



## *Miami-Dade County League of Cities June BOD Meeting*

The MDCLC held its Board of Director's meeting on Thursday, June 2, 2016 at the Sea View Hotel in Bal Harbour. We would like to thank the Village of Bal Harbour, Town of Bay Harbor Islands, and Town of Surfside for hosting the Board of Director's meeting. Various topics dealing with issues affecting municipalities were discussed. Councilman Seth Salver, Village of Bal Harbour gave and dedicated a touching invocation in honor of Memorial Day. Councilman Robert Yaffe, Town of Bay Harbor Islands, led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Packer welcomed everyone to the Village of Bal Harbour and the Sea View Hotel. He expressed his excitement to have yet another meeting in the Village and looks forward to continuing the yearly tradition of hosting a League meeting. He also mentioned that this year the Village of Bal Harbour would be celebrating their 70<sup>th</sup> year anniversary and welcomed everybody to celebrate. He thanked everyone for their time and wished for all to enjoy their dinner.



Councilman Robert Yaffe, Town of Bay Harbor Islands recited the Pledge of Allegiance.



Mayor Martin Packer, Village of Bal Harbour.

**State Agency for Surplus Property (SASP):** Mr. William O'Steen, Distribution Supervisor, and Mr. Michael Weber, Director/State Coordinator for the Florida Department of Management Services introduced the State Agency for Surplus Property, which seeks to establish and promote means for acquiring and distributing equitable federal personal property to public agencies and other eligible entities. Federal agencies with unneeded personal property must dispose of it through the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA). Once reported to the GSA, other federal agencies can screen the property over a 21-day period. If no federal agency expresses interest by the end of the 21-day screening period (14 days if the property is computers or furniture), GSA declares the personal property as surplus and offers it to the SASP for donation. We are fortunate to have Mr. O'Steen and Mr. Weber introduce this program to the members of the League and look forward to continue working together.

**Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit Plan:** Ms. Aileen Bouclé, Executive Director of the Miami-Dade Metropolitan Planning Organization, and Ms. Alice Bravo, Director of the Department of Transportation and Public Works introduced the Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit Plan (SMART Plan). The SMART Plan intends to advance six of the People's Transportation Plan's (PTP) rapid transit corridors: North corridor, Beach corridor, East-West corridor, South Miami-Dade TransitWay, Northeast corridor, and the Kendall corridor along with a network system of Bus Express Rapid Transit (BERT) Service, in order to implement mass transit projects in Miami-Dade County to ease Miami-Dade County's severe traffic congestion.



(left to right) Mr. Michael Weber, Director/State Coordinator for the Florida Department of Management Services and Mr. William O'Steen, Distribution Supervisor.



(left to right) Ms. Alice Bravo, Director of the Department of Transportation and Public Works, MDCLC President Francis X. Suarez, Ms. Aileen Bouclé, Executive Director of the Miami-Dade Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO).

### Jackson Bond Citizen's Advisory Board Report:

MDCLC Jackson Bond Citizen's advisory Board appointee Mr. Chad Friedman, Esq., Weiss Serota Helfman Cole & Bierman, gave the Jackson Bond Citizen's Advisory Board report. Mr. Friedman mentioned that in 2013 voters of Miami-Dade County approved 800 million dollars in bonds to improve the Jackson Health system. In the last quarter the board approved 15 projects, which consists of 60 million dollars. To date they have approved 260 million dollars worth of improvements out of the 800 million dollars. Jackson has been opening several urgent care facilities in different communities and has purchased property in Doral to create the West campus and build a new hospital in the city. There have also been significant upgrades to the South, Main, and North campus hospitals.

### Law Day Special Presentation:

County Court Judge Don Cohn was excited to share a special presentation of appreciation on behalf of himself and Judge Victoria Ferrer, commemorating the work of MDCLC Executive Director Richard Kuper and MDCLC Second Vice President Mayor Jordan W. Leonard, Town of Bay Harbor Islands for assisting them with Law Day which took place on May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at the Hialeah Courthouse. Mr. Kuper worked alongside Judge Cohn and Judge Ferrer, announcing the public officials' and color guard, and Mayor Leonard presented a beautiful proclamation that is now hung on the wall of the Hialeah Courthouse. Both Mr. Kuper and Mayor Leonard thanked Judge Cohn for this honor.



Mr. Chad Friedman, Esq., Weiss Serota Helfman Cole & Bierman.



County Court Judge Don Cohn presenting MDCLC Second Vice President Mayor Jordan W. Leonard, Town of Bay Harbor Islands with a certificate of appreciation.

- **Save the Date**

### **MDCLC-Attorney Luncheon Seminar**

**When: June 23, 2016**

**Where: 94<sup>th</sup> Aero Squadron  
1395 NW 57<sup>th</sup> Ave.**

**Miami, FL 33126**

**Cost: \$35.00**

**\*There will be no BOD meeting in July due to Independence Day.**

