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Coppola's Bistro Ristorante, a Piece of Italy in Coral Gables

For traditional fine Italian dining, one need venture no further than Coppola's Bistro Ristorante, offering a delicious authentic taste of Italy with a wide variety of pasta, risotto, meat and fine wine. Live music and a welcoming atmosphere provide the perfect complement for a truly memorable Italian dining experience.

Coppola's Bistro Ristorante offers three convenient locations: Kendall, Coral Gables and Doral. The Kendall location is the perfect spot to enjoy the company of



INTERIOR OF COPPOLA'S BISTRO RISTORANTE LOCATED IN CORAL GABLES



family and friends in a relaxing setting, while Coral Gables boasts a beautiful outdoor patio in a lush tropical setting. In Doral, where Coppola's has its largest location, customers are treated to a traditional Italian atmosphere, complete with a full bar and happy hour menu.

The interiors of all Coppola's Bistro Ristorante locations are beautifully decorated with representations of some of

Italy's most famous landmarks, sculptures and artwork. Here one may dine by the Colosseum or have a glass of fine wine alongside the famed Statue of David. The outside seating area in Doral is spacious and perfect for nightlife lovers to enjoy delectable meals, cocktails and live DJ music during the location's extended hours.

All three locations are ideal for every oc-

casional, from family dinners to business lunches, a romantic date or simply a fun Italian night out. Coppola's Bistro Ristorante is ready to welcome South Florida to experience exquisite traditional Italian dishes and incomparable service provided by an attentive staff.

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Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce announces officers for FY 2022-23

BY MARITZA ARCEO

The Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce (GMCC), the proud champion for the Greater Miami Business Community and a civic engine that fuels the advancement of The Magic City, recently announced its FY2022-23 Board of Directors officers.

The board is led by Roberto Muñoz, president, COO and founder of ELITE Family Office, as board chair; Amy Furness, co-managing shareholder for Carlton Fields Miami office as chair-elect; Hector J. Ponte, region bank president for Wells Fargo's South Florida region, as first vice chair, and Alex Rhodes, national managing partner at Grant Thornton, as treasurer. In addition, Rick Beasley, executive director of CareerSource South Florida, will serve as immediate past chair.

The officers within the executive committee lead the chamber's board of directors who are volunteer members representing businesses of all sizes from myriad industries, that oversee the chamber's work areas and at-large members. Muñoz's role as board chair in-

cludes assisting in membership development and strategy setting and advocating for important business issues supported by the chamber.

"We are excited to welcome this dynamic group of professionals whose background and extensive experience will definitely make a positive impact in our community," said Alfred Sanchez, president and CEO of GMCC. "As our economy continues to recover from these challenges times, we remain optimistic and look forward to our new board members business contributions in helping us achieve our goal."



ROBERTO MUÑOZ

For a complete list of the members of GMCC Board of Directors, visit www.miamichamber.com.

Founded in 1907 as the Miami Board of Trade, today's GMCC boasts representing more than 400,000 member company employees and is heralded for its legacy of leadership in economic development, and its unwavering commitment to improving the Miami-Dade community.

For more information, visit www.MiamiChamber.com.

Maria Bechily named chair of the board of ArtesMiami Inc.

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Maria C. Bechily, a public relations leader and philanthropist, has been elected chair of the board of ArtesMiami Inc., a 501(c)3 organization that supports and promotes Hispanic artists and cultural organizations. Carlos Modia was elected vice chair and Manny Rodriguez was elected treasurer.

"Ms. Bechily brings a wealth of board service, philanthropic and public relations experience to our organization," said Aida Levitan, PhD, ArtesMiami founder and president. "We also anticipate that she will also attract greater support for ArtesMiami."

"I am honored to have been elected by the board to chair such a prestigious non-profit group as ArtesMiami," Bechily said. "The programs and artists that ArtesMiami supports are crucial to strengthening Miami's position as an international arts and cultural center. I hope to provide strategic leadership to our board so we can further develop the organization."

Bechily created one of the first public relations and marketing agencies to identify and reach Hispanic consumers in Chicago. Her list of clients included Peoples Energy; Anheuser-Busch Companies; Kraft Foundation; Terra Museum of American Art; Attorney General of Illinois, and *Hoy*, a Spanish-language publication of the *Chicago Tribune*.

In addition to her work behind the scenes reaching Chicago's Latinos, she also appeared in front of the camera hosting Spanish language television shows on WSNS-TV, Channel 44 (now Univision). Two of her shows received Emmy nominations.

Bechily has significant government and public policy experience having worked for a former U.S. Senator from Illinois. She also has served by mayoral and presidential appointment on numerous boards. Presently, she serves on the board of the Pérez Art Museum Miami. She is a life trustee of the Goodman Theatre where she is the founding chair of the board's education committee.

Bechily is a former member of the Ex-



MARIA C. BECHILY

ecutive Committee of the Chicago Community Trust and a founding co-chair of Nuestro Futuro, a donor advised endowment that promotes philanthropy among Latinos. She also is a life trustee of the Northwestern Memorial Foundation. During her tenure on the board, she co-chaired "Enhancing our Lives," a \$207 million capital campaign.

Bechily received her bachelor's degree in sociology from Loyola University of Chicago and a master's degree in public policy studies from the Harris School of Public Policy of the University of Chicago.

ArtesMiami Inc. began in 1995 to sponsor the Fair of Seville in Miami and later the Fair of Spain in Miami. Led by nationally renowned publicist and philanthropist Aida Levitan, PhD, the organization has donated more than \$2.7 million in in-kind services and cash to cultural organizations and artists, primarily in South Florida. Its latest program is the ArtesMiami Film Fund, which will donate thousands of dollars to documentary filmmakers.

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