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### A lesson in kindness

Students at the Key Biscayne K-8 Center closed out the first half of the 2016-2017 school year with one of the most important lessons of all: that of being kind to those in need. For more, see page 8.

## Patricia Peraita honored to be named 2016 KB Rotarian of the Year

By: **ROD COFFEE**  
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It's an honor that means you have been a good steward of the community, and it was received with gratitude as Patricia Peraita was named 2016 Key Biscayne Rotarian of the Year, bringing recognition to her outstanding work on the island.

The 2015-16 Rotary president, who doubles as a real estate agent and humanitarian, accepted the honor with grace and humility.

"I want to express my most sincere gratitude for being selected as the Rotarian of the Year,"

Peraita said. "It is a very special honor to be acknowledged by fellow Rotarians, each one deserving of this award and whose commitment to this community and dedication to serve others inspired me during my time as president of the club."

When Peraita assumed the role of president, she laid out specific plans and ideas for the year.

It began with a declaration of an ambitious and worthy social and charitable agenda, as well as providing support for Rotary's Wine & Food Fest and Art Festival.

See *Rotarian* p.13

## Key Biscayne Republican Club to welcome Democrat as first speaker of 2017

By: **KELLY JOSEPHSEN**  
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The Key Biscayne Republicans Club is starting off 2017 with an interesting choice of speakers: Democratic State Senator Jose



Javier Rodriguez.

Rodriguez will address the club Thursday, January 19 at 11:30 a.m. at the Key Biscayne Yacht Club.

New Club President Steve Ettenheim acknowledged it may sound like an odd choice to invite someone from the other side of the aisle as the first speaker he'll introduce, but when he thought

about the state of American politics, it made perfect sense.

"This last year, politically this country was pretty divided," he said. "But I thought to myself, 'Everyone wants the same thing. Everyone wants a better country, everyone wants a better South Florida, everyone wants a better Key Biscayne, - the difference is in how you attain it."

"And I'm wondering if those differences aren't really so far apart either."

Ettenheim is also a realist, noting, "Donald Trump is our president, and that's the end of it. Our State Senator is a Democrat, and that's the end of it."

Therefore, he reached out to Rodriguez with the invitation, and found the State Senator shared his

mindset on reaching across political lines. "He was very cordial. He didn't miss a beat; he said, 'Of course,'" Ettenheim said.

Now, he looks forward to welcoming the State Senator to the meeting to discuss areas where Democrats and Republicans can hopefully find common ground.

See *KBRC* p.13

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Here are five ways to make the most of your Key Biscayne weekend:

**1. Tina's Sunset Fete:** The Tina Dailey Foundation hosts a fundraiser Friday at 5:30 p.m. at the Key Biscayne Beach Club. After Tina, who grew up on the Key, passed away from an accidental overdose, her family and friends created the foundation to provide resources to stop the cycle

of addiction. Friday's event includes music, dancing and light food on the beach. Tickets are \$40.

**2. Student Art Showcase:** The work of talented area student artists in grades 6-12 will be on display at the Beaux Arts Festival of Art Saturday and Sunday at the Lowe Art Museum on the University of Miami Campus. For more, visit [www.beauxartsmiami.org](http://www.beauxartsmiami.org).

**3. Learn Lacrosse:** Village Athletics Director Flip de Varona will host a Co-Ed Lacrosse Clinic on the Village Green Sunday from 2-5 p.m. The event, with the support of the South Florida U.S. Lacrosse chapter, is free and geared toward boys and girls ages 8-14.

**4. Movie Marathon:** The Key Biscayne Community Center hosts movie matinees

today at 1:30 p.m. and tomorrow at noon. Call 305-365-8900 or visit [www.activeislander.org](http://www.activeislander.org) for details.

**5. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day:** Local schools and Village officers are closed Monday in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Day. The Community Center will be open from 8 a.m.-8 p.m.

### Weekend Weather



**Friday:** 81/68 scattered storms

**Saturday:** 80/70 mostly sunny

**Sunday:** 78/67 mostly sunny

### Question of the Week

The *Islander* prides itself on covering The Life and Times of Key Biscayne, Florida – in other words, you! Look to this space each week to help us share your story by answering the Question of the Week. We're looking for photos of how local families celebrated the holidays on the Key – or away from home. Send answers and photos if you've got them to [editor@islandernews.com](mailto:editor@islandernews.com) with the subject "Question of the Week," and we'll feature answers in an upcoming *Islander*.



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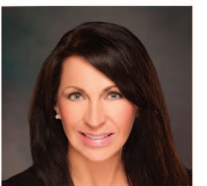
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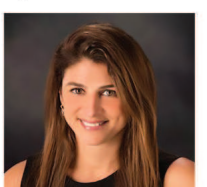
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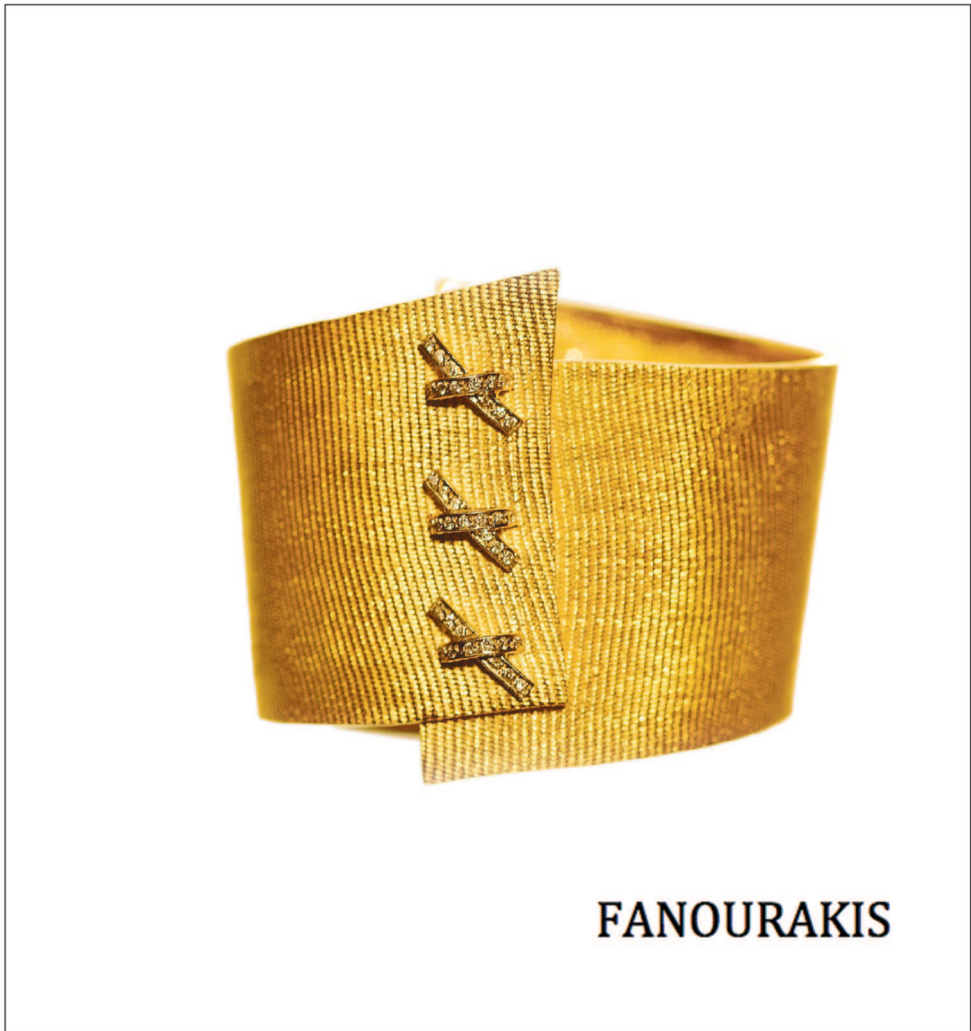
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## Let's stop going around in circles



Kelly Josephsen  
Editor

We're lucky here at *The Islander News* to get a lot of feedback and input from our readers, and it gives us a peek at what's on the minds of Key Biscayne residents.

If messages from the early days of 2017 are any indication, the front-burner concern for our readers is clear: traffic safety.

A writer to our Rants and Raves column told us about dangerous behavior at local roundabouts: instead of stopping at the posted stop signs, the writer said, drivers blow right through, setting up the potential for a bad accident.

Another islander contacted us to suggest an article on pedestrian crosswalk safety – an excellent idea. Our reader pointed to a general disrespect for crosswalks, reporting numerous examples of drivers ignoring the lights and even a case where a motorcycle driver swooped around her and another pedestrian rather than wait a few precious seconds for them to finish crossing.

Sadly, it sounds like plenty of people didn't include patience, safety and respect for others when making their New Year's resolutions. Unfortunately, that's nothing new.

Just a year ago, *The Islander* kicked off 2016 with an editorial on this exact same subject, though in that case the consequences to dangerous driving behavior had already been realized, as a local woman had been struck by a car when walking to her home across Crandon Boulevard after leaving a holiday party at the Key Biscayne Community Center.

A concerned friend of the victim who talked to *The Islander* at the time said, "We're making a plea for people to make it their New Year's resolution; to live together more cordially and happily."

But here we are a year later, and not much has changed.

To stick with the driving theme, it's kind of like that scene in *National Lampoon's European Vacation* where the Griswolds get stuck in a London roundabout while Clark repeats on a loop, "Look kids! Big Ben, Parliament!"

Key Biscayne continues to go around in its own literal and figurative circles: drivers ignore traffic laws; conscientious residents and Village Council members witness the problem and try to raise awareness to stop it; police officers go out on patrol and issue warnings and citations. The problem improves for a while, perhaps, before the scofflaws go back to their old behavior.

And of course, there's a fourth point that creeps into that cycle every now and then: someone is struck by a car and spends time in the hospital or worse.

Council members often talk about that nightmare scenario as the tipping point – the point where a tragedy shakes some sense into all of us – but for whatever reason, we haven't gotten there yet.

Last year started with a woman being struck while leaving the Christmas party, continued into the summer when two young boys were hit by a car and injured as they were crossing Crandon, and ended with our readers' reports of near misses in local crosswalks and traffic circles.

Clearly, not everyone is getting the message, and we're stuck somewhere in that proverbial roundabout, tired of Big Ben and Parliament and wondering how we can break out of the loop.

Here's a suggestion: Let's not force it to be that nightmare scenario of a fatal accident that breaks us out of our bad habits. Let's not make prophets out of our Council members who give voice to fearing the worst. Let's not let 2017 – or any year thereafter – be marred by a tragedy on local roadways.

Key Biscayne has all the elements of a pedestrian-friendly community: beautiful weather and scenery, diligent police officers, paths and sidewalks and trails that are only going to get better as a litany of safety improvements make their way to the island.

It's within our power to add the missing ingredients: pay attention, follow the rules and drive safe. Help that vicious cycle be broken not by tragedy, but by a new mindset that benefits all of us.



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## Conscious Parenting: A new sort of New Year's Resolution

By: BIBIANA DOMIT  
Special to *The Islander News*



Bibiana Domit

Here it is! 2017.

A new year, a possibility for renewal and a fresh start. A opportunity to do it better.

But... what is "to do it better?"

I guess there are many meanings to this. We all have unique definitions of what "doing good in life" is; mostly depending on our upbringing, our culture, our particular values and goals in life.

Personally, my definition of "success" has changed over the years. Instead of focusing on having things or recognition, it has been gravitating towards inner growth. Instead of making myself adjust to please society and other people, I have preferred to respect my self and live my truth.

At the end of every year I always take time to reflect and give thanks for everything I lived and learned. For what I am grateful

for, the amazing experiences that I had, the terrible ones that made me grow, and what I am ready to leave behind.

I usually write a paper with my goals for the New Year. To my amazement this year's list looks totally different from the years before!

My typical lists used to be filed with numbers and goals and days of the week that I was committed to do specific actions and achieve certain goals. Things like: exercising every day, doing yoga three times a week, writing a new book, meditating three times a week, growing my TULLYS brand, making more money, eating more healthy, etc., etc.

Today I realize there is something much more important than doing.

It's called: BEING.

This year, my perception has totally shifted. I don't really know why or how it happened. Maybe because I experienced troubled times this past year and this suffering somehow "woke me up," maybe because I have been meditating and praying

more often or maybe because I realized that any person (regardless of their inner condition) can become extremely rich, famous and successful, even president of the most powerful country in the world with nothing else than a couple of millions and a great marketing strategy.

This year I realized that being "successful" to the world has become a very cheap aim, because it involves none of the things that really matter. At least to me.

You can be the richest man in the world, the most recognized woman in history, a famous rock star, a beautiful supermodel or the most praised doctor. But if you made your way up by sacrificing your integrity, your inner peace and your health, it's definitely not worth it.

My motto for this year is: "Starve your Ego, Feed your Soul!"

For the first time in my life my list looks totally different, and it starts with a big title that reads: BE!

See *Bibiana* p.9

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### Planting the seeds of learning

Key residents Jackie Kellogg and Evelyn Block teamed up with Mrs. D'Ottone and Mrs. Romanach at the Key Biscayne Community Center to help the teachers' 1st-grade classes add carrots and radishes to the school's garden.

## Local kids take part in a mission of kindness and joy

By: KELLY JOSEPHSEN  
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Some Key Biscayne kids got to try their hand at playing Santa, and in the process learned that giving truly is better than receiving.

Key Biscayne K-8 Center teachers Landy Hernandez and Cliona Walshe-Crawford led their young students on a mission to provide holiday gifts and friendship to less fortunate students in the Greater Miami Area.

Hernandez said the Key Biscayne students, who are members of the Key Biscayne Kids for Others Care Club, were chosen as Kindness Ambassadors, giving them the honor of participating in a program called The Joy Maker Challenge, powered by GenerationOn and Hasbro.

The Joy Maker Challenge encourages kids to make a positive difference in their communities by benefitting others, and the Key Biscayne kids were excited to take part, Hernandez said.

The students partnered with Amigos for Kids, an organization that works to prevent child abuse, to help distribute 106 toys, all of which were donated by Hasbro, to kids in need.

The local students also wrote notes to their new friends and enjoyed a morning together.

Hernandez said the students learned valuable lessons that she hopes they'll carry with them for all of their lives:

"The teachers believe that when we infuse empathy and compassion into our lessons, it makes real world learning come to life. The children learn that they can make a difference; they can make a mark in the world!" she said.



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Kids at the Key Biscayne K-8 Center help peers from Amigos for Kids via the Joy Maker Challenge.



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We recently launched a career closet to outfit candidates for their interviews, and the residents of Key Biscayne went above

and beyond to go through their closets and donate professional clothing for men and women. These clothes have already been put to good use – residents have used them to go on interviews and have received job offers! A special thanks to Amy Zambrano's Angels and Pat & Bob Molinari for leading this effort.

The Key Biscayne Community Foundation, the Chief Press Foundation and Key Biscayne residents through the sister city initiative have been so supportive of MCI's work in Liberty City. Thanks to Key Biscayne, children have received school uniforms, Christmas presents and healthy food through the Fresh Food Co-op. On behalf

of the families that we serve in Liberty City, thank you for your generosity!

*The staff of Miami Children's Initiative*

### Ancient fears run without a sound

I raised my head to the ocean window as I patted Pikachu and I caught a large swirl near the post off the beach. I spotted two sharks, six footers, powerful silent creatures, hugging the coast for food and going north. There was light rain and no one else saw them.

*Charles A. Santos-Buch, MD  
Mar Azul Key Biscayne,  
January 4, 2017*

### More activities are welcome

In answer to male activities in the evening: We used to have a singles club in the island that did all kinds of activities once a month in the evening. Our problem was only women showed up.

If there are enough single men on the Key to bring back Island Explorers, many places besides the Community Center are interested in holding events for adults and seniors.

If the interest is back, please contact Cindy at 305-873-9990. We would love to have more men join the evening activities.

*The Island Explorers*

## RANTS & RAVES



### A Winn-Dixie rant

"How can their busiest store have no manager? Their service does not exist and no one knows where products are and they have no one to drive a delivery truck. When will we get a good grocery store on the island? Every good manager is transferred to another store!"

### Proper use of roundabouts

"I would like to remind my fellow residents that on the Key we have two types of traffic circles (or roundabouts). Not all of them follow the simple rule of 'yield to drivers already in the roundabout.' Many have STOP signs at one or more of the entrances to the roundabout – those mean that you STOP and yield to drivers who may not have yet reached the roundabout but are oncoming and have no STOP sign in their approach, just like any other STOP sign. Many of you are blowing through the roundabout STOP signs at speed, which is highly dangerous and of course illegal. Worse is that your housekeepers in golf carts, kids on bicycles, skateboards, et al are all doing the same. Please look for the

roundabout STOP signs and obey them."

### On dogs in stores

"I like dogs but not in businesses like CVS and Winn-Dixie unless they are service dogs. I contacted the main CVS about their policy. They do not allow dogs unless it is a service dog. When I saw three dogs in one trip (same ones I saw earlier at Winn-Dixie), I asked an employee about it and he said, 'But it is Key Biscayne.' I spoke to the manager at Winn-Dixie and he said they cannot ask the owner to show proof that their dog is a service dog. He added dogs are NOT allowed in the shopping carts (which I have seen many times). Imagine putting your toddler or food in the cart where Fido had been sitting? You get my drift."

### Rants and Raves

How do you feel about the issues? Send your Rant or Rave to editor@islandernews.com or call the Rants and Raves Hotline at 305-361-3333, extension 24, and we will publish your comments in an upcoming edition of *The Islander News*.

## MAST and Cambridge academies accepting applications through January 15

The deadline for student applications to MAST Academy's maritime program and Cambridge program is January 15.

The Cambridge program accepts applications for grades 6-12 and has as its target population qualified students who reside in Key Biscayne. Applicants from across Miami-Dade County are entered on a space available basis.

Qualified students in grades 10-12 receive enrollment offers on a space-available basis. Most of the students invited to enroll will be those who are going into grades 6-8.

Qualified students who are the documented dependents of active duty military personnel receive offers on a space-avail-

able basis.

Younger siblings of current students (in grades 6-11) will be admitted to the same magnet program if they meet the criteria. Younger siblings must apply to the same magnet program to receive an offer. In other words, there are no sibling benefits across programs.

Qualified students who have a Key Biscayne address at the time of application will have priority access to seats only in the Cambridge programs.

Admittance to the MAST Academy maritime program is based on a countywide lottery system for qualifying students.

For more information, visit [www.gomakos.org](http://www.gomakos.org).



### Bibiana

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It looks something like this:  
This 2017 is an amazing year for me and for all. Each and every day I will:

Be kinder with every person I meet.  
Be patient with my mother and all other people and all situations.

Be trustful of the bigger picture in my life, even if I don't see it clearly.

Be thankful of all the little things I usually take for granted.

Be respectful of all people even if I don't agree with them.

Be forgiving of all people and situations that have hurt me in the past.

Be more joyful, laugh more, take life lighter.

Everything that is not light, love and peace within my "personality" is doomed to be vanished this 2017! And this for me is true success!

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## Council approves dock variance for Harbor Drive home

By: KELLY JOSEPHSEN  
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Village Council members had tough questions about a variance request that would allow a Harbor Drive family to build a dock behind their house, but ultimately agreed the project represents the best and possibly only way to allow the homeowners to have a boat.

Building, Zoning and Planning Director Jud Kurlancheek recommended approval, stating the applicant complied with established review criteria, but Council members were concerned about the fact that one of the neighbors didn't sign off on the request.

Kurlancheek said homeowner Claudio Insenga's request reflects a situation Key residents have found themselves in before: The Miami-Dade Department of Environmental Resource Management requires a 3.5-foot minimum water depth beneath docks to protect seagrass, but to reach that depth docks must go out further than the 40-foot maximum set by the Village zoning code. In Insenga's case, the dock needed to extend 55 feet from the seawall.

Kurlancheek said that request does not negatively impact the surroundings or community safety, and allows the homeowner to have a boat.

And, he noted, "The value of waterfront property is the ability to have a boat."

While some Council members agreed with that philosophy – "It makes all the sense in the world to have a functional dock – what's the point of a dock if you can't have a boat out there?" Council member Luis de la Cruz asked – others said that alone wasn't enough to overcome their concerns about how the project impacts the neighbors.

"In the past when we've had requests for variances, we've had the support from all neighbors," Mayor Mayra Pena Lindsay said, noting one neighbor hadn't offered support in this case. "I have a concern about that, because the argument can be made that it affects their property values."

Vice Mayor Frank Caplan added the purpose of the review criteria is to protect aesthetics for the neighbors, and he isn't sure the project satisfactorily addresses that – and for him, it isn't enough to say that waterfront property owners should be able

to have a boat. "I think we have to make a leap of faith, if not judgment," Caplan said.

Key resident Mario Garcia Serra, attorney for the applicant, tried to allay those concerns. He confirmed one neighbor didn't sign off on the project, but said the dock, with DERM's urging, was pushed so far away from that individual's property line that it will not be visible.

"We're putting it as far south as we possibly can and still respecting the view corridors on both sides," he said.

Garcia Serra said the neighbor who is now closer to the dock still signs off on the project, which was confirmed on the 29th by that owner's property manager.

While Caplan and Pena Lindsay remained concerned – and the Mayor ultimately was the lone no vote on the variance – other Council members said they're comfortable with the proposal.

De la Cruz said it's unfair to tell the owner of an extremely expensive waterfront property not to have a boat, and said he thinks the applicant genuinely tried to address his neighbor's concerns: "They moved the dock away from the property line on purpose, what else could they do?"

Council member Brett Moss, meanwhile, noted all neighbors were noticed of the November 29 hearing, and the only one

who showed up to comment was the one who supports the project. "Everybody had notice, and nobody came here to say they don't support it," Moss noted.

And Garcia Serra pointed out the decision, ultimately, remains up to the Council – even if a neighbor disapproves: "That's not considered, nor does the law give it the authority of, a veto."

Local leaders ultimately decided to approve the request with the condition that the applicant can't build mooring piles along with the dock, calling the proposal a reasonable way to allow a homeowner access to the water while being sensitive to the neighbors.

"I'm not suggesting we just do what we've done in the past, but compared to what's already there, this is a relatively small dock," Council member Gary Gross said. "If DERM's requiring this property to do this – at a much greater expense – I don't understand what reason we would have to turn it down."

Village Attorney Steve Helfman added the Council can rest assured the dock will not become larger than what they allowed. "With every variance, there is the condition that the work that is done be strictly in accordance with the plans presented – there's no switching out," he said.

## Council roundup: artificial turf, thanking those who served, more

By: KELLY JOSEPHSEN  
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When resident Jay Held walks into the front yard of his Greenwood Drive home, he faces a frustrating catch-22. A large tree in the middle of the property makes it impossible to grow grass, but Village regulations bar him from cutting down the tree. But at the same time, he isn't allowed to use artificial grass in his front lawn due to another said of Village laws.

"We tried three different types of grass working with professional lawn care people, and we have not been successful," he said. "It's dirty and muddy and awful."

Held asked for Council permission to use artificial turf, and then Vice Mayor Ed London championed his cause, sponsoring an agenda item November 1 that would allow the material on a case-by-case basis in hardship situations. Other local leaders, however, shot down the suggestion.

"I couldn't disagree more," then Council member Michael Kelly said, saying pictures of Held's yard "look just fine to me. You know what, it's natural. If there's an area I can't grow grass, I might put some other types of plants or I might put wood chips, but I sure wouldn't advocate opening the gates for people to put artificial turf in their front yards."

Vice Mayor Frank Caplan agreed, stating his "unending antipathy to artificial turf anywhere. I wouldn't want to give you a shred of hope I would ever support artificial turf in front lawns. We have the same problem at our house, so I empathize with the problem. But I would suggest, do something else."

Meanwhile, in other news from the November 1 meeting:

### Thanking local leaders

Mayor Mayra Pena Lindsay took the opportunity to thank three Council members serving at their last meeting: London, Kelly and Council member Theo Holloway.

"On behalf of the residents, staff and this Council I would like to publicly thank Dr. Michael Kelly for your eight years of service, and Vice Mayor Ed London and Council member Theo Holloway for your service," she said. "The fact that you're willing to give of your time and talent to

make sure we have good government is truly invaluable. I want to thank you for your time and contributions to this Village and the level of engagement you've always shown."

Other local leaders joined her in giving thanks: "We've worked through some travails together, and it's been a great collegial relationship," Caplan said; Council member Luis de la Cruz added, "I hope you don't disappear. I know you won't – and I'm not going to let you."

### Land acquisition list

Pena Lindsay called for revisiting the Village's land acquisition priority list, noting the list is outdated and in need of an update.

Pena Lindsay said she's like to discuss the list at the first meeting of February

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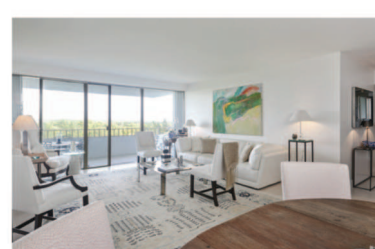


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## Local concert pianist enriches the lives of students, audiences through music

Residents were treated to beautiful music Sunday, December 11, as Key Biscayne Piano Academy Founder Amarylli Fridegotto, teacher and concert pianist, and her students presented their Winter Showcase at the Key Biscayne Community Center.

It's a favorite tradition for the students and families on the Key, and once again it was a total success – not only because of how hard the students worked to prepare, but especially thanks to the love with which the event was filled.

Attendees noted seeing and feeling the joy from each performer and the special bond between Fridegotto and her students was breathtaking and magical – and an extra special moment was when Fridegotto's daughter, Alexandra Fadel Fridegotto, performed a Chopin's Waltz.

Families praised Fridegotto as a pivotal member of the community and one-of-a-kind teacher.

"Amarylli is one of the most talented educators I've ever encountered. Her passion for her trade, her undying patience, her fun attitude, her rigorous method and her dedication to every single student inspire all of us to give our absolute best, and to learn while having fun," said Ana Baena Wolfington. "She's simply remarkable! Amarylli is to piano what Mr. Miyagi is to karate!"

Anna Mora added, "I consider the piano to be the most important instrument of intellectual and emotional training for children and young adults, but finding the right person to entrust your children's life to was a challenge until we found Amarylli. She has been instrumental in the musical, emotional and cognitive development of my daughters. Her method is an amazing combination of the traditional and unclassical, but most importantly always focuses on the individual needs. She has a special gift to map the children's development in ways parents do not often understand, but it works."

After moving to the Key in 2006, Fridegotto cofounded and organized two youth and children orchestras and created a Center for Clinical and Alternative Therapies. She is currently a member of the Winter Concert Committee, an NGPT member of the American College of Musicians and, most importantly, a dedicated mother of two children, Maximilian and Alexandra.

Parents of her students describe the deep, passionate, hardworking way she presents herself when teaching students with a range of motivations. She works with both students who wish to pursue a career as a professional pianist and high-level performers looking to perfect her craft, as well as those pursuing the skill for general culture, personal improvement and extra credits for college.

Fridegotto studied with great masters in Europe: Anna Barutti at the Conservatory of Music; B. Marcello in Venice; Eugenio Bagnoli at the Fondazione Cini at St. George Island, Venice; at Hochschule für Musik in the Universität Mozarteum in Salzburg with Gyorgy Sandor; with Alexander Lonquich and Konstantin Bogino, pianist of the prestigious Tchaikovsky Piano Trio.

She mixed her knowledge with her

personality, experiences in teaching and being on stage from a young age, and research on the balance in playing and studying piano, treating it as not just a musical instrument, but as a way to "travel" inside the body, mind and soul, developing them.

During her classes, students are observed 360 degrees, as she not only carefully follows their technical path, but also the psychological, regardless of the age or the goal of the student. To build a high level piano player takes years, and Fridegotto's students showed it at December's event – and families can't wait for the next event to see their continued growth.

Fridegotto's studio is at 240 Crandon Boulevard, and she teaches kids and adults. For more, visit [www.kbpianoacademy.com](http://www.kbpianoacademy.com) and follow the Key Biscayne Piano Academy on Facebook. She currently has a waiting list, but parents say it's well worth the wait:

Luis Arevalo noted, "Amarylli Fridegotto has been the piano professor of our son Diego Arevalo for the past seven years. During his time, we witnessed Amarylli's ability to bring Diego to excel as a piano performer and bring him to participate on a series of concerts, including an invitation for a presentation in Washington D.C. for a piano/orchestra concert in fall 2017. Definitely, Amarylli's piano teaching methodology and the passion for music and piano she is able to transmit to her students is outstanding and it is a privilege for families like ours to have her available for our children at her Key Biscayne Piano Academy."

Grazie Christie added, "Our youngest daughter, Luli, has been taking lessons with Amarylli for the past two years. As a pianist myself, I can say with great confidence that Amarylli's ability to teach is unparalleled. She asks for her students' highest efforts and is able to draw it out of them. Her students think of her as both a mentor and friend and want to please her. Amarylli is truly a treasure for our family and to all those lucky enough to be able to work with her."

Mark Chiappara admires how Fridegotto finds the right balance with students – "Ms. Amarylli's pedagogic approach strikes the perfect balance between the pleasurable learning of classical works with the disciplines of technique and theory," he said – and Monica Floreani praised her warmth and skill: "Amarylli Fridegotto's approach to teaching is uniquely suited to achieving the musical potential in her students. Her warm style tailors each lesson to the individual aptitudes and interests of each learner. As a master instructor and concert pianist, Amarylli's depth and love for the piano is inevitably transferred as her students flourish in their own pursuit of musical internalization and expression. To have Amarylli as a mentor is a privilege."

On top of all that, said Antonella Tonetto, Fridegotto is simply a good person: "Amarylli Fridegotto is a great woman, wonderful mother, exceptional pianist. The children, including my son, that have been so lucky to have had her as their piano teacher in Italy, have been enriched thanks to her deep sensitivity. When people like

her turn away, we remain a bit poorer."

Professional reviews confirm the parents' remarks.

The American Federation of Musicians of the United States and Canada call Fridegotto a "pianist of extraordinary ability... her musical and academic background is also impressive;" the New York Association of Entertainment Critics describes her as "an artist of extraordinary achievement;" and Il Giornale di Vicenza wrote, "In Chopin this pianist has discovered a perfectly of her expressivity. In the technical aspect mastery exists but she never appears ostentatious. The quality of her interpretation has chosen the way of a conversation with the keyboard."



Amarylli Fridegotto and a young student perform during their Winter Showcase.



Mother and daughter Amarylli Fridegotto and Alexandra Fadel Fridegotto team up for a special performance.



Amarylli Fridegotto hugs one of her students during the performance.



Students from Amarylli Fridegotto's Key Biscayne Piano Academy celebrate their Winter Showcase. Photos courtesy of Juan Casoli

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## Songs of the season

The KB Moms group led by Marta Torres lit up the holidays for Key Biscayne residents and workers, including members of the Key Biscayne Fire-Rescue Department, with a special Island Caroling event.

**Rotarian**

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She urged her fellow Rotarians to support the recruiting and operating efforts of their evening club as well as the Rotary Interact initiative at MAST Academy. Peraita also focused on embracing the young professionals in the Village in an effort to show them the power of Rotary.

Her goals reached beyond the borders of Key Biscayne as well, and she cited the success of the Mosquero project in Venezuela, which is aimed at preventing malaria; and detailed her desire to extend its mission to Peru. She also looks for Rotary to continue its efforts to eradicate polio.

Her 2015-16 list of things to do also included Rotarians for Hope, a new district program to build awareness about sex trafficking and child abuse.

Peraita's dedication to all her goals and commitment to the club that believed in her vision made a difference in many lives, and that is what she has always wanted to do.

In her typical selfless style, she took the time to acknowledge others who contributed positive time and energy to Rotary and praised everybody in the organization. "It is an even greater honor to be placed in such distinguished ranks as those of the past honorees, all of whom have made incredible sacrifices and significant contributions to improve our club and the life of others throughout the world," she said. "In my heart, you are all Rotarian of the Year. Thank you so very much."

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"Maybe we can have some common goals and stop killing each other for a while," he said. "Why not get along and see what we can get accomplished?"

Ettenheim said he hopes that theme will run throughout the year as he serves as club president. Since there's no election for a couple years, he said his goal is to make the club a forum for speakers and question-and-answer sessions, hopefully with meetings every other month or so.

"I thought this was a good way to start," he said.

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# Back to basics: Putting down the screens and putting up the tents

## Residents spearhead grassroots effort to get kids and parents into the great outdoors

By: KELLY JOSEPHSEN  
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They traded in bedrooms for tents, TVs for the stars and moon, tablets for tadpoles – and they’re doing it again next weekend.

A group of local parents and kids made Bill Baggs Cape Florida State Park their home for a night last year, and now they’re making it not just a New Year’s resolution but a year-round goal to get out to enjoy and learn about the natural environment that surrounds them on the Island Paradise.

They’re organizing camping trips complete with hiking, bonfires, fishing, tents, etc. and inviting other local families to give it a try.

It’s an effort that’s been around for years, and longtime Key Biscayner Paul Zuccarini is among the parents working to get a new generation involved. “I’m convinced that kids are born ready to play, and I’m giving them an opportunity to play outdoors rather than sit inside,” Zuccarini said. “We’re looking for like-minded parents to join us – it’s just a neat opportunity for the kids to do something so much different than playing with an iPad or watching TV.”

The next outings are Saturday, January 21 and Saturday, February 11 at Bill Baggs. Eventually, Zuccarini said, the group will try out other campgrounds around the state.

Families can contact Zuccarini at zuccarini@yahoo.com to get involved.

The most recent trip was held late last year, when eight boys and a group of parents set up their tents on a pleasant fall evening.

Vania Campos and her sons Eduardo and Mauro Castillo, ages 10 and 7, were among those who enjoyed getting out in the great outdoors.

“It was super fun,” Mauro said. “We did a big fire and we had an adventure in the woods. We got to climb trees at night and we got to see the sunset.”

For Eduardo, the coolest thing was looking skyward from the park: “The sky and the stars,” he said when asked about his favorite part of the trip, recounting how his mom blended the simplicity of camping with the modern world by using an app to help find constellations in the nighttime sky. “We got to see Mars in the sky – it was really nice.”

And as it turned out, the stars weren’t the only things glittering in the park.

Proving boys will be boys, both Eduardo and Mauro were excited to describe an after-dark walk on the trails where Zuccarini pointed out little glowing dots – which turned out to be the eyes of a certain eight-legged critter that makes its home in Bill Baggs.

The kids weren’t even a bit scared of what Zuccarini described as “pretty sizable spiders.”

And that, he said, is the whole point.

Zuccarini remembers when his son Parker was little, he made a point of asking grownups not to jump or scream when they were around the boy and saw a bug or lizard – common sightings in South Florida. He didn’t want his son to grow up afraid of harmless creatures, and it worked – Parker, who is part of the camping group, is more fascinated than fazed by creepy crawlers.

That’s probably the true nature of most kids, Zuccarini said, provided they’re given a chance to experience the outdoors, which is what the camping trips are all about.

Along with doing fun things at the park – fishing, hiking, cooking dinner and smores around the campfire, etc. – the kids learn about the flora and fauna of the world they live in, plus practical matters like how to set up a tent. They also do a public service project – last time they collected trash from the beach; at the January 21 trip, they’ll be weeding the butterfly garden at Bill Baggs.

It all adds up to a healthy, fun activity.

The children get to experience independ-

ence in a safe environment, and they take pride in their newfound skills. “It’s empowering for them to create where they’re going to sleep for the night,” Zuccarini said, noting he’s had the pleasure of watching his son set up a pretty great sleeping area complete with separate sections for snacks, stuffed animals and air mattresses. “He’s more organized than I am,” he laughed.

At the same time, they’re learning and helping the environment, and simply having a good time. Zuccarini said even kids who are used to wiling away their free time in front of a TV or tablet screen get engaged in the great outdoors quickly, especially when there’s a group of their peers to hang out with.

He witnessed it firsthand on a recent road-trip with a group of kids. “I watched the kids go from using the iPad to throw virtual snowballs at each other to throwing real snowballs at each other,” he said. “There’s no comparison – doing the real-world version of it, I just think that’s what people should do, and not only children.”

To that end, he’s recruiting kids through local schools, sports teams, etc., while also encouraging parents to get involved. It’s a chance for families and friends to bond on a more real, personal level.

If Eduardo, Mauro and their mom are any indication, it’s working.

The boys enthusiastically described visiting the Cape Florida Lighthouse, making steaks and smores and seeing the sunset. “It was cool, because it was a different experience,” Eduardo said.

And they’re getting adventurous about sleeping al fresco: Mauro was impressed by a group of teens who slept under the stars, literally, without a tent the same night the Key Biscayne group was in the park, and Eduardo said he’d like to give it a try one day.

Campos agreed the camping trip was a great experience for her boys, noting her fam-



Catch-and-release fishing is one of the activities kids enjoy during camping trips at Bill Baggs.



Kids learn to set up their own tents – a lesson that is both fun and empowering.



Photos by Paul Zuccarini

Longtime Key resident Paul Zuccarini is among the islanders spearheading an effort to get local families into the great outdoors for fun, education and public service.

ily tends to be outdoorsy anyway – “We’re people who like to be out. We like to hike and go to the beach,” she said – and she encouraged others to get involved as well.

“It’s a very good experience for the kids,” she said. “They spend time just playing and running around barefoot. It’s a really nice time to share with people from the island.”



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## Patrick Rides On: Follow Suzette Wanninkhof's journey in honor of her brother, Patrick

Key Biscayne native Suzette Wanninkhof is honoring the memory of her brother, Patrick, and helping raise awareness about the dangers of texting while driving by cycling from Deadhorse, Alaska to Key West, an 8,000-mile,

### 9 Mile Festival bringing reggae sounds to Virginia Key March 11

The 9 Mile Festival comes to Historic Virginia Key Beach Park Saturday, March 11, showcasing a wide variety of musical acts.

The event, in its 24th year, features reggae icons Julian Marley, Capleton, Sizzla, Charly Black and more. For a full lineup to date, visit [www.9milemusicfestival.com](http://www.9milemusicfestival.com).

The event, presented by Smilin Island Food, opens at 1 p.m. rain or shine.

Guests can expect a day full of music, many different cultures and foods and drinks ranging from Jamaican jerk chicken and other popular Jamaican dishes to Spanish food, arepas, pizza, Chinese food, fresh salads and vegetarian food.

There will be a holistic village with services such as acupuncture, massages, yoga, nutritionists and life coaches. The festival will also have body painting and a drum circle on the beach.

The festival is aimed at adults, but children under 10 can enter free if escorted by a guardian.

Though primarily a reggae festival, the 9 Mile Festival embraces all music, having hosted rock performances such as Hootie and the Blowfish and Carlos Santana; hip hop names such as DMX, Foxy Brown, 2 Chainz and Nas; electronic music acts such as Major Lazer and Thievery Corporation; and R & B voices like Lauryn Hill, Erica Badu and India Arie, among many others.

All have added diversity to a top-class list of reggae performances throughout the years.

The festival was started by Cedella Marley Booker, mother of Bob Marley, and friends in 1993. The mission is to continue Bob Marley's message of peace, love and unity.

In continuation with tradition, a donation of four canned goods is required for entry. This practice has been going since the very first edition of the 9 Mile Festival, and all goods are contributed to charity; this year the 9 Mile Festival will support Kurlys House & Food for Life, and early donations were accepted at Food For Life Network's food bank.

For tickets, information, vending or any other questions visit [www.9milemusicfestival.com](http://www.9milemusicfestival.com), email [info@ninemileent.com](mailto:info@ninemileent.com) or call 305-665-5379.

seven-to-eight-month adventure.

Patrick, just 25, died last July when he was struck by a distracted driver while he was biking cross-country for an affordable housing charity.

Cyclists took a break over the holidays to spend time with their families, but took the opportunity to put out a holiday message:

"Happy Holidays from the entire PRO8000 team," they wrote. "Don't take anything for granted and show those whom you love how important they are to you. If you're looking for a New Year's Resolution for 2017, how about committing to not driving while distracted?"

Residents can follow Suzette's journey at [www.pro8000.com](http://www.pro8000.com), and riders are also accepting donations for the ride and for Patrick Rides On, a nonprofit devoted to teaching disadvantaged youth and adults to ride bikes, thereby improving their social mobility.

Throughout their journey, *The Islander News* will feature photos and updates about the group's progress in hopes of making sure Patrick Rides On here at home as well.



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The PRO8000 team took a break over the holidays, but took a chance to send holiday greetings and suggest a New Year's Resolution: commit to not driving while distracted.

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### Wednesday Matinee Bridge

On Wednesday, December 28, the team of Ingrid Barrera and Robert Seifert took first place. Ann and Larry Ainslie were second, and Tony DeNigro and Bob Knecht were third.

Wednesday Matinee Bridge meets at 12:30 p.m. at the Key Biscayne Community Center. Call Judy Reinach at 305-361-9562 for information.

### Towers Bridge

Michelle Rodriguez and Brieuc Claire won the Thursday, December 29 game. Lillian Glickman and Esperanza Rodriguez were second, Marianne and Tom Halasz were third, and Ann Marie and Peo Lindhold were fourth.

The group meets every Thursday at 7 p.m. at The Towers of Key Biscayne. Call Judy Reinach at 305-361-9562 for information.



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Karen Jardines and daughter Jessica check out a copy of *The Islander* as they try not to freeze on the Nyhavn waterfront canal in Copenhagen during a recent trip.

## Food Truck Roundup will be held Thursdays on Virginia Key

The Miami-Dade County Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Department will be hosting a Food Truck Roundup on Thursday nights.

The event will take place from 5-10 p.m. along the Virginia Key south side shoreline access paver parking lot, across the street from MAST Academy – an area also referred to as Hobie Cat Beach or Dog Beach.

The event will not travel onto the main Rickenbacker Causeway roadway.

Organizers promise a wide variety of gourmet food trucks.

The Food Truck Roundup will be held weather permitting and will not take place when other events are scheduled, meaning there will be no event February 16 during the Miami International Boat Show or March 23 and 30 during the Miami Open Tennis Tournament.

## Channel 77 now airing The Best of Broadway

Residents can tune into local TV for some of the best music around.

Key Biscayne's Channel 77 is airing a new program called *The Best of Broadway*, which contains the musical highlights of about 20 of the greatest Broadway shows.

Viewers will enjoy music by Cole Porter, Rodgers and Hammerstein, the Gershwins, Irving Berlin, etc.

Narration is by Don Bercu.

The program is on at 5 p.m. and 8 a.m. every day, and producers say it's a great musical showcase for the holiday season.

## Operation Beach Clean Up at Bill Baggs Saturday

Operation Beach Clean Up will be held Saturday, January 14 from 8:30-11:30 a.m. at Bill Baggs Cape Florida State Park.

On the second Saturday of every month, park officials invite residents to give back to the beaches they enjoy all year during a morning cleanup effort. All tools will be provided, as will snacks for all volunteers.

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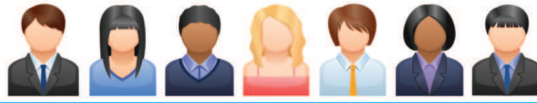


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## Key Biscayne's Dr. John Martin makes appearance on Dr. Oz Show

By: **ROD COFFEE**  
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When TV sensation, cardiothoracic surgeon and host of the *Dr. Oz Show* Mehmet Oz recently needed a guest to talk about the risk of using illegal fillers some people choose for cosmetic procedures, he enlisted the services of Key Biscayne's Dr. John Martin.

The board-certified ophthalmologist and facial plastic surgeon has a renowned practice in South Florida; lectures throughout the United States, South and Central America as well as Asia on his procedures; and now has taken his talents to the bright lights of show business, putting himself and simultaneously the Village in the spotlight. The episode with Dr. Martin aired Wednesday, January 11, and is now available On Demand and online.

"It was good," Dr. Martin said. "I went up with a patient, and they had a woman talking about people trying to save money by doing this on the black market. He asked me about some of the issues and he spoke to my patient, who had had fillers put into her lower eyelids by a doctor. She had been a model and he pretty much destroyed her looks, and she's been trying to get rid of her filler and go back to the way she looked before."

A graduate of Williams College and Harvard Medical School, Dr. Martin did a residency in ophthalmology at the Wills Eye Hospital in Philadelphia. With a fellowship at the Bascom Palmer Eye Institute in Miami, he was a qualified to be a guest of highly rated TV show and was ready for his close-up.

"I speak at different medial conferences, so I'm pretty comfortable because I speak about it a lot," Martin said. "The difference is you have a limited about time."

The personable medical professional, who has lived on Key Biscayne for 25 years, said he can't even remember if they mentioned his Florida roots during the taping of the show.

He said his quick one-day trip to the studio on the Upper Westside of New York City was all business with very little small talk with the show's host. "He's a nice guy; very professional," Dr. Martin said, describing his interaction with Dr. Oz. "He was very focused, studying his notes right up to the show. They film it like it's a live show, and they have a live audience there during the taping."

Dr. Martin said one of the reasons he was chosen to be a guest is because of his familiarity with South Florida's cosmetic surgery reputation.

"What's interesting about that is people can't know it is here," Dr. Martin explained. "Miami is known as the wild, wild west of medicine."

An expert in fillers and how they can go terribly wrong, Dr. Martin talked about the nuance surrounding the procedures and why its so important to be careful in your choice of cosmetic care. "The fillers are expensive," he said, explaining why people should be leery of cheap prices. "So, if you're paying a fraction of the cost, you know it's not going to be what it's touted to be."

"There are differences in fillers, but most of them are permanent," he added. "If you're looking for a discount you don't have money for corrective surgery. You feel bad for patients when they come in and their face is destroyed."

"When they use what is really an industrial grade of silicone it initially looks OK, but then your body starts to react to this and people can die from it if gets into your bloodstream."

Dr. Martin is enjoying a successful career and enjoys his profession of choice and lifestyle on Key Biscayne. He keeps a

low profile, despite being in a high-profile market for his specialty.

With his impressive resume, it would not be surprising if he had a lot of big-name clients, but he said he doesn't pursue that demographic. "I'm not trying to be a celebrity doctor," he said, making a joke about a worst-case scenario. "If you screw up Madonna you're in trouble – and besides, celebrities always want a discount or not to pay at all."

A native of a small farming community in Massachusetts, Dr. Martin has lived on Key Biscayne for 25 years and appreciated every moment of it.

"I think when you drive over the bridge it's so beautiful and you just you decompress," he said.

Once he arrives in the Village, Dr. Martin finds a variety of ways to entertain himself and others.



Dr. Martin poses with Dr. Oz

Photo courtesy Dr. John Martin



Dr. John Martin recently appeared on the Dr. Oz Show.

A jazz vocalist with a smooth style, Dr. Martin is a member of the Decotones, who perform in South Florida and recently played Winterfest.

Like many in the Village, he enjoys an active lifestyle, going to the gym daily and

swimming when he can. He also enjoys taking ski trips as part of his winter fun.

"That's the Florida lifestyle – don't grow old," he said.

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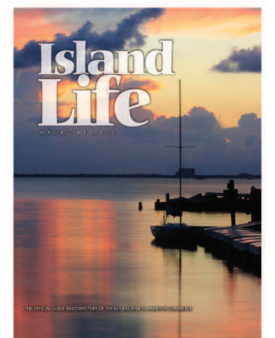
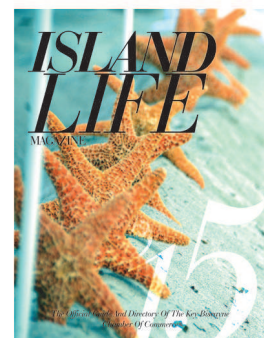
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# Tina's Sunset Fete set for this weekend at KB Beach Club

## Foundation in honor of Key resident will help those struggling with addiction

A new foundation created in honor of a Key Biscayne woman aims to support families that are struggling with addiction, and founders are hosting a fundraiser this Saturday, January 14 at the Key Biscayne Beach Club.

Tina's Sunset Fete starts at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$40, and the event includes music and light refreshments. For tickets or more details, visit [www.thetindaileyfoundation.org](http://www.thetindaileyfoundation.org).

The event is hosted by the Tina Dailey Foundation, which was founded to honor Dailey, who passed away in November 2014 due to an accidental overdose. Her family describes her as vibrant, funny and independent, with an unrelenting love of life and the ability to make others smile and laugh.

Tina's mother, Vilma Dailey, spearheaded the foundation after her daughter passed away.

Vilma and Richard Dailey have been South Florida residents for over 40 years, and they raised Tina and her sisters on Key Biscayne. They raised their daughters to be good citizens and to help others, and that is exactly what they aim to do through the foundation.

The family's goal is to prevent even just one family from having to suffer the anguish of losing a loved one to an overdose. They seek to help those struggling to maintain sobriety and to offer support and understanding to their loved ones, all in honor of Tina's memory.

The efforts of the foundation are also aimed at eliminating the stigma that surrounds addiction so people can talk about it freely and openly.

The foundation launched its website a few months ago, as well as a presence on Facebook and Instagram. A biweekly blog, Tina's Topics, allows the foundation to share

personal stories, helpful insights and resources for those individuals and families struggling with sustaining sobriety after treatment. The foundation also opened Tina's Shop, where individuals will be able to purchase fun, fashionable items like tote bags and T-shirts while donating to the

cause.

Also coming soon is a community service and internship program called Tina's Ambassadors, designed specifically for youth. Teens will gain knowledge on addiction, stigma, overdose and the difficult choices they may face.

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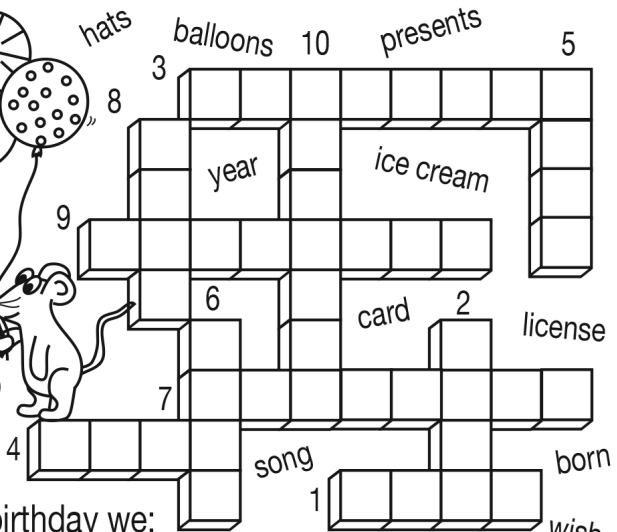
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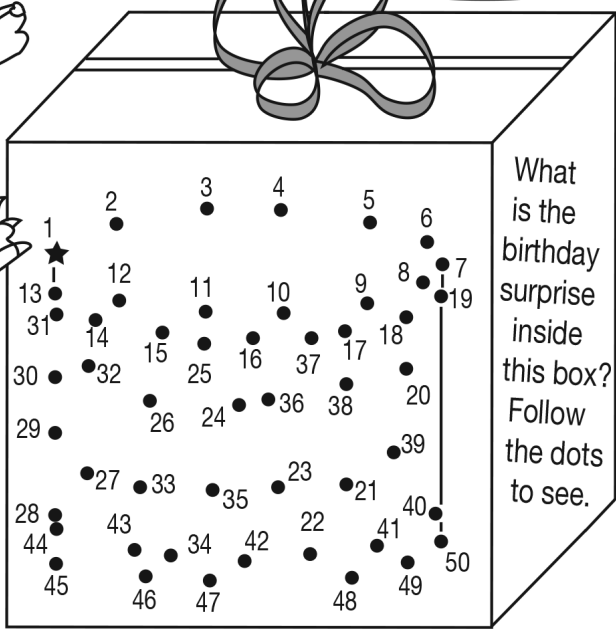
## Birthday Celebrations



What is the most delicious part of a birthday? The **cake**, of course! Everyone knows that you have to have a cake to celebrate!

I'll bet the surprise is a puppy!  
No, a ball!  
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No, a...

Open it!



- On a birthday we:
- celebrate the day a person was \_\_\_\_\_.
  - become one \_\_\_\_\_ older.
  - may decorate with \_\_\_\_\_ and streamers.
  - may wear colorful birthday \_\_\_\_\_ on our heads.
  - may hear the popular "Happy Birthday to You" \_\_\_\_\_ sung to us a few times.
  - make a \_\_\_\_\_ before we try to blow out the candles on our cake in one breath.
  - share cake and \_\_\_\_\_ with our family and friends.
  - may receive a \_\_\_\_\_ in the mail.
  - may get \_\_\_\_\_ and good wishes.
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### How Old are We?

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Grandma – 65  
Papa – 40  
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What is the birthday surprise inside this box?

What do people do when they blow out the candles on their cake?

They think of a secret:

## Happy Birthday Celebrations

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## Crandon Park serves as ideal venue for legendary Orange Bowl tennis tourney

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Kids from all over the world got a taste of Key Biscayne while participating in the legendary Orange Bowl tournament at the end of the year, playing tennis at Crandon Park and once again proving events on the south of the Rickenbacker Causeway are a desired destination.

Founded in 1947, the Orange Bowl Junior Tournament began playing matches at the clay courts of Flamingo Park, where it stayed for 51 years. Since 1998, it has been held on the hard courts of Crandon Tennis Park.

This year, the boys 14-and-under main draw was played at Crandon Park in mid-December, with the winners advancing to another tournament location in Miami.

Jon Garito from the Key Biscayne Tennis Association said Crandon Park facility is the perfect place for the event. "It's a world-class facility and it's a pleasure to be there and watch all the kids," he said. "And the tournament is terrific. I think it's a better place to have the finals than the University of Miami. It's just so convenient and a lot of people come from the community to watch the matches."

Garito said whole teams of players came not only to participate in

the tournament but practice there as well. "We had the whole contingency of the British 14-year-old boys and girls."

KBTA head tennis Pro Pablo Araya played in the Orange Bowl Tournament long before he made it to the ATP top 30 and captained the Peruvian Davis Cup Team.

This globally recognized event brings together over 1,500 of the top ranked male and female 12-and-under and 14-and-under junior players representing more than 76 countries.

Tennis legends such as Chris Evert, Jimmy Connors, Mary Joe Fernandez, Monica Seles, Andre Agassi and Steffi Graf have showcased their athletic talent, as have

current pros Caroline Wozniacki, Genie Bouchard, Maria Sharapova, Sloane Stevens, Rodger Federer, Juan Martin del Potro, Kei Nishikori and Andy Murray, 2012 Olympic and 2013 Men's Wimbledon champion.

Myra Soloman, one of the coordinators for the 14-and-under and 12-and-under events for the Orange Bowl, said the local venue is ideal. "There's nothing like Crandon and the Key Biscayne tennis areas, and the whole community embraces it. It has such a rich tradition and it's so accessible now that it's connected to the SunPass", Soloman said.

"And the folks are delightful. It's a very welcoming environ-

ment. It's very attractive to go to Key Biscayne because there is so much other stuff over there," she added. "The kids loved it and the parents loved it. The relationship with the Junior Orange Bowl is always going to be there I don't see that ever changing."

The eventual winner of the boys 14-and-under division was Thiago Tirante of Argentina. Other winners included 16-and-under boys champion Miomir Kecmanović of Serbia and 16-and-under girls champion Kaja Juvan from the Republic of Slovenia. Meanwhile, Americans Steven Sun and Katie Volynets each claimed the championship title in the 15-and-under division.



### A tennis victory

Longtime Key Biscayne resident Filomena Cantillana and her tennis team – known as the Babes and Boomers – won the World Team Tennis National Tennis Tournament in Palm Springs, California. The team is coached by Pete Roscia.

Photos courtesy Filomena Cantillana

## South Florida preps for influx of visitors for Miami Marathon

As the Miami Marathon and Half Marathon, South Florida's elite endurance test, gets ready to celebrate its 15th Anniversary on Sunday, January 29, organizers are preparing to welcome runners from over 80 nations and all 50 states.

Key Biscayners have a front-row seat to the festivities: the 26.2-mile marathon uses part of the Rickenbacker Causeway, and residents are encouraged to come out and cheer on the athletes.

Organizers say this year's race will be bigger and better than ever, with roughly 25,000 athletes and 40,000 visitors total for a three-day weekend that includes a 5K, half marathon, marathon and health and fitness expo.

A healthy percentage of those participants come from out of country or out of state, organizers say, and they bring friends and family with them: in 2016, around 7,700 people from across the nation traveled to Miami with marathon participants.

All of that contributes to a busy weekend, and a boon for South Florida's tourism industry.

The event generates more than \$52 million for the South Florida economy each year as visitors spend on food and beverage, lodging, retail shopping, local transportation, tourist attractions, other entertainment, race fees and miscellaneous expenses.

"The Miami Marathon and Half Marathon continues to be one of Miami's top tourism events for Latin American and Caribbean tourists," said Race Director Frankie Ruiz. "We continue to work closely with our corporate partners to attract the international traveler to further cement the Miami Marathon's reputation as the leading running event of the Americas."

"Colombia runs Miami. Mexico runs Miami. Canada runs Miami. That is an experience we will continue to emphasize."

The 2016 edition of the Miami Marathon and Half Marathon generated 11,047 hotel nights in

the local area.

The economic impact study also found that 61 percent of non-local participants traveled to Miami by air, and 55 percent said they planned to return to Miami for a vacation within 12 months. The average individual expenditure for non-local domestic participants was \$814.33 and the average individual expenditure for international participants was \$2,501.98.

The Miami Marathon has come a long way since 3,400 runners participated in the first race in 2003. Participants include elite runners, top age-group competitors, and many thousands who run for charity and to achieve their own personal goals.

Together they enjoy the tropical views and the sounds of South Florida, with a diverse array of entertainment and culture blended into the experience, and generate more than \$50 million in total economic impact for the City of Miami and Miami-Dade County.

## Lacrosse Clinic set for Sunday

Kids have a great chance to learn about the sport of lacrosse from top coaches during a clinic this weekend.

Key Biscayne Athletics Director Flip de Varona was recently selected to serve as secretary of the South Florida Chapter of U.S. Lacrosse and is working to create a lacrosse program on the Key.

Those efforts get rolling Sunday, January 15 from 2-5 p.m. at the Village Green north ballfield with a free Lacrosse Clinic.

Organizers say the event is an

incredible opportunity to try out the sport and be coached by some of the area's top lacrosse coaches. Participants will learn basic skills and shooting, catching and passing, agility and dodging, and offense and defense – and have fun.

The clinic is aimed at girls and boys ages 8-14. Participants should register at the Key Biscayne Community Center front desk or by calling 305-365-8900.

For more information, email [fdevarona@keybiscayne.fl.gov](mailto:fdevarona@keybiscayne.fl.gov).

## Village issues survey on sea level rise

The Village is asking residents to fill out a survey about sea level rise as it prepares to harden the community against the effects of climate change.

Working with the Citizen Scientist Project, Village officials are seeking public input about the crucial issue. "As an island community, the effects of changes in climate have special significance for the Village of Key Biscayne. Issues such as flooding, salt water intrusion, and king tides already affect our community, and will worsen if we do not take action," officials say.

As part of its master plan, the

Village and the Key Biscayne Community Foundation are working with Coastal Risk Consulting, Inc. to help in mapping affected areas and creating a strategy to protect investments on the Key by being prepared for changes in sea level and weather patterns.

The survey is available at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/kbsealevelrise>. The Village urges all members of the public to take part.

The survey will close on January 17 at 11:59 p.m. All responses will be cataloged for further review and discussion at an upcoming town hall meeting.

# New Year's resolutions: Embracing change is the key to success

**By: ROD COFFEE**  
Special to The Islander News  
@RodCoffeeTime

*Editor's note: This is the first in a three-part series on New Year's resolutions. Next week, The Islander News talks to local professionals about how to establish a healthy exercise routine.*

When it comes to keeping New Year's resolutions, studies say only 1 in 8 people will keep them throughout the calendar year.

But the good news is, the same studies also say people who at least make a New Year's resolution are 10 times more likely to change their lives in some way than those who don't.

Of course, the easiest part of the equation is deciding where you'd like to make a change, and the hard part is how to do it and stick with it. Key Biscayne psychotherapist Robin Raina Benjamin has some practical advice for people who want to put their thoughts into action.

She takes a gentle approach to self-improvement.

"I came to the conclusion that rather than making resolutions that are so hard to keep at the beginning of the year, I think the first thing to do at the end of the year is to be grateful for the prior year and all the strengths that we had and all the accomplishments we had, and acknowledge to ourselves that we did our very best.

"Have a sense of gratitude," she said. "From there we can build and think about what we want to have in the coming year in what would be best for ourselves and everyone in the world. But we have to come from a place of gratitude and a feeling of strength as opposed to feeling less-than."

The local psychotherapist said she believes people also try to make changes that are grandiose in nature – and that, she said, can be a mistake.

"I think the mistakes people make are to be overly ambitious and too hard on themselves," Benjamin said. "They must lose 20 pounds no matter what, or they must stop smoking no matter what, instead of trying to smoke a little less and go from there."

Indeed, the American Psychological Association states there are a few tips that are helpful in maintaining a New Year's

resolution:

- Start small: Make resolutions you think you can keep.

- Change one behavior at a time: Replace an unhealthy behavior with a positive behavior.

- Talk about it: Share your goals, experience and progress with family and friends. They can serve as support systems.

- Don't beat yourself up: Perfection is unattainable. Minor missteps are part of the process. Everyone has ups and downs; resolve to recover from your mistakes and get back on track.

When making changes in your life, Benjamin said it's important to remember life is always about change. Learn how to adapt, adjust and make new goals along the way.

"No change is forever," she said. "We continue to change and what we need to do continues to change as well, and we should do our very best with any resolution until it's time to embrace something new. We need to do our best, but not to be wedded to it and not be afraid of change, but embrace it."

## Student Artist Showcase

Mikey Hubbard, a LaSalle High School sophomore and lifelong Key resident, was chosen for the Beaux Arts Student Artist Showcase, which is open to the public Saturday and Sunday at the Lowe Art Museum, 1301 Stanford Drive, on the University of Miami campus in Coral Gables. His photograph "The End is Upon Us" was taken as a storm advanced quite suddenly at the beach on Key Biscayne. For more information, visit [www.beauxartsmiami.org](http://www.beauxartsmiami.org).

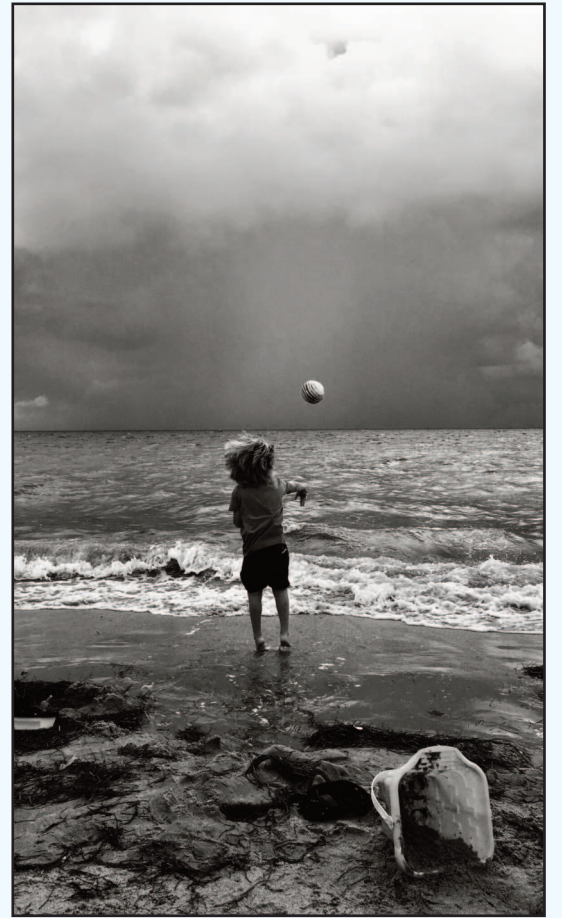


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**Roundup** *cont. from p.10*

2017 to establish new priorities. "There is constant thought put into this and we need to revisit this on a regular basis so it's fresh in everyone's mind," she said.

Kelly noted the list is in dire need of a refresh – "A lot of these items are not relevant, and the order should be shuffled on a lot of the others," he said – and Village Manager John Gilbert said he'll get the Council an updated document to work from.

**Parking lot**

The Council signed off on the \$1.4 million purchase of the staff parking lot from the Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Department. The agreement still needs County Commission approval.

**Honoring 25 years**

The Council thanked Congresswoman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen for recognizing the Village's 25th anniversary of incorporation on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives. Last September, Ros-Lehtinen read a proclamation praising the Village and celebrating its milestone.

Pena Lindsay thanked Ros-Lehtinen for the recognition, noting, "I know our residents were delighted. She has always been a wonderful representative for us."



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Week of

### January 12 - January 19

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#### THURSDAY, JANUARY 12

##### English Conversation Circle

Looking to practice your English or improve your English-speaking abilities? Join a weekly conversation group from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the Key Biscayne Library.

##### Woman's Club Luncheon

The Key Biscayne Woman's Club will hold a Scholarship Fundraising Lunch at the home of Mrs. Dottie Devaney-Goldman in Key Biscayne. The event starts at 11:30 a.m. and reservations are essential. Please contact 305-361-0838 for details and reservations.

##### ASK Club Lunch

The Active Seniors on the Key Club invites all islanders to a monthly luncheon featuring guest speakers and fun activities with friends and neighbors. This event is generously sponsored by the Key Biscayne Community Foundation and the Village of Key Biscayne. Please register in advance at the front desk to secure your spot.

##### Movies at the Village

The free Thursday movie, *Deepwater Horizon*, will be shown at 1:30 p.m. in the Adult Lounge of the Key Biscayne Community Center.

##### Towers Bridge

Thursday night bridge at The Towers of Key Biscayne begins at 7 p.m. For reservations, call Judy Reinach at 305-361-9562.

##### AA Woman's Meeting

This closed AA Woman's meeting is at 8 p.m. at the Key Biscayne Community Church.

##### Rising Moon Zen Meditation

Sit in silence and quiet your mind. The group meets from 7:45-9 p.m. at the Miami Meditation Center, 260 Crandon Boulevard, suite 6. The suggested donation is \$10. Instruction is provided for beginners. For more information, contact Bill at 786-218-6332 or email bill@kbzen.org.

#### FRIDAY, JANUARY 13

##### Rotary Club

The Rotary Club of Key Biscayne meets at 7:30 a.m. at the Key Biscayne Yacht Club. Breakfast is \$17, payable at the door.

##### Tai Chi/Qi Gong

Free Tai Chi/Qi Gong is held at 8:30 a.m. on the second floor of the Key Biscayne Community Center.

##### Baby Storytime

Join the Key Biscayne Branch Library for soothing stories, songs and finger plays for babies and their caregivers from 11-11:20 a.m.

##### Open AA Speaker's Meeting

Open AA Speaker's Meeting is at 8:30 p.m. at St. Christopher's By-the-Sea Episcopal Church.

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 14

##### Farmer's Market

The Key Biscayne Community Church Farmer's Market is from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

##### Arts & Crafts

Get creative and join the Key Biscayne Branch Library for some fun arts and crafts from 3-3:40 p.m.

##### AA Open Discussion

AA holds an Open Discussion at 8 p.m. at Key Biscayne Presbyterian Church, 160 Harbor Drive.

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

##### Tai Chi/Qi Gong

Free Tai Chi/Qi Gong is held at 8:30 a.m. at the south end of the Village Green. In case of rain, the class will move inside to the second floor of the Key Biscayne Community Center.

##### Co-Ed Lacrosse Clinic

Do not miss this incredible opportunity to try out the sport and be coached by some of the area's best coaches! The event is free with registration to all boys and girls ages 8-14. It runs from 2-5 p.m. at the Village Green Park. Call 305-365-8900 to register.

##### Open AA Beginner's Meeting

An Open AA Beginner's Meeting is in Room 120 of Village Hall at 7 p.m.

##### Multi-Level Yoga

Multi-Level Yoga II-III is held at 9:30 a.m. on the second floor of the Key Biscayne Community Center.

#### MONDAY, JANUARY 16

##### Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

The Key Biscayne Community Center is open from 8 a.m.-8 p.m. and all other Village offices are closed.

##### Sons of the American Legion

The Sons of the American Legion meet at 7 p.m. in the Key Biscayne Community Church.

##### Spanish Theology Class

A Spanish theology group, The Doc-

trine of The Word of God, meets from 7-9 p.m. in the CITA Classroom of the Key Biscayne Presbyterian Church. For more information, call 305-361-2058.

##### Closed AA Step Meeting

This Closed AA Step Meeting is at St. Christopher's By-the-Sea Episcopal Church at 8:30 p.m.

#### TUESDAY, JANUARY 17

##### Florida Licensing on Wheels

A team of driver's license representatives will be on hand to renew or issue replacements or duplicates of driver's licenses and vehicle registrations, issue new or replacement identification cards, complete out-of-state driver's license transfers and provide handicap decals. Call 305-365-8953 for appointments and information on needed documentation. The session is at noon at the Key Biscayne Community Center.

##### Weight Watchers

The Key Biscayne Weight Watchers weekly meeting is at 4:30 p.m. at The Towers of Key Biscayne, Building 2, in the Card Room. For information, call Margaret at 305-361-3002.

##### Rotary Evening Meeting

The Rotary Club of Key Biscayne will meet at 6:30 p.m. at the Key Biscayne Yacht Club, 180 Harbor Drive.

##### Rising Moon Zen Meditation

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##### Closed AA Men's Meeting

This Closed AA Men's Meeting is at 8 p.m. in Room 120 of Village Hall.

##### AI-Anon Meeting

The AI-Anon Lois Kitchen meets at the Key Biscayne Community Church at 8 p.m.

#### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18

##### Business Networking

The BNI Key Connection weekly meeting is at 7 a.m. at the Key Biscayne Yacht Club. The cost is \$35. Guests must RSVP to reserve a seat. For information, call Ruben Weisson at 305-903-9340.

##### Q&A with Social Security

A bilingual representative from the

Social Security Administration will be available to assist you with all of your Social Security and Medicare issues. No appointment is necessary. The session is from 9:30 a.m.-noon at the Key Biscayne Community Center

##### The Ladies Choir

This activity for adults is open to any lady wishing to sing in a group. No auditions or experience are required. The group meets from noon to 1:30 p.m. in the Island Room of the Key Biscayne Community Center.

##### Meditation Group

The Into the Silence meditation group meets at 6:30-8 p.m. at the Key Biscayne Branch Library. For information, call 305-361-6134.

##### Closed AA Big Book Meeting

This Closed AA Big Book Meeting is at the Key Biscayne Community Church at 8 p.m.

#### THURSDAY, JANUARY 19

##### English Conversation Circle

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##### Lunch with an Author

The Village invites islanders to a monthly luncheon featuring guest authors discussing their work. The event takes place at noon at the Key Biscayne Community Center. Please register in advance at the front desk to secure your spot.

##### Movies at the Village

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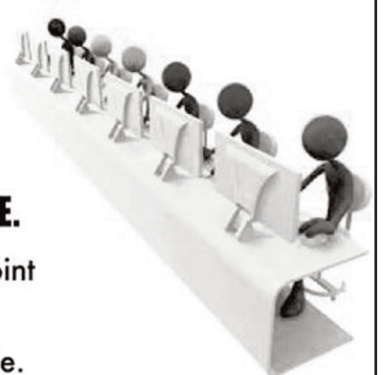
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## Woman's Club

The Key Biscayne Woman's Club, which raises money for scholarships, hosted a gathering for its members.  
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Jo Ann Young, Helen Sparks, Anna De Sisto and Staria Petersen.



Fredda Levitt and Village Council member Allison McCormick.



Helen Sparks and Staria Petersen.



Ivette Yrizarry and Flavia Rodriguez.



Ayten Ault, Carol Kiryluk and Fredda Levitt.



Karen Llorente and Mayra Mesa.



Dottie Devaney-Goldman, Connie Stone and Staria Petersen.



Irene Kaynor and Sonja Craythore.

## Wedding Soiree at The Ritz

The Ritz-Carlton, Key Biscayne Miami recently hosted a Wedding Soiree event that highlighted local event planners, food, décor and more.  
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Gabriela Sousa and Karina Fontan.



Stephanie Rodriguez, Scott Schaefer and Lourdes Pila.



Marylen Exposito, Manolo Doreste, Mayrelis Febles and Sari Sosa.



Guerty Abraira, Nathalie Merle, Mayrelis Febles, Diana Montes and Sari Sosa.



Manolo Doreste, Mayrelis Febles, Veronica Majano and Marylen Exposito.



An example of décor displayed at the event.



Marylen Exposito, Nathalie Merle, Guerty Abraira, Manolo Doreste, Sari Sosa and Mayrelis Febles.



Delicious food at the Wedding Soiree.



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