



PRESS RELEASE

Greater Delray Beach Chamber of Commerce Announces Award Winners to be Honored at Annual *LUMINARY* on Friday, October 27, 2017

**Local Business & Community Leaders to be Celebrated at
Delray Beach Marriott Include:**
Frances Bourque – Lifetime Achievement Award
Conde Center – Business of the Year
Pedro Andrade – Business Person of the Year

(Delray Beach, FL – October 11, 2017) **Vin Nolan**, Interim Chief Executive Officer of the **Greater Delray Beach Chamber of Commerce**, today announced the three noteworthy award recipients that will be honored at this year's ***LUMINARY***. The annual celebration will be held on Friday, October 27, starting at 7:00 pm, in the Grand Ballroom of the beachside **Delray Beach Marriott** at 10 N. Ocean Blvd.

"A major and much-anticipated fundraiser for the Delray Chamber of Commerce, the ***LUMINARY*** is an annual opportunity to celebrate the success of both our members as well as the whole community," said Nolan. "The goal of this year's event is to connect our past with the future, building on the energy of our 2016 ***LUMINARY*** while returning special moments that were a hallmark of previous galas, such as the presentation of special awards to deserving local individuals and businesses."

This year's worthy ***LUMINARY*** Award winners include:

+ Lifetime Achievement Award – Frances Bourque, the visionary founder of the Old School Square Cultural Arts Center. She has been named the recipient of the prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award which recognizes the body of work of civic and business leaders who leave an indelible impact on Delray Beach. According to Vin Nolan, "Frances Bourque is a true civic icon; her work with Old School Square was a catalyst for downtown revitalization and shows how arts and culture can drive economic development." The Chamber's Board Chair **Cathy Balestriere** agrees, hailing Bourque as "an historic figure, whose work created a new image for Delray Beach that enabled us to grow tourism, restaurants, retail and creative industries."

+ Business of the Year – Conde Center for Chiropractic Neurology. Founded in 2006 by **Dr. John Conde**, The Conde Center offers the most advanced, evidenced-based treatments in an environment with state-of-the-art equipment and expertly qualified physicians. The Conde Center and its staff are strong supporters of the Chamber and the whole community. Dr. Conde personally serves on the boards for both Cros Ministries and the Delray Beach Downtown Development Authority, and is a Heal Our Wounded (HOW) ambassador. Over the past 11 years, the Conde Center

has grown from 0 to 10 staff members and 20-30% year over year financially. Conde remarked “We are truly humbled and honored to be recognized as “Business of the Year”. This is a true testament to all the hard work and dedication my staff and I have invested over the years. Thank you.”

+ Business Person of the Year – Pedro Andrade, General Manager of **Anthony’s Coal Fired Pizza Delray**, who describes himself as a “partner” with the Delray Chamber of Commerce, not just a member. “People come to Anthony’s for the great food but also because Pedro makes everyone feel so special,” says Nolan. “He helps countless local nonprofit organizations in Delray by supporting their fundraising events because he truly believes that when you do good, you get good in return.”

“This has been a very busy and exciting year for the Chamber and the *LUMINARY* is where, together, we can celebrate our numerous accomplishments, thank our members for their ongoing support, and re-energize to confront the many challenges and opportunities ahead,” adds Balestriere. “I urge all of the Chamber’s members to RSVP today for this splendid event on October 27, and come out to celebrate our extraordinary award-winners.”

Tickets to attend the Delray Chamber’s *LUMINARY* are only \$150 per person or \$2,500 for eight tickets and access to a VIP Lounge. The *LUMINARY* promises tasty drinks, delectable food, music, dancing and a full evening of fun conversation with friends, and supporters of the Delray Chamber. To RSVP, please call 561.278.0424 or visit www.delraybeach.com/Luminary.

Sponsors for *LUMINARY* 2017 include **Bethesda Health, CenterState Bank, Conde Center for Chiropractic Neurology, Cranes Beach House Boutique Hotel & Luxury Villas, Delray Honda, Florida Power & Light, Nason, Yeager, Gerson, White & Lioce, P.A., Porten Companies, Sustainable Economic Development Solutions, Atlantic Ave Magazine, Delray/Boca Newspaper, MacManda Media, MC Alex Entertainment, Delray Garden Center and PR-BS, Inc.** **Experience Epic, LLC** is producing the event. To join the growing list of sponsors contact Sarah Martin at 561.501.0277.

About the Greater Delray Beach Chamber of Commerce:

The Greater Delray Beach Chamber of Commerce is nearly 1,000 businesses and professional firms working together to make the Delray Beach area a better place to live, work, and play. For nine decades, the Chamber has served as the hub of business where stakeholders intersect with government, technology, health care, education, economic development, tourism, arts, culture and non-profit interests. The Chamber’s long-time business owners coupled with new up and coming entrepreneurs create a vibrant business landscape. In fact, it is one of only 300 chambers in the country that is accredited by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, placing it in the top three percent of all chambers in the United States. For more information, call 561-278-0424 or visit www.delraybeach.com.

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