

COBWRA DELEGATES MEETING HIGHLIGHTS • CORAL LAKES • FEBRUARY 20, 2019

WELCOME

CORAL LAKES DELEGATE Bernard Dombrowsky welcomed the guests on behalf of HOA President Beverly Rosendorf.

ELECTED OFFICIALS' REPORTS

VICE MAYOR DAVID KERNER, COMMISSIONER MARYLOU BERGER, PRESIDENT PHIL BARLAGE AND COBWRA PAST PRESIDENT SANDY GREENBERG joined together to honor the memory of **PAST PRESIDENT BARBARA KATZ** who passed away in January.

SCHOOL BOARD DISTRICT 3 REPRESENTATIVE KAREN BRILL:

- Reported Safety, Security and Mental Health issues are top priorities for the School District of Palm Beach County. Among the steps being taken are Officers in every school (3 in every High School, 2 in every Middle School and 1 in every Elementary School) and three guidance counselors in every school.
- Also on School Board Rep. Brill's priority list is to get the Middle School built in the Canyons.

FIRST RESPONDERS' REPORTS



PALM BEACH COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT DISTRICT 6 CAPTAIN SHAWN EASTMAN:

- Announced there is a waiting list to participate in the Citizen's Police Academy.
- Reported that the recent Document Shredding Event was a huge success, with a whopping 17,000 lbs. of paper shredded. PBSO is considering another shredding event for the month of June.
- On a "good news" note, Captain Eastman announced that crimes are down in the district.

PALM BEACH COUNTY FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT 4 CHIEF KIMBERLY HUDE:



- Reported that in 2018 Fire Rescue responded to 133,823 calls with one-fourth of the calls in the Delray Boynton area. Eighty-Nine animals were rescued from homes with structure fires.
- Announced that stickers are available to place at the entrance to the house identifying the number of pets in the home so First Responders know how many animals to look for when responding to a fire or other emergency situation.

PALM BEACH COUNTY FIRE RESCUE COMMUNITY LIAISON TONY KEELER:

- Announced that several new life saving protocols have been initiated by the Department's Medical Directors.

Highlights by Sharon Reuben

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



COBWRA PRESIDENT PHIL BARLAGE ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The recent Leadership Workshop was a huge success. The goal of the Workshop was to educate future COBWRA leaders and to develop a "farm team" from which future leaders will be recruited.
- A Fundraising Committee has been formed to generate revenue to support programs outlined in the Strategic Plan.
- The Water & Wetlands Committee participated in the Everglades Day Celebration where information about COBWRA was distributed.
- A task force has been formed, led by Sam Manuele, to develop a COBWRA Policy & Procedures Manual.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

NOMINATING COMMITTEE CHAIR SHARON REUBEN:

- Thanked the following members of the Committee for doing a superb job: Bruce Brodsky (Cascade Lakes), Sheila Forem (Valencia Isles), Steve Wolfberg (Valencia Pointe), Larry Wolberg (Aberdeen).
- Announced the 2019/2020 Slate of Officers as proposed by the Nominating Committee:
 - President Beth Rappaport (Colony Preserve)
 - First VP Barbara Roth (Bellaggio)
 - Second VP Steve Slade (Avalon Estates)
 - Secretary Cheryl Dodes (Valencia Isles)
 - Treasurer Andrea Levine (Valencia Cove)

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE CHAIR STEVE WALLACE presented six Legislative Priorities to the Delegates for consideration. By a unanimous consensus vote the following issues were approved and will be brought forth by the COBWRA Tallahassee Delegation during Palm Beach County Days:

- **Opioids/Sober Home Controls--** *It is recommended to support HB 369 and to support the expansion of the Syringe Exchange Program to Palm Beach and Broward counties*
- **Mental Health Issues--** *It is recommended to support legislation for increased funding for Mental Health Services in the public education system*
- **Education--** *It is recommended we are opposed to non-sworn law enforcement personnel in the schools carrying firearms*
- **Community Associations--** *It is recommended that the Board of Directors give authority to the Tallahassee Delegation to address issues affecting residential associations should they be presented prior to the opening of the session.*
- **Texting While Driving--** *It is recommended to support HB 107 and SB 76 providing it includes the exemptions (carve-outs) from last year's bill.*
- **Environmental--** *It is recommended to support the bills supported by the Water and Wetlands committee which includes Fracking Opposition, Friendly Fertilizer, and Sewage Treatment Regulation*