



May 2015

## May BOD meeting

Due to the 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Dade County Police Memorial Service that took place on Thursday, May 7, 2015 at Tropical Park at 7:00 p.m. to honor all the officers on the roll of honor the League changed it's BOD meeting to Wednesday, May 6, 2015. The MDCLC held it's Board of Director's meeting at the 94<sup>th</sup> Aero Squadron. The meeting was well attended. Various topics were discussed such as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), American Heart Association "May Stroke Month", Jackson Memorial Hospital Bond Committee projects, and upcoming meetings.

**MPO:** MDCLC's First Vice President, Commissioner Suarez and Councilman James McDonald spoke of the article they co-authored, and that was printed in the Herald's Editorial Page. Councilman McDonald mentioned that traffic is one of the major issues facing our County, and that they would like to propose that the MPO be re-organized so that it positively impacts the County and all municipalities. Councilman McDonald also mentioned that the Transportation Committee would like to engage in conversation with the local elected officials to be able to go back to the Legislature and receive a unified fund to change and make the MPO a better and more effective organization for the citizen's of Miami- Dade County.

**May Stroke Month:** Dr. Jeffrey Horstmyer of the American Heart Association was kind enough to inform everyone of May Stroke month and how to prevent strokes. Dr. Horstmyer mentioned the decreased percentage of stroke death and what procedures to take when having a stroke to receive proper and effective treatment.

**Jackson Memorial Hospital Bond Committee:** Mr. Chad Friedman, Weiss Serota Helfman Cole & Bierman, P.L. is the League appointee to the Jackson Memorial Hospital Bond Committee. Mr. Friedman spoke of the projects the Jackson Memorial Hospital Bond Committee are working on and thanked the League for appointing him to the committee. Mr. Friedman mentioned the 2013 taxpayers approval for the tax increase to fund 830 million dollars in bonds to upgrade the Jackson Memorial Hospital health care system. So far, they have had 127 million dollars invested in improving the health care system. One of the largest improvements was the purchase of land to build a new health care facility in the City of Doral. Mr. Friedman stated that the committee was focused on technology and equipment, hospital upgrades, infrastructure, and new facilities and he looked forward to updating everyone again of the improvements being made.



Circuit Court Judge Robert J. Luck, Eleventh Judicial Circuit gave the invocation.



Councilman Seth Salver led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.



Councilman James McDonald, Village of Pinecrest and MDCLC First Vice President, Commissioner Francis Suarez, City of Miami



Dr. Jeffrey Horstmyer, American Heart Association



Mr. Chad Friedman, Jackson Memorial Hospital Bond Committee appointee.