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22 JUL

Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce's Women's Council Luncheon, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Dal Contadino Trattoria, 2775 E. Oakland Park Blvd., Fort Lauderdale. \$15 members in advance, \$20 guests and walk-ins. www.ftlchamber.com/WCLuncheon.

23 JUL

Broward SCORE's Secrets on Building Credit for Funding, 5:30 p.m., Nova Southeastern University, Carl DeSantis Building, 3301 College Ave., Room 2078, Davie. \$35. 954-356-7263 or broward.score.org.

25 JUL

Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce's Rising Leaders Summer Soirée - White Party, 5:30-8 p.m., Grateful Palate, 3003 N.E. 32nd Ave., Fort Lauderdale. \$50 members, \$65 nonmembers in advance; add \$10 at the door. www.ftlchamber.com.

30 JUL

Palm Beach SCORE's Introduction to Business Ownership, 10 a.m., SCORE, 500 S. Australian Ave., Suite 115, Palm Beach Gardens. Free. palmbeach.score.org or 561-833-1672.

CFA South Florida's Networking Night with the Marlins, 5:30 p.m., Marlins Park, 501 Marlins Way, Miami. \$45 members, \$55 nonmembers. (305) 495-9824 or rwelker@merchantfinancial.com.

Broward SCORE's How to Use Google AdWords Campaigns to Grow Your Business, 5:30 p.m., Nova Southeastern University, Carl DeSantis Building, 3301 College Ave., Room 2078, Davie. \$35. 954-356-7263 or broward.score.org.

31 JUL

Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce's Oakland Park/Wilton Manors/Uptown Council Luncheon, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Funky Buddha, 1201 N.E. 38th St., Oakland Park.

► BEST OF THE WEEK

Palm Beach SCORE will host **The Pivot: Refocusing in a Changing Environment** on Tuesday, July 23. Dynamic market opportunities require ongoing reassessment. Questions must be regularly asked regarding the durability, timeliness, attractiveness and value-add your ideas bring to their targeted market segments. Determining if, when and how to entrepreneurially pivot a business strategy has saved many well-known, highly-successful companies, including Groupon, Starbucks, Instagram and Pinterest. The free event will take place 6-8 p.m. at Keiser University's Turner Building, 2600 N. Military Trail in West Palm Beach. To register, go to palmbeach.score.org or call 561-833-1672.

\$35 members, \$45 future members in advance; add \$10 at the door. www.ftlchamber.com/luncheon.

02 AUG

LeTip East Broward's Business Professionals Breakfast Meeting, 7 a.m., Holiday Inn Fort Lauderdale Airport, 2905 Sheridan St., Hollywood. (954) 771-1717 or dkmink@minkandmink.com.

07 AUG

Broward SCORE's Basics

of Nonprofit Fundraising, 6 p.m., Keiser University, 1500 N.W. 49th St., Fort Lauderdale. \$35 in advance, \$50 at the door. 954-356-7263 or broward.score.org.

08 AUG

Palm Beach SCORE's How to Win \$300,000 in Federal Contracts, 6 p.m., Keiser University, 2085 Vista Parkway, Room 105, West Palm Beach. \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door. palmbeach.score.org or 561-833-1672.

09 AUG

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13 AUG

HYPE Miami's Turning the Tables networking event, 8-10 a.m., Florida International University's Graham Center, 11200 S.W. Eighth St., Miami. \$35 members, \$50 nonmembers in advance; \$60 at the door. www.miamichamber.com.

14 AUG

Broward SCORE's Video Marketing 101, 6 p.m., Keiser University, 1500 N.W. 49th St., Fort Lauderdale. \$35 in advance, \$50 at the door. 954-356-7263 or broward.score.org.

Palm Beach SCORE's Writing a Business Plan for Success, 6 p.m.,

Keiser University, 2085 Vista Parkway, Room 105, West Palm Beach. \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door. palmbeach.score.org or 561-833-1672.

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20 AUG

Palm Beach SCORE's Basic Excel for Your Business, 10 a.m., SCORE, 500 S. Australian Ave., Suite 115, West Palm Beach. \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door. palmbeach.score.org or 561-833-1672.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

- **CyberCoders**, a national placement recruiting firm, opened an office in Palm Beach Gardens. www.cybercoders.com.
- Hollywood-based **Heico Corp.**'s 3D Plus subsidiary acquired French aerospace and industrial manufacturer **Bernier**. www.heico.com.
- **Grateful Palate Catering & Events**, overlooking the Intracoastal Waterway at 3003 N.E. 32nd Ave. in Fort Lauderdale, unveiled its interior renovation.
- **Palm Beach Media Group**, a subsidiary of **Hour Media**, and publisher of Palm Beach Illustrated and Naples Illustrated, acquired the assets of Florida Design magazine and its family of home design publications. www.palmbeachmedia.com.
- New York City eatery **Regina's Grocery** opened its first outpost at the **Meridian Hotel**, 418 Meridian Ave. in Miami Beach. www.reginasgrocery.com.
- **Simon Property Group** and **Concord Hospitality Enterprises Co.** are partnering to develop an **AC Hotel by Marriott** at **Dadeland Mall** in Miami. Construction on the 177-room hotel is slated to begin this month, with a late 2020 opening. www.simon.com and www.concordhotels.com.
- **Florida International University's School of Universal Computing, Construction, and Engineering Education**, in collaboration with the **STEM Transformation Institute**, launched a bachelor's degree in interdisciplinary engineering and a doctoral degree in engineering and computing education. www.fiu.edu.



A rendering of the pool deck at the AC Hotel by Marriott at Dadeland Mall.

- **Life On Earth** partnered with Boca Raton-based **SAS Sales and Marketing** to expand the sales and distribution of the company's **Just Chill** brand. www.lifeonearthinc.com.
- **Anna Schmidt Interior Design** completed a design refresh for the **Hard Rock Café** in Miami. www.annaschmidtinteriors.com.
- **Viper Equity Partners of Palm Beach** negotiated the merger of **Aqua Plastic Surgery** and **Water's Edge Dermatology**. www.viper equitypartners.com.
- **HOK, Plaza Construction** and **CBRE** will oversee the expansion of **Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines Ltd.**'s corporate headquarters in Miami, which will include a 350,000-square-foot office building and 1,500-space parking garage at the southwest corner of Dodge Island. www.plazaconstruction.com.
- **Meridian Capital Group** arranged \$33.5 million to refinance **Flamingo Pines Plaza** in Pembroke Pines on behalf of **JBL Asset Management**. www.meridiancapital.com.
- **Rosemurgy Properties** closed an \$11 million loan for **Federal Highway Self Storage** in Deerfield Beach. www.rosemurgyproperties.com.
- **Redfearn Capital** made a \$7.6 million acquisition of **High Ridge Industrial**, a 73,250-square-foot industrial building at 2900 High Ridge Road in Boynton Beach. www.redfearncapital.com.

- **Marcus & Millichap** managed the \$6.6 million sale of **Showplace at Doral** at 9550-9594 N.W. 41st St. in Doral. www.marcusmillichap.com.
- **ComReal** completed the \$4.6 million sale of the 36,000-square-foot building at 5195 N.W. 77th Ave. in Miami. www.comreal.com.
- **Franklin Street** negotiated the \$3 million sale of **Marlin Manor Apartments**, a 24-unit rental community at 1528 N.W. Third Ave. in Miami's Little Havana. www.franklinst.com.
- **Colliers International South Florida** brokered a \$2.1 million, 10,610-square-foot office lease with **Nightingale** at 7800 Congress Centre in Boca Raton. www.colliers.com.
- **Transwestern Commercial Services** completed a 13,500-square-foot sublease to **Polsinelli** law firm at Miami Tower, 100 S.E. Second St., on behalf of **BDO USA**. www.transwestern.com.
- **Foundry Commercial** managed the lease of 4,755 square feet to **Mutual of Omaha** on the 11th floor of 2600 S. Douglas Road in Coral Gables. www.foundrycommercial.com.
- **Florida Atlantic University's Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing** received a \$1.5 million grant from the **U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration** to form a primary care workforce of practicing registered nurses who understand the unique needs of military veterans, and are willing to serve rural and underserved communities. www.fau.edu.