



Miami-Dade County League of Cities Newsletter

September 2014

This month's Board of Directors meeting was held at The Dezer Collection Car Museum in the City of North Miami. We would like to thank the City of North Miami, Acting Mayor Philippe Bien-Aime, the City Council, Miami Children's Hospital, Mystic Force Foundation, Miami Auto Museum, Exquisite Catering by Robert, and Hats Off Party & Events for sponsoring our September Board meeting. Acting Mayor Philippe Bien-Aime welcomed everybody to the City of North Miami and provided those in attendance with the host City presentation.

Dr. Guillermo DeAngulo, Pediatric Oncologist, Miami Children's Hospital briefly discussed the severity of treatment and targeted forms of therapy. He also discussed the importance of funding for research and how appropriate funding will help find a cure. Dr. DeAngulo introduced Silvia and Steven Vanni, Co-Founders of Mystic Force Foundation. Mr. and Mrs. Vanni went on to share information of their personal experience and how they are striving to end Childhood Cancer. The Mystic Force's Foundation primary goal is to raise funds to assist in research, and their ultimate goal is to end childhood cancer. At the Leagues request, a number of municipalities presented proclamations recognizing the month of September as "Childhood Cancer Awareness Month". The following municipalities provided proclamations; Town of Miami Lakes, City of North Miami Beach, Miami Dade County, City of Miami Beach, Town of Bay Harbor Islands, Village of Biscayne Bay, City of Homestead, City of West Miami, North Bay Village, City of Miami, Village of Virginia Gardens, City of Miami Springs, City of South Miami, City of North Miami, City of Opa-Locka, City of Aventura, City of Sweetwater, City of Miami Gardens, City of Sunny Isles Beach, City of Doral, Village of Palmetto Bay. Thank you for your support and participation.

MDCLC Treasurer, Mayor George Vallejo informed the members that President Lerner was creating an Annexation/ Incorporation Task Force in order to advance this item. The task force will hold its first meeting this month and we will keep you informed of its progress.



(Left to right) Acting Mayor Philippe Bien-Aime, Councilwoman Carol Keys.



(Left to right) Dr. Guillermo DeAngulo, Mrs. DeAngulo, Mr. Steven Vanni, Mrs. Silvia Vanni, Mrs. Sandy Vallejo, Mayor George Vallejo, Councilman Jon Burgess.



MDCLC Treasurer, Mayor George Vallejo.

Three Miami Dade College students were presented with the MDCLC scholarship award at the September 4, 2014 Board of Directors meeting. The scholarship recipients are majoring in political science, government and public administration. The students have a GPA of 3.0 or higher and will intern in three municipalities. The objective of the scholarship program with Miami Dade College is to provide the students with local government experience. Our former scholarship recipients enjoyed their experience and expressed their gratitude to MDCLC for the opportunity. We look forward to continuing our partnership with Miami Dade College and hope to increase the number of scholarships in the future.

Announcements:

- **[Save the Date and Register Today:](#)**

**Best Practices Conference & Exhibit
Friday, October 24, 2014**

**Location: Hilton Miami Airport
5101 Blue Lagoon Drive
Miami, FL 33126**

To Register visit the link below:

<http://mdclc.wufoo.com/forms/mdclc-4th-annual-best-practices-conference/>

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(Left to right) MDCLC Secretary, Jordan W. Leonard, Jasmyn Williams, Heidly Hernandez, Steve Calle, MDCLC First Vice President, Jon Burgess, MDCLC Treasurer, George Vallejo.

Don't forget to register!

MDCLC 4th Annual Best Practices Conference

Sponsorship Opportunities:

-Registration Fee- \$75.00

-Exhibitors:

- Associate Members- **\$400.00**
- Non-Members- **\$600.00**
- Municipalities- **Complimentary**

-Session Sponsors - \$500.00