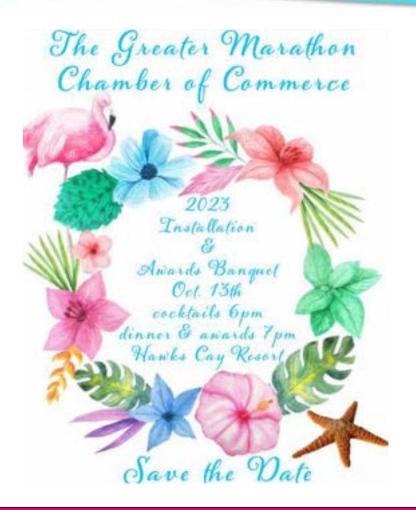


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September 13th - 5:30pm-7:30pm



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Membership Luncheon

September 19th - 12pm-1pm



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FOR DETAILS

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Chamber Member Recap

New Members This Month: 4 Total Members: 525

> Visitor Center Recap New Members: 4 Total Members: 77

Monthly Stats

June 2023
Total Visitors: 737
Daily Average: 21
Top State: Florida
Top Countries: Canada
Without Reservations: 17%

Member Referral Program:
Anytime a current member of the
Chamber successfully refers another
business to join, they will receive \$25
in "Chamber Bucks!" Chamber Bucks
can be used to attend monthly luncheon
meetings or for advertising opportunities
through our website or newsletter.

Events:

Please let us know about upcoming events or community news for our newsletter, social media pages and online calendar.

Or submit your own events to our online calendar.

Visit www.floridakeysmarathon.com and Click to Submit Your Event or contact Erika@floridakeysmarathon.com

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New/Current Member Orientation:

We want to ensure you are able to take full advantage of your chamber membership.
Please set up a Member Orientation with Erika to learn more about how you can maximize your membership with us and utilize member benefits that will help you and your business.

Contact Laura for more info:
membership@floridakeysmarathon.com
305-743-5417

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Additional opportunities to advertise to Chamber members and visitors include:

Monthly Travel Email Blast

Our Travel email blast goes out to a growing list of visitors (5,700+ including travel writers) The email blast will consist of up to 20 business listings (includes picture/logo, contact info and website link) upcoming events and featured business spotlight. This blast is a great way to get noticed by travel writers and potential visitors. The cost is only \$35/month to participate. Contact (305) 743-5417 or info@floridakeysmarathon.com

Newsletter Ad or Flyer

Take advantage of our advertising opportunities with a flyer or ad space! Contact Erika@floridakeysmarathon.com for pricing

Member Email Blast

We will send your email/flyer to all of our Chamber members and their staff (1,400+ recipients) Cost is \$50/email and you chose the date and frequency of the blast. Contact Erika@floridakeysmarathon.com for an application

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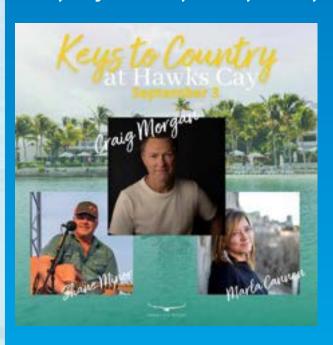
MARATHON NEWS, EVENTS & HAPPENINGS

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September Events Sep 1-3, 2023 Marathon

Florida Keys Heroes Salute Tribute Weekend Military, fire rescue, police and medical personnel are to be honored with specially priced rooms at Hawks Cay Resort and recreational programs as part of an annual Heroes Salute Labor Day weekend. Highlights of the patriotic, "heroes in action" weekend include a family fun night, a special Heroes Tribute presentation, live entertainment by local musicians, the ability to access Hawk's Cay's Keys to Country performance on Sept. 3, a fireworks show, food, games and contests. On Saturday, Sept. 2, there is to be a 5k run/walk through Duck Key followed by a special "Touch a Truck" event featuring local first responders that are both open to the public as well as to the heroes attending the special Hawk's Cay weekend. The resort is located at 61 Hawk's Cay Blvd., Duck Key. Image for Hawks Cay Resort: Keys to Country



Hawks Cay Resort: Keys to Country
Hawk's Cay Resort on Duck Key presents the next
"Keys to Country" concert and resort package starring
Craig Morgan & Friends appearing live on Sept. 3rd.
Headliner Morgan's signature hits include "Redneck Yacht
Club," "Bonfire," Almost Home," "Wake Up Loving You,"

and more. Other artists in the lineup include Marla Cannon and Shane Minor. The concert is limited to resort guests who book the Keys to Country package and attendees of the Heroes Salute Tribute Weekend. Hawk's Cay Resort is located at 61 Hawks Cay Blvd., Duck Key.



September Chamber After Hours @ Key Colony Inn September 13 @ 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm Business After Hours: 100+ in attendance/month Members-only free event Raffles, family fun, networking, and more Normally every 2nd Wednesday of the Month. 5:30 – 7:30 pm Not a member yet? Call Laura! She can help get you joined! 305-743-5417 Location: https://kcinn.com/

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September 19 @ 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
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Luncheons: 50+ in attendance/month
Members-only event
Keynote speaker each month on a business-related topic.
Normally every 3rd Tuesday of the Month.
12:00 – 1:00 pm
\$16 per person
Please RSVP to Erika@floridakeysmarathon.com
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Location: FL Keys Steak & Lobster House

The Keys Weekly Newspapers

Sunday Sponsor Spotlight

Today we shine a light on one of our amazing 2023 Best of Marathon sponsors, Greater Marathon Chamber of Commerce Their unwavering support and dedication have been instrumental in the success of the BOM!

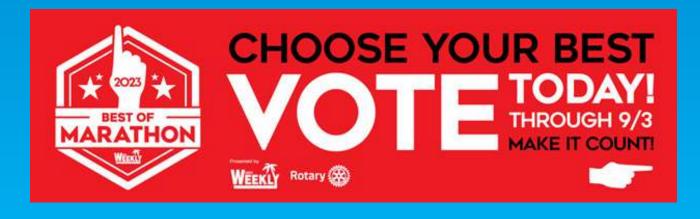
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September16th-The Best of Marathon



The Awards: Sept. 16

The 14th annual Best of Marathon awards celebration, this year on Saturday, Sept. 16 at the Million Air hangar, has become one of the most popular events in town. Tickets are not generally made available to the public due to demand. Winners, nominees and dignitaries are invited to attend and additional attendees are selected from a first-come, first-served waiting list. To be placed on this list, please email patti@keysweekly.com.



Membership Luncheon Hosted by Town Square Mall

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Business After Hours Hosted by Marathon Community Theater

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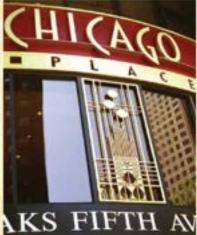
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1:00 p.m. Doors Open

1:30 p.m. Networking - "Speed Dating for Nonprofits"

2:00 p.m. Welcome

Jennifer McComb, Community Foundation of the Florida Keys

Yuri Mikolay, Ocean Reef Community Foundation

Tiffani Mensch & Leah Stockton, United Way of Collier and the Keys

Jeanette Gierula, Marathon Community Theatre

2:10 p.m. Al for Nonprofits

Shlomi Ron, CEO, Visual Storytelling Institute

2:50 p.m. Nonprofit Day Group Photo
3:00 p.m. Storytelling for Nonprofits Panel

Hannah Edwards, Habitat for Humanity of Key West & Lower Keys

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Gabriela Rojas, *Miami Diaper Bank* Shlomi Ron, *Visual Storytelling Institute*

Moderated by Mandy Miles, Editor, Keys Weekly

4:00 p.m. Reception Sponsored by First State Bank of the Florida Keys

5:00 p.m. Bar Closes



Editor, Keys Weekly







Membership Luncheon

Tuesday

September 19th

Noon-1pm

\$16

RSVP Required

Limited Seating

Speaker: Drew Grossman, CEO Fishermen's & Mariners Hospitals



Topic: updates at

Fishermen's Community Hospital

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September



Dear Valued Members,

September is here, and believe it or not; it feels like a normal start to our off-season. While it is nice to get back to a more normalized, pre-pandemic schedule; please be vigilant in your preparations for the fast approaching winter when things will pick up. Since we have some time to breathe use it strategically to look into how you can further improve your operations, finances, services, etc. For any assistance and help on the aforementioned please call me anytime. I am happy to help as well as connect you to those who can be of specific service. We work closely with our Small Business Development Center (SBDC), and they have consultants in all types of business areas that will work with you FREE of charge. Speaking of our SBDC, we are co-sponsoring a series of Small Business seminars with them that begin Sept. 13th and run through mid-Oct. For more info please reach out or see the flyer on our website, FB page, and weekly eblasts.

It is also that time of year for us to hold our annual Board of Directors elections. Please keep an eye out in the mail for a letter from us which will contain your ballot and a return envelope. We appreciate your vote/participation to determine who will serve on your Chamber Board of Directors in 2023-2024. We also started our BIG Raffle contest so be sure to get your tickets for a chance to win a vacation or \$2,000 in cash, as well as other great prizes (hotel stays in Key West, Vero Beach, and more)!

Lastly, mark your calendars for our annual Awards & Installation Banquet at Hawks Cay Resort on Friday, October 13st! We are very excited to be back at Hawks Cay for a fun evening with great cuisine, entertainment, and chamber-comradery.

Please know that our team at your Greater Marathon Chamber of Commerce is doing everything we can to assist you and our 530+ members. Thank you, be well, and know that your Marathon Chamber is here for you in any way we are able to assist.

Most Respectfully,

CEO, Greater Marathon Chamber of Commerce

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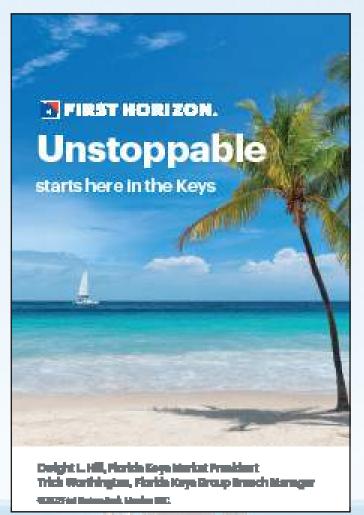
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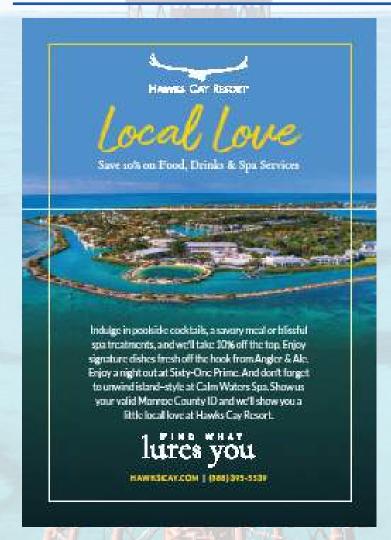
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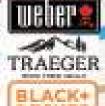


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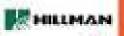




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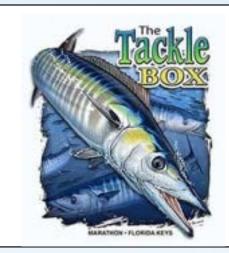
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