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THANK YOU

As we prepare for our calendars to change to 2019, we pause to say THANK YOU to each and every member who invests in the mission of the Manatee Chamber. Our strength is - and always has been - our members. Your investment benefits your business, our local economy, and our community.

Thank you and we look forward to partnering with you in the new year!

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Business After Hours
January 8 • 5:00 - 7:00 PM
Bowled Life Cafe & A Little Twisted Yoga

MYP Networking Social
January 10 • 5:00 - 7:00 PM
Ed's Tavern

Coffee Club
January 18 • 5:00 - 7:00 PM
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Thursday, January 31

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Reserve Your Seats or Table Today!

Reserve your seats and join us as we honor Outgoing Chairman Darcie Duncan, Duncan Real Estate, and welcome Incoming Chairman Bill Poulton, Tropicana Products. We are excited to celebrate the many outstanding achievements of the past year and honor the hundreds of members who contribute to the growth and prosperity of our community.

Darcie Duncan
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Chamber Attainable Housing Task Force Hones in on Priorities

Just before the new year, the Chamber's Attainable Housing Task Force announced a set of priorities that, if successfully implemented, we believe will help bring housing solutions to our community. The business community is increasingly concerned about the need for more affordably priced living accommodations, both home ownership and rental, for Manatee's current and future workforce. Government cannot tackle this alone. The business community, rightfully, must be at the table.

The Chamber established an Attainable Housing Task Force in early 2018 to continue work we've undertaken for years. The task force focused on on local real estate market trends and workforce salaries to better understand why our workforce struggles. The group also identified existing affordable housing programs and analyzed some of the barriers that have led to the lack of affordable housing stock in our community.

Why Our Workforce Struggles

Average salary for line employees: $43,776.83

- Librarian - $58,300
- Law Enforcement Officer - $49,785
- Dental Assistant - $35,896
- Teacher - $41,178

Average purchase affordability - $145,900*
County-wide median sales price - $300,000
Average rental affordability - $1,100/month
Rent in Bradenton averages $1,245 for two bedrooms
**(Payment includes taxes & insurance)*

In order to do a deep dive into the obstacles that prevent our community from developing attainable housing, the Task Force recruited two workgroups of local leaders closely tied to home buying, renting, building, development, and planning industries. They are bankers, realtors, builders, developers, architects, planners, and government staff who work daily against the barriers as well as with the opportunities.

Each workgroup participated in brainstorming sessions and discussed the many barriers they face trying to provide homes and apartments that line employees could afford, as well as ideas that could resolve those challenges. This provided a consensus on a set of ideas that each group thought important as priorities for the Chamber going forward.

Real Estate & Financial Services Workgroup Priorities

- Incentivize purchase and renovation of homes in existing neighborhoods
- Allow a variety of infill housing types in existing neighborhoods
- Seek additional alternative funding types, coordinate incentives across jurisdictions

Planning, Building & Development Workgroup Priorities

- Support higher density where appropriate
- Allow more design flexibility when working in existing neighborhoods and urban areas
- Explore best practices that decrease regulatory costs, recognizing that time is a cost

It is important to note this is just the first step. The Chamber is committed to fleshing out these priorities and developing an implementation strategy.

Details about the Task Force and its findings are available at **ManateeChamber.com/Housing**.

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Traffic Soars at SRQ

SRQ has experienced substantial growth over the last year with the addition of Allegiant Air in April 2018, offering nonstop service to Cincinnati (CVG), Indianapolis (IND) and Pittsburgh (PIT) and bringing ultra-low-cost fares to SRQ. Growth continues with the addition of a second ultra-low-cost carrier, Frontier Airlines which began operating flights to three destinations, Atlanta (ATL), Cleveland (CLE) and Philadelphia (PHL) on December 10, 2018. SRQ now has eight airlines serving 26 destinations!

As though that was not enough, more great news was announced in November. Allegiant will begin twice weekly service to Baltimore (BWI) and Ashville, NC (AVL) beginning February 22, 2019, just in time for Spring training. They will continue to expand their operation at SRQ with flights to Cleveland, OH (CLE), Columbus, OH (LCK), Grand Rapids, MI (GRR), Harrisburg, PA (MDT), Nashville, TN (BNA), Richmond, VA (RIC), and Syracuse, NY (SYR) starting in April 2019.

American Airlines began serving three new destinations, Dallas, TX (DFW) and Chicago, IL (ORD), last month and Philadelphia, PA (PHL) in January. Jetblue adds a second daily flight to Boston in January and Delta's seasonal flights to Detroit and JFK returned last month. Traffic increases have averaged over 25% for the last 6 months.

Fredrick Piccolo, President and CEO of the Sarasota Manatee Airport Authority feels certain that there will be even more growth "In the airline industry, it seems that we start to build on this momentum, as one comes in, others come in and adds more service, so we're certainly seeing this phenomenon play out".

SRQ is ready for the growth. The FAA moved into a newly constructed tower this summer and the landscape project at the front entrance will be complete in the Spring. With the addition of the shade parking lot and the recent completion of the new air-conditioned loading bridges, the airport continues to offer many amenities that you just won't find at other small airports. There are numerous food, beverage and shopping options both pre and post security. A covered rental car return lot, electric vehicle charging stations, a new welcome center, phone charging stations, Mamava nursing pods, a pet relief area and so much more. So next time you make your travel plans, check SRQ first!

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Chamber Big Bank Theory Reached 2,400 Students

Preparing for Future Financial Success

Imagine you are a 25-year-old with a bachelor's degree and a job as a Service Manager. You are single, with no kids and make $61,000 a year. Your available monthly income is $3,801. Do you think you could cover your living expenses for the month? Housing, transportation, groceries, utility bills, insurance, clothes, etc.?

What if you were 25-years-old, a high-school drop-out, working as a stock clerk and making $18,720/year? You are also married and raising a 4-year-old son. Your available monthly income is $1,154.

These are just two of the 121 different scenarios given at random to high school seniors in Manatee County. Business volunteers spent two days at each of the six high schools and helped students navigate their monthly spending choices based on their situation. The salary information was based on our region's average starting salaries in March 2018 for those same occupations.

It was eye-opening for students to see how their education level was tied to potential income. Education levels varied from high school drop-out to Bachelor's degrees. There was also a station for students to see how much it would cost for them to go back to school and earn various degrees from a GED up to a Master's degree. It was important for students to understand how long it would take to obtain the degree and the monthly cost associated with earning this degree.

In addition to updated salaries, we updated the cost of rent, childcare, utilities, groceries and more for someone living in Manatee County. By far, the biggest shock to the students was the cost of childcare. Students reacted with: "$1,200 a month for childcare?" "I can't afford kids!" "My mom will watch my kids for free!" Twelve hundred a month is the average monthly cost for childcare for birth through age two. Paying $1,200 a month for a two-bedroom, one-bath apartment resulted in sticker-shock as well!

When asked what their favorite and least favorite stations were, you can imagine the response! One of the favorite stations was Jobs, a place where students could get an additional job to help with their monthly income. Another popular station was That's Life, a station where they chose a card and it could be good or bad, basically, life's unexpected events. Least popular stations were childcare and housing, "I lost all of my money on housing."

One student at Manatee High School said the two-day exercise was eye-opening and she and her friends started discussing the difference between needs and wants. They feel every student should learn some of these financial fundamental lessons during high school before they are in the "real world."

We could not run a program of this magnitude without the support of our business volunteers. Many of our volunteers work several shifts at multiple schools and are invaluable to the success of the Big Bank Theory. The students, teachers, faculty and school district administrators have expressed their gratitude to our volunteers as well! If you haven't had an opportunity to participate in this event, we will be back in the high schools during October and November of 2019. We do have training available and it doesn't matter if your occupation matches with one of our stations, you can make a difference in the lives of these students by sharing your experiences and advice.

A huge thank you to our Presenting Sponsor, Hancock Whitney Bank. Without the support of our sponsor, we would not be able to reach nearly 2,400 students! We also want to thank our printing sponsor, Palm Printing and our volunteer lunch sponsors. Thanks to these sponsorships and donations, we were able to provide lunch to our volunteers and teachers.

For more information about the Big Bank Theory and other workforce education initiatives, please contact Terri Behling at 941-748-4842, ext. 172 or email TerriB@ManateeChamber.com

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A Festive Evening Enjoying Local Breweries

Five hours. Five breweries. Lots of fun! The Chamber organized a Holiday Hops Tour with 3 Keys Brewing and Eatery, Darwin Brewing Company and Taproom, The Good Liquid Brewing, Motorworks Brewing, and Naughty Monk Brewery.

The breweries feature unique craft beers and rotate their selections regularly. Some of the breweries also offer hard water, ciders, and wines. Guests on the Holiday Hops Tour tried fun drinks such as the Christmas Candy Cane Cider, Holiday Stout and "I Can't Believe It's Not Bourbon!"

It was a fun evening of networking and supporting local small business. If you haven't visited our local breweries yet, add it to your to do list. You won't be disappointed. Thank you to our pint glass sponsor, Sport Clips Haircuts of Bradenton, and our snack sponsor, the Pittsburgh Pirates and Bradenton Marauders.

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The Past, Present & Future of Manatee Memorial Hospital - and How It Impacts Your Business

Kevin DiLallo, FACHE, CEO, Manatee Healthcare System

Manatee Memorial Hospital has a rich history in our community dating back to its inception on February 23, 1953 and has been on the cutting edge in many ways. It created a model program to address our community's opioid crisis that other communities are now emulating, and recently completed significant expansion with a new state-of-the-art emergency care center and comprehensive stroke center.

Past, present, and future Manatee Memorial Hospital is strengthening our community (and your business). Join us and hear more from Kevin DiLallo, CEO of Manatee Memorial Hospital.

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Wednesday, February 13
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$30 Manatee Chamber & MYP Members
$45 Future Members

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The 2019 Consumer Guide to Better Business delivers Sunday, January 20, to area residents via the Bradenton Herald. This important publication promotes all members of the Manatee Chamber's Better Business Council and provides important consumer information. BBC members have had their licenses and insurance requirements confirmed and have formally pledged to uphold the BBC's "Code of Ethics".

In addition to Bradenton Herald distribution, the Directory is distributed through the Chamber's Bradenton and Lakewood Ranch offices, as well as many business locations. Consumers can also access the Directory through the Chamber's website, ManateeChamber.com/BBC. As an added benefit, newcomers to our community will receive a copy in the Chamber's "Welcome Manatee" packets that are distributed through the four offices of the Manatee County Tax Collector, allowing our members to be top of mind with new residents.

If you would like additional copies of the Directory, or if you would like more information about the BBC, please contact Dawn Plavak at 941-748-1325 or DawnP@ManateeChamber.com.

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Saturday, January 19 • 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

MYP Community Service Project

Palmetto Youth Center

501 17th Street West, Palmetto 34221

Manatee Young Professionals (MYP) volunteers are needed to help with the City of Palmetto's MLK Holiday Parade scheduled for Saturday January 19th. Duties include set-up before the parade and monitoring the route. Volunteers will meet at the Palmetto Youth Center. RSVP is required to Kimberly Henley at 941-748-4842, Ext. 139

Wednesday, January 30 • 11:45 AM – 1:00 PM

MYPower Networking Lunch

Demetrios' Pizza House

1720 Cortez Rd. W., Bradenton 34207

MYPower Luncheons give young professionals the opportunity to promote your business products and services. Come willing to share a fun fact about yourself, pick up tips on professional and or personal development, enjoy a great lunch and one-on-one networking. This month's speaker is Jennifer Linzy with the Bradenton Area Economic Development Corporation. Cost: $20 for paid MYP members, $25 for all others.

Thursday, January 10 • 5:00 – 7 PM

MYP Networking Social

Ed's Tavern

536 12th Street W., Bradenton 34205

Manatee Young Professionals (MYP) members and guests are invited for casual business networking at Ed's Tavern on Thursday, January 10 from 5:00 - 7:00 PM. There is no cost to attend for paid MYP members, or for those who join on the spot. Cost is $10 for all others. Complimentary appetizers and a cash bar are included. No RSVP necessary.

For more information or to RSVP to any of these MYP events, call Kimberly at 941-748-4842, ext. 139 or email KimberlyH@ManateeChamber.com

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At our recent annual retreat, members of our Board of Directors, committees, task forces, councils, and Chairman's Circle discussed a number of important topics including education, our economy, workforce development, attainable housing, young professionals, economic development, community growth, infrastructure, and more. We are eager to put their brainpower to work to gain traction on a number of priorities this year.

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holiday coffee club

The 2018 Manatee Chamber of Commerce Holiday Coffee Club, sponsored by Hancock Whitney Bank, was enjoyed by over 170 guests. Held at the Manatee Performing Arts Center, the annual event provided an opportunity to enjoy breakfast and network with local businesses and professionals. Pier 22 Catering prepared delicious breakfast sandwiches and coffee while Tropicana served refreshing orange juice.

First graders from Saint Stephen's gave an adorable choral presentation and the Manatee High School Jazz Band played some cool tunes to add to the amazing mixing and mingling. Santa and his elves made a special appearance and handed out over 90 great door prizes!

"The Holiday Coffee Club is always a special event. From the Saint Stephen's Children's Choir to the volunteer elves helping hand out presents (lots of them). The Holidays tend to bring out the best in all of us as individuals and as a community. The challenge is to extend this goodwill throughout the year," said Mike Moschella, Hancock Whitney Bank's Market President. "We are blessed to live and work in such a great place. We have our challenges, but if we face them as a community they will give way to prosperity. Hancock Whitney Bank is proud to do our part and serve this community and its business owners. We look forward to working with individuals and businesses helping them achieve their financial goals and dreams, this is our commitment."

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For more information or to RSVP, contact Kimberly at KimberlyH@ManateeChamber.com or 941-748-4842, ext. 139.

member appreciation

Thank you to all of our members who joined us for our Member Appreciation Party at the Chamber's Lakewood Ranch office. John Rice and his grill team served up delicious hot dogs and brats thanks to the Pittsburgh Pirates, and even gave away a brand new barbecue grill to one lucky member.

We shared a lot of laughs and enjoyed spending our Friday afternoon with so many friends. This was a wonderful opportunity to show our appreciation for your investment in the Manatee Chamber and for supporting our mission.

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business after hours

Minto Communities and global lifestyle brand Margaritaville Holdings are creating a dynamic new waterfront destination on Florida's beautiful Gulf Coast - One Particular Harbour Margaritaville. Located on Anna Maria Sound directly across from Anna Maria Island, One Particular Harbour is inspired by the music of legendary singer, songwriter and author Jimmy Buffett.

The Marina at One Particular Harbour Margaritaville is now open and provides direct, no-bridge access to Anna Maria Sound, Tampa Bay and Gulf of Mexico. It includes 55 wet slips for boats up to 45 feet, enclosed boathouse capable of supporting 128 vessels up to 42 feet, ship's store and more. Construction is slated to begin early 2019 on a Compass hotel by Margaritaville Hotels and Resorts and Floridays restaurant.

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Blalock Walters, P.A. is pleased to announce that attorney William C. Robinson, Jr. has earned board recertification in Real Estate Law from The Florida Bar. Robinson has been board certified since 2013 and is one of only 456 attorneys certified in real estate law in Florida.

School District of Manatee County is pleased to announce that Dustin Dahlquist has been named the new Principal of Lakewood Ranch High School.

Kerkering, Barberio & Co., Certified Public Accountants, is pleased to announce that Lorena Segreti, Human Resource Manager, has earned the SHRM Senior Certified Professional (SHRM-SCP) credential. The certification, awarded by the Society for Human Resource Management, signifies that she possesses the theoretical knowledge and practical experience in human resource management necessary to pass a rigorous examination demonstrating mastery of the field.

Bealls Stores, Inc. announced Matt Beall has been named President of Bealls Stores, Inc. Matt Beall began his retail career at Ross Stores and joined his family business in 2004 at an entry level buying position. Over the past 14 years, Matt has worked his way up in the business and has held numerous leadership roles within Bealls Stores, Bealls Outlet Stores, and Bealls Inc. including buying, planning, logistics, finance and store operations.

Lakewood Ranch Medical Center was awarded an 'A' from The Leapfrog Group's Fall 2018 Hospital Safety Grade. The designation recognizes Lakewood Ranch Medical Center's efforts in protecting patients from harm and meeting the highest safety standards in the United States. The Leapfrog Group is a national organization committed to improving health care quality and safety for consumers and purchasers.

NADCO Tapes & Labels was recently awarded with the first Green Silver certificate in the State of Florida for manufacturers. The certification process took four years to complete making NADCO an environmentally conscientious printing company.

calendar

Please carefully note meeting locations

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JANUARY 2019	Tues.	1		Chamber Offices Closed	
	Fri.	4		MYP Leadership Committee Meeting	12:00 - 1:00 PM	Chamber Office at Bank OZK
	Tues.	8		BBC Advisory Committee Meeting	4:00 - 5:00 PM	Chamber Office at Bank OZK
				Business After Hours	5:00 - 7:00 PM	Bowled Life Cafe & A Little Twisted Yoga
	Wed.	9		Leadership Manatee - Law Enforcement Day	
				Headliners Lunch: State of the Ports	11:30 AM - 1:15 PM	Holiday Inn Sarasota Bradenton Airport
	Thurs.	10		Education and Workforce Committee Meeting	12:00 - 1:00 PM	School Board Building
				Technology Committee Meeting	3:30 - 4:30 PM	Chamber Office at Bank OZK
				MYP Social	5:00 - 7:00 PM	Ed's Tavern
	Fri.	11		Transportation Committee Meeting	8:00 - 9:00 AM	Lakewood Ranch Board Room
	Mon.	14		Pancakes & Politics	8:00 - 9:30 AM	IMG Academy Golf Club
	Wed.	16		Power Connection Lunch	11:30 AM - 1:00 PM	Lakewood Ranch Golf & Country Club
				Member Engagement Council Meeting	3:30 - 5:00 PM	AMOB Landside
	Thurs.	17		Biscuits & Benefits Member Reception	3:00 - 4:30 PM	Lakewood Ranch Board Room
	Fri.	18		Coffee Club & Ten Minute Takeaway	7:45 - 9:00 AM	Manatee County Fairgrounds
				Chamber Friends Committee Meeting	11:45 AM - 1:00 PM	Chamber Office at Bank OZK
	Wed.	23		Leadership Manatee - Business & Industry Day	
				Chamber Executive Committee Meeting	7:45 - 9:00 AM	Chamber Office at Bank OZK
	Fri.	25		Downtown Redevelopment Committee Meeting	8:00 - 9:00 AM	Connect Bradenton
	Mon.	28		Attainable Housing Task Force Meeting	8:00 - 9:00 AM	Chamber Office at Bank OZK
	Tues.	29		Seminar: Accounting Changes & Tax Reform	2:00 - 4:00 PM	Lakewood Ranch Board Room
	Wed.	30		MYPower Networking Lunch	11:45 AM - 1:00 PM	Demetrios' Pizza House
				Chamber Board of Directors Meeting	4:00 - 5:30 PM	Lakewood Ranch Board Room
	Thurs.	31		Annual Dinner & 2nd Annual Robert P. Bartz Award	5:00 - 9:00 PM	Bradenton Area Convention Center
FEBRUARY	Fri.	1		Small Business Council Meeting	8:00 - 9:00 AM	Manatee County Central Library
				MYP Leadership Committee Meeting	12:00 - 1:00 PM	Chamber Office at Bank OZK
	Tues.	5		BBC Advisory Committee Meeting	4:00 - 5:00 PM	Chamber Office at Bank OZK
	Wed.	6		Leadership Manatee - Land Use & Transportation Day	
				Power Connection Lunch	11:30 AM - 1:00 PM	Fratello's of Bradenton
				Healthcare Committee Meeting	4:00 - 5:00 PM	Lakewood Ranch Board Room
				LMAA Reception for Leadership Manatee Class	5:00 - 7:00 PM	Lakewood Ranch Board Room
	Thurs.	7		Education and Workforce Committee Meeting	12:00 - 1:00 PM	School Board Building
	Fri.	8		Transportation Committee Meeting	8:00 - 9:00 AM	Lakewood Ranch Board Room

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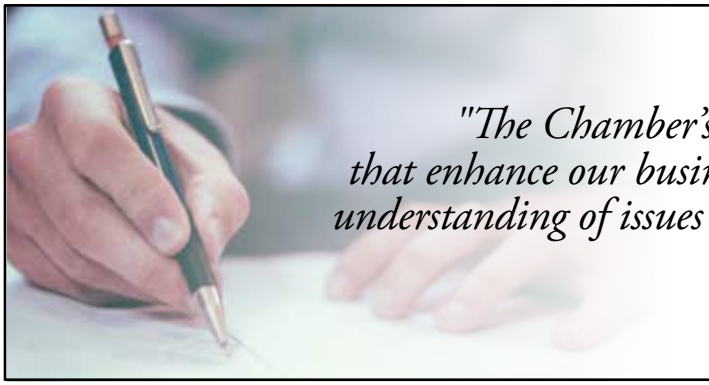

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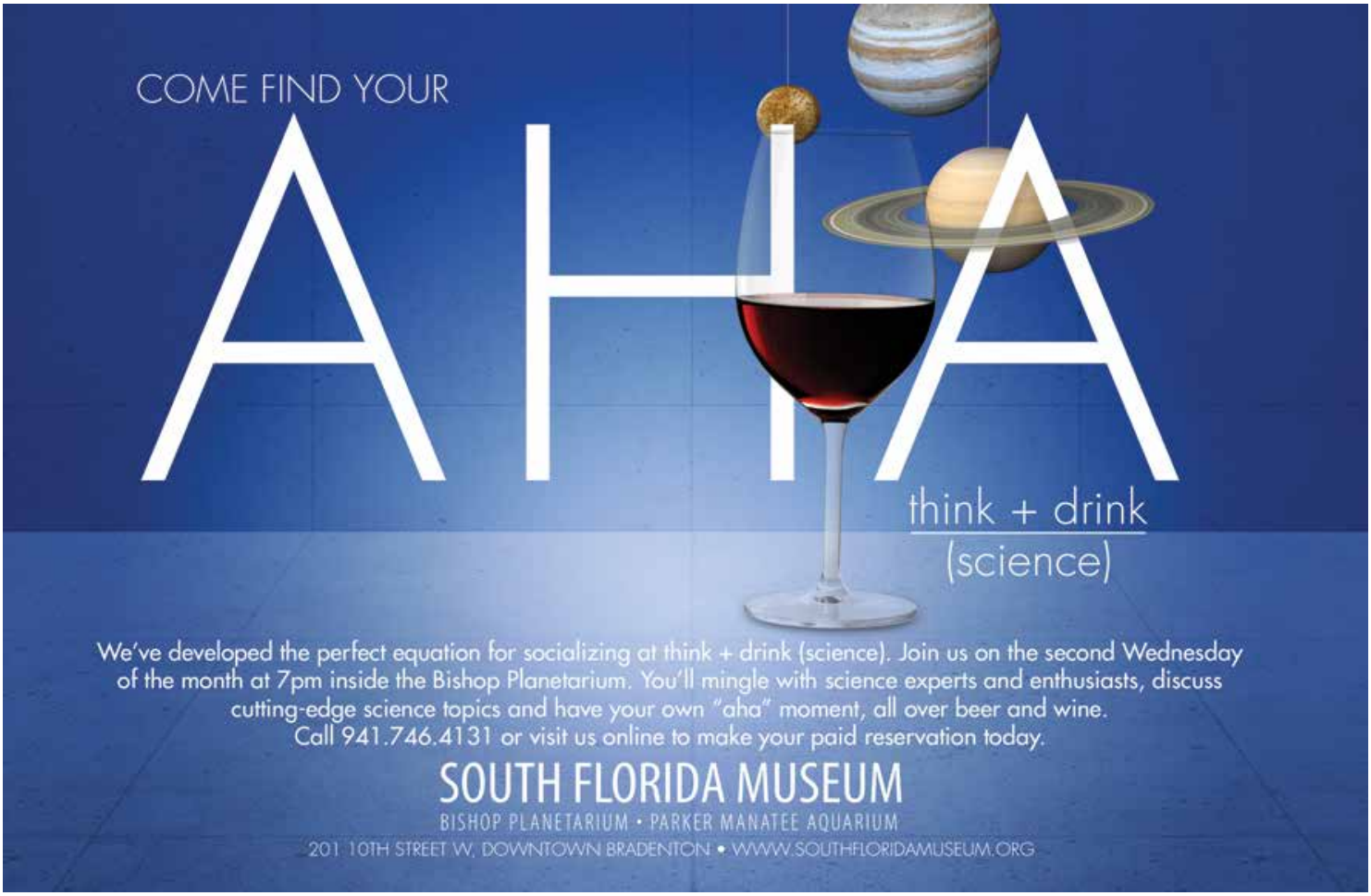

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January 31
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April 4
Ship-Shape Showcase

May 17
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