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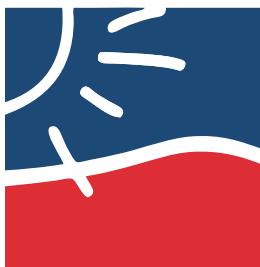
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HAITIAN AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF FLORIDA

The Haitian-American Chamber of Commerce Of Florida, (HACCOF) was established as a catalyst for change.

Our Mission: To serve as a resource for its members, partners and businesses, dedicated to serving their needs and the economic development of the broader Haitian-American community.

HACCOF is the leading organization to bring businesses together and acts as an advocate for Haitian and Haitian-American enterprises. We are the premier voice for the business community to the public, the media and government entities.

HACCOF mobilizes concerned entrepreneurs across Florida, the U.S. and Haiti when important legislation and regulations are planned or debated that may potentially affect the broader Haitian business community.

HACCOF promotes partnerships and alliances within communities throughout Florida and Haiti to build healthy business climates, foster investment opportunities, create employment growth, and encourage public and private sector collaboration.

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A Message from our Executive Director

Dear Chamber Members and Friends,

Happy New Year!

The board of directors and I hope you had a wonderful holiday season. 2016 was a great year for the Haitian American Chamber of Commerce (HACCOF). We welcomed new board members, started a young professional movement and continued to provide support to Haitian American businesses throughout South Florida and beyond.

For 2017, HACCOF is looking forward to continuing as the staple institution in the community that you as a business owner can rely on for resources. We are committed to expanding our reach and offering our members the educational and professional development tools they deserve.

HACCOF is always exploring avenues to increase the value of your membership. We would like to hear from you about your business needs to help your business grow. HACCOF's annual meeting is scheduled for February 2017. This will be the perfect opportunity for you as a member to help HACCOF identify the any issue or concerns within our business community. We look forward to hearing from HACCOF members. We encourage you to bring a friend to share in the HACCOF experience.

We are excited for the potential of 2017 and hope you are too. On behalf of the board of directors, I wish you an amazing 2017.

Joann Milord
Joann Milord
Executive Director of HACCOF



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Chamber Objectives...

Our Objectives:

- ✓ Promoting business & economic development interest in our members.
- ✓ Promoting and facilitating business, professional and social relations and cooperation among our members.
- ✓ Forming alliances with members, business and civic leaders, other chambers, associations, agencies, government officials and foreign dignitaries to accomplish its goals.
- ✓ Promoting educational seminars and conferences for the improvement of our members and the betterment of our community.
- ✓ Hosting educational, local and international trade forums.
- ✓ Organize and facilitate networking programs.
- ✓ Engaging in dialogue, cooperation and understanding within Haitian communities.

In keeping with our objectives, HACCOF serves as the advocate for the Haitian-American community as well as a resource for consumers and businesses dedicated to serving the needs of our members and the economic development of our community.



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Date: July 28, 2016

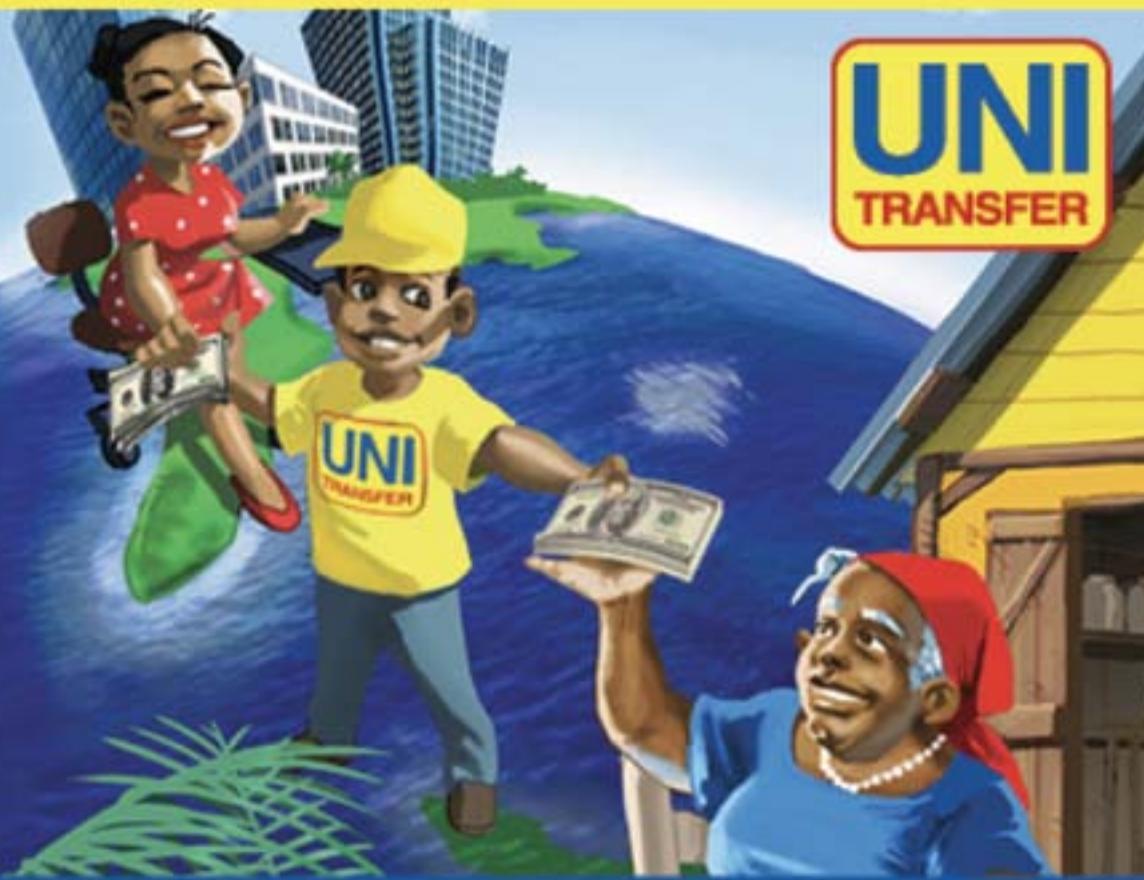
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July – December 2016

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September Meet & Greet

Date: September 29, 2016

Special guest: Mr. Gandy Thomas, New Consul General of Haiti in Miami

Community Leaders Recognized: Judge Fred Seraphin, Chief Gary Eugene, State Representative Daphne Campbell, and Major Evens Ford.



Cont. September Meet & Greet



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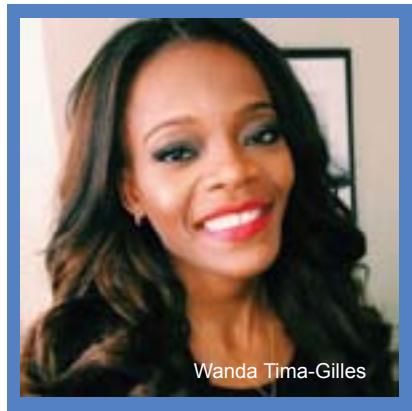
Francesca Menes

"Legacy Miami's 40 Under 40 Black Leaders of Today and Tomorrow for 2016"

We congratulate our fellow Young Haitian-American Professionals (YOPROs): Ludvy Joseph, Francesca Menes, Nadege Vilsaint, and Wanda Tima-Gilles.

Congrats...

"Legacy Miami's cont.



Class of 2016 - Connect Florida Class VII (Yopros)

**Congratulations
are in order for 2
of our very own
YOPROS!**



As expected, our YOPRO Class of 2016 continues to strive and aim high. We proudly congratulate Matthew S. Anderson and Francesca Menes. They are among the new Connect Florida Class VII. Florida's Premier Leadership Program For Young Professionals. "Connect Florida will provide these young leaders with incredible opportunities in the year ahead, and we look forward to seeing members develop as individuals, professionals, community servants, and Florida leaders."

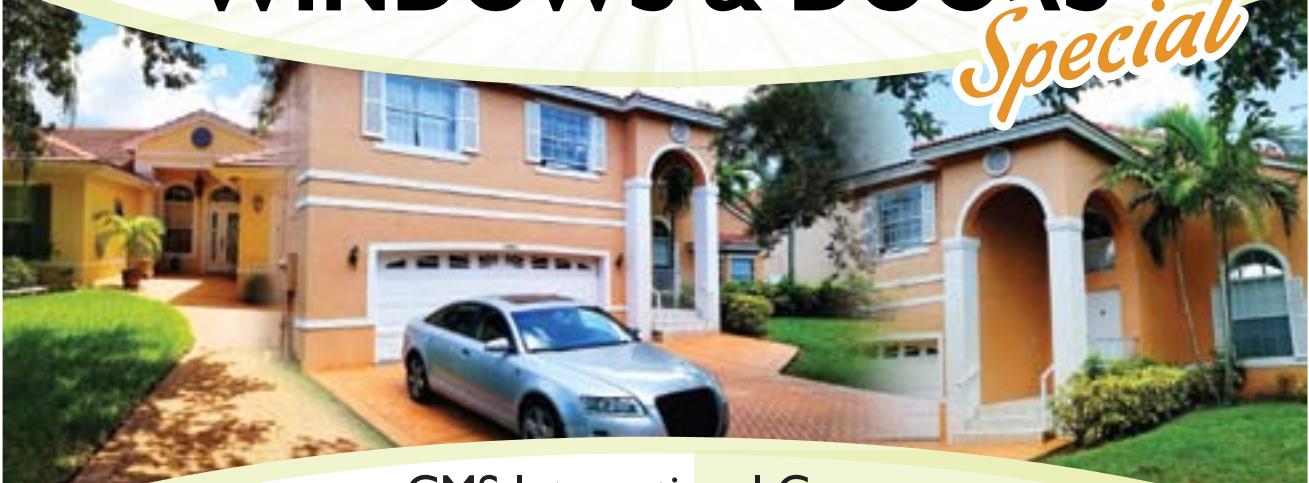




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Martinique Delegation

Date: December 7, 2016

On December 7, 2016, several Board members of the Haitian American Chamber of Commerce of Florida met with a delegation from Martinique led by Mr. Denis-Antoine Herault and Ms. Vivain Chiffrin.



The delegation from Martinique expressed the desire and willingness to develop a business and cultural relationship with Haccof's members in the diaspora and Haiti.

The conversation was focused on how to open business in Florida and the requirements to obtain business visas in the US. Also, the delegation inquired on how to partner with relief organizations in the diaspora to help in the relief effort of hurricane Matthew.



Cocktail Reception for US Ambassador to Haiti, Peter F. Mulrean

Date: November 15, 2016

Host / Co-Sponsor: Greenberg Traurig, P.A.

The Haitian-American Chamber of Commerce of Florida Board of Directors and Greenberg Traurig, P.A. send a warm thank you to everyone who attended our Cocktail Reception on Tuesday, November 15, 2016.

A Special "Thank You" to our special guest, Peter F. Mulrean, U.S. Ambassador to Haiti.

As representatives of our Haitian-American community, we encourage our members and friends to continue to participate in open communication platforms like these.

HACCOF Board



Press Release

"Haitian American Chamber of Commerce of Florida Congratulates President-elect, Mr. Jovenel Moïse "

**Jeff Lozama,
Board Chairman**

Miami, FL, November 30, 2016

We would like to warmly congratulate President-elect Jovenel Moïse and his family for this victory."

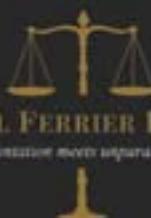
Congratulations are even more deserved given the various challenges encountered throughout this long electoral period. We also respond to your call for solidarity as Sons and Daughters living in the Diaspora, but no less committed to a better and prosperous Haiti for all its citizens.

The Haitian-American Chamber of Commerce of Florida salutes you Mr. President-elect and wishes you continued success.



"Nous tenons à féliciter vivement le Président-élu Jovenel Moïse et sa famille pour cette Victoire. Des félicitations d'autant plus méritées compte tenu des divers défis rencontrés tout au long de cette longue période électorale. Nous répondons aussi à votre appel de solidarité comme filles et fils évoluant dans la Diaspora, mais pas moins engagés envers une Haïti meilleure pour tous ses citoyens.

La Chambre de Commerce Haitiano-Américaine de Floride vous salue encore Monsieur le Président-élu et vous souhaite le plein succès."

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Early Bird Discount, Buy before the 28th and only pay \$5, after the 10th regular price applies. In advance Members \$10 and Non Members \$15. At the door \$20.

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(Please print clearly)

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