A Message From Our President

The tragedy at Marjory Stoneman Douglas has forever affected each one of us in our community. Many of our members had children in the school and now have to begin the difficult process of healing. My heart aches for those who lost their children and for the two teachers that lost their lives. On a personal note, my youngest son graduated from Stoneman Douglas in 2009 and I lived right down the street for ten years. I still remember Coach Feis driving around in his golf cart and the wonderful homecoming memories. I know we are all hurting now and that it is going to be a very long recovery process.

Last week I attended a vigil at First Data, the largest employer in Coral Springs. There was a photo and a rose for each of the 17 people that lost their lives. The microphone went around the room and the employees had a chance to speak and express their feelings. The deep pain, impact and effect of this tragedy on the employees was excruciating and I know that so many of our businesses have been touched first hand.

As an organization we have been in communication with City officials, local police departments, school personnel, professional Chamber organizations, as well as nearby Chambers so that we can work together to provide resources and volunteers. Our Chamber has created a resource listing of member businesses that are able to provide assistance. I have been working with Parkland Deputy Vice Mayor Ken Cutler to hear the needs and respond. Ken’s wife, Sharon, is the DECA teacher at Stoneman Douglas and we have been providing volunteers to assist her DECA students continue to prepare for their competition. Thank you to so many of our members that volunteered their time. As Commissioner Cutler said at the breakfast “this is not going to be a sprint, it’s going to be a marathon”. The Chamber is committed to staying the course and being a resource throughout this difficult process.
We will get through this together. #msdstrong

This past week I participated in a conference call organized by the Florida Chamber of Commerce for Chamber professionals throughout the state. The sentiment was that nothing on the legislative agenda is more important than the safety of our children. There are several proposals that are out there and although there are vast political differences, I do believe that there will be a change. In addition, there was a deep concern expressed on the call regarding the effect of a Florida boycott on Spring break for business owners. As you know the Chamber is a non-partisan organization, however, many of us have strong feelings on what happened. What I can say is “Vote, Vote, Vote” if you want your voice to be heard.

To your continued success,
Cindy

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### It's 5 o'clock somewhere...

#### 2018 Annual Grand Gala

The Coral Springs Regional Chamber of Commerce presents the 2018 Chamber Grand Gala presented by Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital & U18 Sports Medicine. This spectacular event will be held at the Ft. Lauderdale-Coral Springs Marriott on Friday, April 13th, from 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

We need your support - in the form of auction items for this worthwhile event. A portion of the proceeds raised will be utilized to fund programs sponsored by the Coral Springs Chamber of Commerce Education Foundation, which is a recognized 501(c)(3) charity.

- Gift Certificates (yours or someone else's)
- Baskets (theme baskets are popular)
- Jewelry or other gift items
- Vacation Packages

Click Here to Print Detailed Sponsorship Packet
Click Here to Print The Sponsorship Contract
Click Here to Print The Auction Item Donation Form

The deadline has been extended to Friday, March 2nd! If you have nominees in mind, please fill out the form(s) below and submit them via email to gulie@cschamber.com
Business Awards 2018

Small Business Leader of the Year Award:

Covered Bridge Award:

Creek Small Business Leader of the Year Award:

Email forms to gulie@cschamber.com or fax to (1-954) 827-0543.

For details and criteria for award eligibility, please find the Awards forms below:

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

- Amtrust Bank Coconut Creek
- BottomLine Consulting- Scott Carothers
- Center for Dermatology
- Comerica Bank
- Cooper's Hawk- Coconut Creek
- Coral Springs Appliance Center Inc
- First Citizens Bank
- Florida Power & Light
- Kelley Kronenberg
- Parone Group
- Richard C Kendall Jr CPA
- Studio 6 Extended Stay
- Transworld Business Brokers
- Velasquez & Associates
- Vutec Corporation
- Wal-Mart-Store #1387

Thank you for your continued support of our Chamber!

Trustee Spotlight

First Data is a global leader in commerce-enabling technology and solutions, serving approximately six million business locations and
4,000 financial institutions in 118 countries around the world.

The company's 24,000 owner-associates are dedicated to helping businesses of every size, from small startups to the world's largest corporations. We enable global commerce every day by securing and processing more than 2,800 transactions per second and $2.2 trillion per year.

Corporate Citizenship plays a critical role in First Data's business strategy, and it stands behind our core purpose of supporting our clients to grow their businesses. At First Data, we recognize that to succeed in business, we must ensure the communities in which we operate thrive and that our owner-associates feel confident bringing their whole selves to work.

Simply put, we do well by doing good.

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Planet Fitness is the fastest-growing franchisor and operator of full-size fitness clubs in the United States, and has revolutionized the industry. The company currently has more than 1,400 locations nationwide, more than 6 million members, and additional 450-plus clubs in development. While expanding nationally, Planet Fitness moved from the northeast and eastern seabords, into the western regions, most recently opening in Texas, Arizona, and California. The brand has grown to international territory with the additions of clubs in Canada, the Dominican Republic and Puerto Rico.

Planet Fitness has grown by defying conventional wisdom in the health club industry- and by perfecting a high-value/low-cost model that focuses on the needs of occasional or first-time club members rather than hard-core fitness fanatics. Planet Fitness provides the things that most people really want in a health club: new, brand-name cardio and strength training equipment, and facilities designed to create a Judgment Free Zone- a clean, friendly, casual, and non-intimidating environment.

Planet Fitness Growth Partners operates headquarters in Timonium, Maryland and serves over 450,000 active members over four states- Maryland, Tennessee, Florida, Washington and the District of Columbia.

PFFL-a division of Planet Fitness Growth Partners, operates 7 clubs in Broward and Miami-Dade counties with plans for 2 additional new club openings in the coming year. Our strong community ties include regular involvement with the Boys and Girls Clubs of Broward County and our very own foundation- The John W. Brick Mental Health Foundation. Our core purpose is to change people's lives and improve the quality of life for all those we come in contact with. We accomplish this goal by providing world-class facilities in the Judgement Free Zone-a non-intimidating comfortable setting where anyone can set goals and achieve results! Our supreme desire to serve the public and our community as a whole broadens the scope of our success to make this a planet where You Belong!
At Republic Services, we're guided by five essential core values - to be Respectful, Responsible, Reliable, Resourceful, and Relentless in all we do, every day. Our highly passionate, professional team is reminded of these principles every time they see the five R's joined together to form the Republic Services Star. It's what makes us who we are, reminding us to keep our customers at the heart of it all.

Republic Services, Inc. was incorporated in 1996 with a "can do" spirit, driving its dramatic growth and acquisitions through the years, welcoming other organizations that share its values and fiduciary discipline. Today, Republic Services, Inc. is the second largest provider of services in the domestic non-hazardous solid waste industry, as measured by revenue as well as a Fortune 500 company, publicly traded on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE: RSG).

Through our subsidiaries, we provide non-hazardous solid waste and recycling services for commercial, industrial, municipal and residential customers. Our customers come first as we strive to safely and sustainably provide reliable service through 340 collection operations, 201 transfer stations, 193 active landfills, 67 recycling centers, 8 treatment, recovery and disposal facilities, 12 salt water disposal wells, and 69 landfill gas and renewable energy projects across 41 states and Puerto Rico. Republic Services Inc. is a holding company and all operations are conducted by its subsidiaries. Unless the context requires otherwise, all references to "Republic," "Republic Services," "the Company," "we," "us" and "our" refer to Republic Services, Inc. and its consolidated subsidiaries.
We are looking for business partners to participate in a Job Shadow Day for select students from our local high schools!

This is an opportunity for students to experience what a business owner or professional does on a daily basis. They will have the chance to walk through a part of the workday as a "shadow" to your local business, industry, or organization. They will witness firsthand the work environment, employability, and occupational skills in practice, the value of post-high school education, training and potential career options. Job shadowing is designed to reinforce the link between the high school classroom and work requirements.

For more information, please email Shirley Klein at shirley@shirleyklein.com by Friday, March 2nd!
CORAL SPRINGS
COMMUNITY LAW DAY
SATURDAY APRIL 14, 2018
10-4PM

We want you!

Coral Springs Community Law Day is a free one-day legal clinic for the City of Coral Springs and other local residents, staffed by numerous attorneys. Approximately 30 to 40 attorneys will come together for a few hours to provide pro bono legal services and advice to those who need it in our community.

Please register at the website below:
https://www.eventbrite.com/o/brodzki-jacobs-amp-associates-pl-15950469710

Email the committee with any questions:
CoralSpringsCommunityLawDay@gmail.com

Free legal advice spanning various practice areas including
Family law,
Personal Injury,
Estate Planning,
Immigration and more

Registered clients and walk-ins are welcome