see you next year at the next trade show. ▼

28th Annual “Showcase of Key West Businesses” Trade Show Was Another Sold-Out Success!

From puppies and professionals to prime rib and promotional giveaways — the 28th Annual Showcase of Key West Businesses once again had it all.

The Key West Chamber of Commerce trade show, presented by Waste Management Inc. and co-sponsored by OMI, featured more than 40 businesses, nonprofits, hospitals, utilities, and educational institutions that showcased their best offers, products and services for the Key West community in the afternoon, and then for the Chamber membership during a Business After-Hours networking event.

The public was welcome to peruse the booths from 3 to 5 p.m., helping themselves to information, demonstrations and promotional items while dropping their business cards into an assortment of bowls for prize drawings that took place throughout the show.

Attendees won an assortment of hotel stays, boat trips, museum admissions, jewelry and free services.

Vanessa Larsh, who handles marketing efforts for Emeralds International, was handing out gold gift bags filled with decadent treats as well as information about how to get free jewelry cleaning services for locals at the shop.

Customer service was part of Marie Fischbeck’s pitch at the Suburban Propane booth, where she was distributing brochures touting the company’s customer relations and various service plans.

“We really enjoy being part of these events,” she said, offering sturdy plastic cups bearing the Suburban Propane logo to each passerby.

“Take as many as you want, because we’re not taking them home with us,” said the folks at the Labor Finders booth who were giving away notepads – and information about their employment services.

At the Florida Keys Aqueduct Authority table, Public Information Manager Julie Cheon was handing out new shower heads and sink faucets that combine low-flow technology with sufficient water pressure. The water utility also offered cups of the Keys’ clear, clean and cold drinking water to thirsty guests.

The team from Gary’s Plumbing was back this year, along with representatives from Lower Keys Medical Center and Horan Wallace & Higgins law firms, whose keychain flashlights and cellphone accessories were a popular giveaway.

Jose Sanchez, Pely Perez and Adam Morillo made the trip down from Miami to promote All Central Public Adjusters in the Lower Keys. The insurance claims adjusters serve clients from Key West to Miami.

One of the most popular booths at the show was occupied by

Sookie, a sweet and friendly Chihuahua mix who lives at the Florida Keys SPCA animal shelter. Volunteer Kade Mortensen was introducing Sookie to the trade show guests and reminding everyone of the 200+ animals that are waiting to be rescued from the Stock Island shelter. The SPCA also offered collapsible pet water bowls.

Connie Christian, vice president of the SPCA board, handed out donation and sponsorship information about the shelter and its plans to build a new multi-million-dollar home for the animals on nearby property on College Road.

Farther down that street on Stock Island, Florida Keys Community College is rolling out a new culinary management program that it introduced at the trade show, along with its residence hall options for out-of-town students who are otherwise prohibited from enrolling at FKCC by the cost of housing in the Florida Keys.

Housing options were covered by the folks from Oceanwalk and West Isle Club apartments, where renovations have been ongoing for more than two years and improvements are noticeable, representatives said enthusiastically.

Around the corner in the Marriott ballroom, Ronnie Rupe and Dawn Messing, of Gourmet Nibbles and Baskets, manned one of the most festive and attractive booths, showing off the pretty possibilities of customized gift baskets for the holidays that will be here before anyone notices.

“Have a chocolate,” Rupe urged sweetly to each booth visitor, offering sinfully smooth chocolate truffles.

The evening networking event impressed the show’s attendees, as the Beachside staff set up a guacamole bar featuring fresh avocado and all manner of toppings, along with chicken, crab meat and vegetables. At the carving station, employees were serving juicy slices of perfectly cooked prime rib that was tucked under a mountain of crispy fried onions.

The food and bar offerings were a hit with the evening crowd.

“They’ve done a great job with the food this year, and with the whole event overall,” said Melanie Arnold, advertising director for the Key West Citizen, said while enjoying a bite and a beverage.

Virginia Panico, executive vice president of the Key West Chamber of Commerce, thanked everyone for participating in this year’s show and for supporting the chamber and Key West’s business community.

“We couldn’t do any of this without all of them,” she said. “And of course, none of it would be possible without the support of our generous sponsors, Waste Management and OMI. Their willingness and generosity make this popular event possible each year.”

This year’s 28th annual trade show was another sold-out success, she added.



Dawn Messing and Ronnie Rupe of Gourmet Nibbles & Flowers reminded everyone that the holidays will be here before we know it with their festive display.



The legal team of Horan, Wallace & Higgins was out in full force at the Chamber trade show on September 21st. Pictured left to right: Darren Horan, Cara Higgins, David Paul Horan and Jerry Ballarato.



28th 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



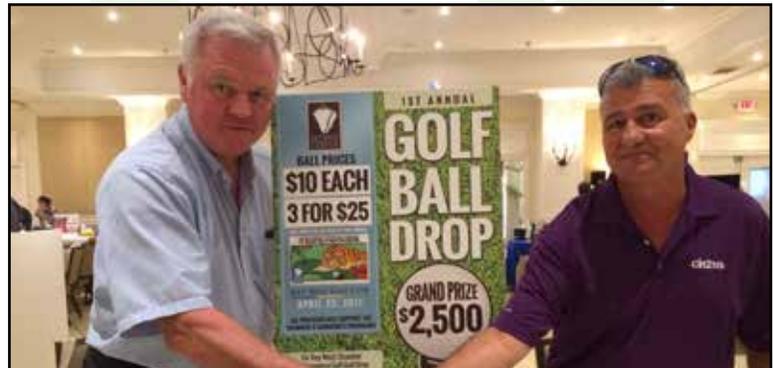
Ken Marguet & Andy Smith discussed the possibilities and advancements in technology at their Keys Imaging trade show booth.



Marina Marcia, Carl Schütze, Vanessa Larsh and Inge Marcial sparked at the booth that featured Marcial De Gomar's Emeralds Int'l, LLC.



Casey Smith, Jordan Smith and Duane Webster answered questions and offered technology solutions from their Broadwave booth at the Chamber trade show on September 21st.



Trade Show Presenter Greg Sullivan of Waste Management thanks co-sponsor John Bartlemo from CH2M for his ongoing support of the popular and sold-out show.



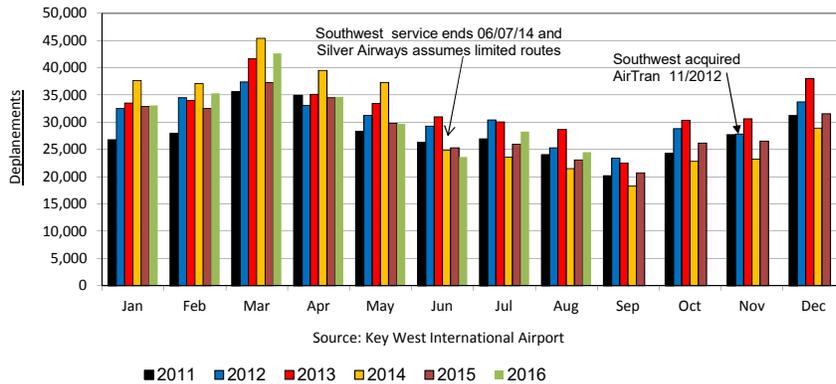
Daynet Portal and Marie Fischbeck happily discussed Suburban Propane's customer service and account options.



Tiffany Pierce represented Gary's Plumbing & Fire, Inc. at the 28th Annual Showcase of Key West Businesses on September 21st at the Marriott Beachside Hotel.



Key West International Airport Arrivals
January 2011 - August 2016

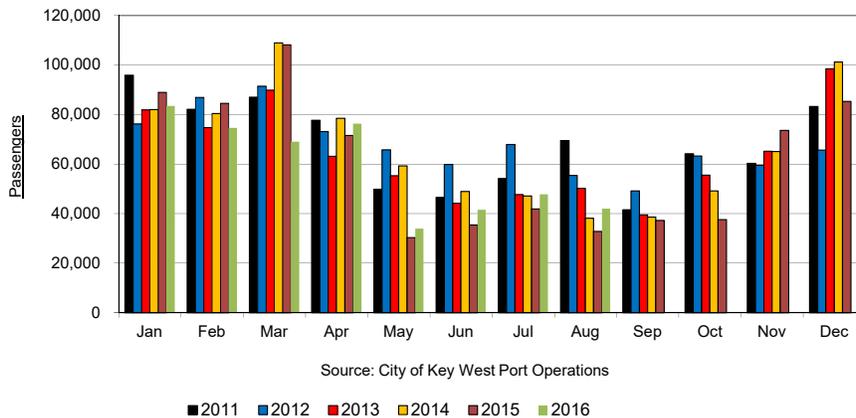


Passenger arrivals to Key West International Airport in August 2016 totaled 24,487. **This is an increase of 6.1% when compared to August 2015.**

Total passenger arrivals for the eight months of 2016 were 251,554. That is a 4.2% increase over the same period in 2015.

While arrivals were decelerating off their record breaking February & March numbers and hit a five year low in June, having reached a decrease of 6.7%, August's continuation of July's rebound gives it a bronze medal for the month and may indicate that airlines are competing successfully against low gas prices.

Key West Cruise Ship Passengers
January 2011 - August 2016



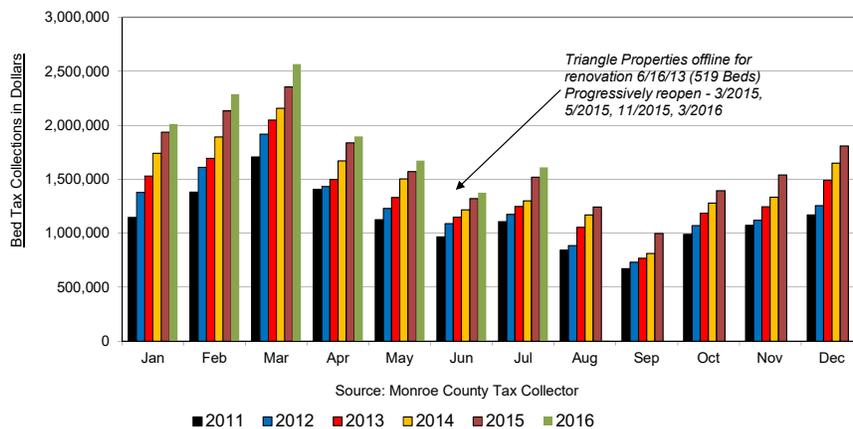
A total of 41,926 cruise ship passengers disembarked in Key West during August 2016. **This was 27.9% higher than August 2015**, which saw 32,791 passengers disembark.

For the eight months of 2016, cruise ship arrivals saw 468,351 passengers disembark from 206 port calls. While port calls are down 1% so far for 2016, passenger counts are down 5.1% over the same period in 2015.

The cruise ship schedule for October to December 2016 compared to the same three months in 2015 is shown below:

	Number of Ships	
	2015	2016
October	16	20
November	29	22
December	40	50

Key West Bed Tax Collections
January 2011 - July 2016



Reported Bed Tax Collections for Key West were **\$1,608,888 for July 2016**, an increase of 6% compared to July 2015.

According to Smith Travel, July 2016 occupancy was **91.8%**, a 2.3 percentage point increase from the July 2015 occupancy rate of 89.5%.

The Average Daily Rate (ADR) was reported at **\$252.74 for July 2016**, a decrease of 2.6% from the ADR of \$259.49 posted for July 2015.

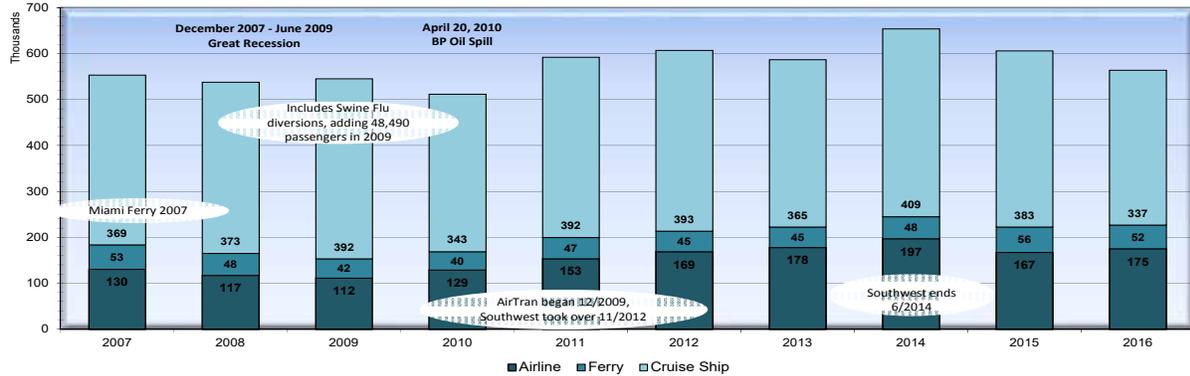
February broke the six year trend in which the monthly ADR had been higher than the previous year. With the number of hotel rooms available returning to normal, increasing by about 7% over the past year, occupied room nights have begun the climb back to historical levels.



2016 Season Tourism Recap

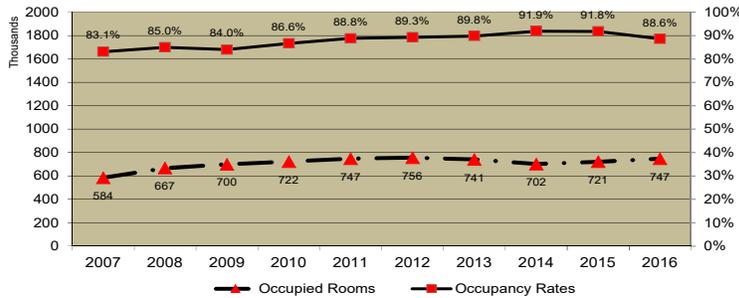
Key West Season Visitor Arrivals January-May Passenger Volume in Thousands

Source Data: City of Key West Port Operations and Historic Seaport, Key West International Airport



Key West January-May Occupancy Rates & Room Nights ("Available Rooms" x "Occupancy Rates" x "Nights in the Period")

Source Data: Calculated Based upon Smith Travel Research & TDC Statistics



Highlights from 2016 TDC Visitor Profile Survey (sample of 600 Key West Visitors during January - June)

Source Data: Monroe County Tourist Development Council



36.3% of Visitors flew to Key West up from 15.5% in 2015



9.97 Nights was the average stay in Key West up from 6.54 nights in 2015



Visitor Profile

62.8% White
10.8% Asian
13.0% Latino
12.3% African American

average age **47.14**
decreased 1.31 years

Household income
22.5% under \$75,000
48.0% \$75,000-\$150,000
20.2% over \$150,000



Activities while in Key West: (% of visitors taking part in)

- 98.2% Attractions
- 84.7% Nightlife
- 94.2% Cultural Events
- 83.2% Boating
- 25.5% Spa
- 23.0% Fishing
- 7.7% Scuba Diving

As the holidays usher in the 2017 high season, the January through May numbers in 2016 set the benchmark. Here are how they added up.

For 2016, Cruise Ship passenger arrivals through May introduced 337,153 visitors from 156 ships that docked in Key West, or 46% of the total 2015 volume and a decrease of 12% from the disembarkments in the 2015 season. However, the downward trend in the number of ships and passengers has reversed as double digit increases have been seen this summer; and with the first ships cruising through Cuba making port at Mallory Square this November, cruise ship passengers may see a continued rebound.

Ferry passenger arrivals introduced 51,848 visitors, or 54% of the total 2015 volume and a decrease of 6.7% compared to the 2015 season. High winds early in the year may be the significant contributor in variances seen in the 2016 season.

Airline passenger arrivals introduced 175,212 visitors, or 51% of the total 2015 volume and an increase of 4.9% compared to the 2015 season. February 2016 saw the first arrival levels comparable to when Southwest was flying, yet were still below the peak seen just before the departure of Southwest at the end of the 2014 season.

Visitors stayed overnight for a projected 747 thousand nights in Key West (as measured by room nights rented), or 46% of the total 2015 nights and an increase of 3.6% compared to the 2015 season. While the number of rooms available within Key West has returned to normal, by May the inventory had risen to new highs and more rooms will continue to come online as construction activities progress.

The Tourism Development Council surveys visitors throughout the year, and the 2016 season saw visitors spending \$65.37 on souvenirs, \$80.15 on land activities, and \$74.81 on water activities during their stay.

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Ready, Set, COLLEGE! Seminar



Dozens of Lower Keys high school students and their families attended the Ready, Set, COLLEGE! seminar that was sponsored by Key West Chamber of Commerce, Florida Keys Community College and ch2m on September 7th at the college. The program offered help with financial aid, essay-writing and other college application information.

OCTOBER MUSINGS

Mosquitos and Homesteading parking spaces

“Should the city raise parking rates on Duval Street or raise property taxes?”

“How do you currently plan to vote on the GM mosquito referendum?”

Your quarterly membership survey is open - For access, email research@keywestchamber.org See results to these question instantly or wait till January to see the answers here.

In July we heard that the city should charge for bike parking 64% of you are in favor of the city partnering to provide a bike share program as part of public transit and 71% of you are in favor of a parking garage on Simonton Street at Fire Station number one.



BUSINESS AFTER HOURS | WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST, 2016

Showcase of Key West Businesses Tradeshow & Business After Hours

Sponsored by: Key West Marriott Beachside, 3841 North Roosevelt Blvd.



Cruise Ship Schedule

October 2016

10/01	NO SHIPS	
10/02	Empress	8:00am-5:00pm
10/03	NO SHIPS	
10/04	Fantasy	7:30am-1:30pm
10/05	NO SHIPS	
10/06	Enchantment	9:30am-6:00pm
10/07	Carnival Sensation	7:30am-1:30pm
10/07	Empress	8:00am-5:00pm
10/08	Europa2	8:00am-5:00pm
10/09	NO SHIPS	
10/10	NO SHIPS	
10/11	Fantasy	7:30am-1:30pm
10/11	Empress	8:00am-5:00pm
10/12	NO SHIPS	
10/13	Enchantment	9:30am-6:00pm
10/14	NO SHIPS	
10/15	NO SHIPS	
10/16	Empress	8:00am-6:00pm
10/17	NO SHIPS	
10/18	Fantasy	7:30am-1:30pm
10/19	NO SHIPS	
10/20	Enchantment	9:30am-6:00pm
10/21	Carnival Sensation	7:30am-1:30pm
10/21	Empress	11:00am-6:00pm
10/22	Azamara Quest	12:00pm-9:00pm
10/23	NO SHIPS	
10/24	Infinity	8:00am-5:00pm
10/25	Empress	8:00am-5:00pm
10/26	NO SHIPS	
10/27	Enchantment	9:30am-6:00pm
10/28	Infinity	8:00am-4:00pm
10/29	NO SHIPS	
10/30	Empress	8:00am-5:00pm
10/31	NO SHIPS	

Welcome September 2016 New Members!



The Key West Chamber of Commerce welcomed nine new members to its ranks during the September 20th luncheon at the Marriott Beachside Hotel. Pictured left to right: Associate Member Ron Saunders; Chrissy Gallagher of the Silverliners of Key West; John Meeks of the Hyatt Residence Club, Terri Wilkin of Cohens & Wilkin Private Investigators; Membership Co-Chair and Silverliner Joyce Benavides; Mike Teaman of Auntie Anne's pretzels; Frank Cohens of Cohens & Wilkin Private Investigators and Chamber President Kim Works. (Not pictured: All Water Charters, Conch Neighbors, Eleven Oaks Farms, and Prime Steakhouse.)

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Key West Chamber Calendar of Events

October 2016

Business After Hours

Thursday, October 20, 2016
5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Sponsored by: The Studios of Key West
Location: 533 Eaton Street
Members Only Networking Event

General Membership Meeting

Wednesday, October 26, 2016
Noon

Florida's 26th Congressional District
Candidates Forum
Location: The Westin Key
West Resort & Marina
Please RSVP to the Chamber
at 305-294-2587 or
Email: info@keywestchamber.org

November 2016

Business After Hours

Date: TBA

Time: 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Sponsored by: Croissants de France
Location: 816 Duval Street
Members Only Networking Event

General Membership Meeting

Wednesday, November 16, 2016
Noon

Speaker: Jessica Bennett, Director of
Market Research for the TDC
Topics: Why millennials are the next
big travel group for the Florida Keys
Location: Key West Marriott Beachside
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October 2016

- 10/15-16 Stand Up Paddle Invitational Key West; 305-304-0809
- 10/21-22 Goombay Festival; 305-296-1817
- 10/21-30 38th Annual Fantasy Fest www.fantasyfest.net;
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