



DECEMBER BOD MEETING & STATE ETHICS TRAINING HIGHLIGHTS



The MDCLC held its Board of Director's meeting on Thursday, December 14, 2017, at The Grand Bay Club. We would like to thank the Village of Key Biscayne for hosting the December Board of Director's meeting. Councilman Luis F. de la Cruz, Village of Key Biscayne, gave the invocation. Councilman Brett Moss, Village of Key Biscayne, led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Mayra Peña Lindsay of the Village of Key Biscayne welcomed all and provided a brief history of the Village she then thanked everyone for visiting the municipality.



Former State Senator and CRC Commissioner Chris Smith gave a presentation on the CRC Proposal 61. CRC Proposal 61 establishes a transparent process for the Legislature to follow when preempting the constitutional Home Rule powers granted in Article VIII, Section 2(b). Proposal 61 requires legislation restricting municipal home rule authority to pass each house of the Legislature by a two-thirds vote; state with specificity the statewide necessity justifying the restriction; be no broader than necessary to accomplish the statewide necessity expressed; contain only one restriction of municipal home rule authority; relate to only one subject; and be considered by at least one committee of each house, each of which must publicly notice the legislation no less than 48 hours prior to its consideration. Commissioner Smith asked the members to contact the CRC and ask them to support this proposal.



This year the League hosted its Eleventh Annual Turkey Drive on November 16, 2017. Thanks to the support of our sponsors we were able to distribute 1000 turkeys and bags of non-perishable foods to those families in need during this thanksgiving holiday. Thank you Ms. Maria Luisa Gonzalez, Baptist Health South Florida, Mayor Yioiset de la Cruz and Mr. Manuel Carrera, City of Hialeah Gardens, Mr. Manuel Maroño and Mr. Gil Chez, TruckMax, and Mr. Patrick G. Morris of Wells Fargo for your support and participation.



The MDCLC hosted two State Ethics Training Courses, on Thursday November 9, 2017 at the Grapeland Heights Park in Miami and on December 12, 2017 in the City of Miami Gardens Council Chambers. Close to 50 local elected officials, in addition to municipal clerks, managers, assistant city attorney's, and administrative staff attended each training. The MDCLC City Attorney's Committee chaired by City Attorney Sonja Dickens, City of Miami Gardens along with City Attorney's Hans Ottinot, City of Sunny Isles Beach, Craig Leen, City of Coral Gables, Victoria Mendez, City of Miami, and Mr. Robert Meyers, Esq., Weiss Serota Helfman et al..., spoke on Article II, Section 8 of the Florida Constitution, Part III, Chapter 112 Florida Statutes (code of Ethics), Public Records, and Public Meeting (Sunshine Law). Each of the instructors were extremely knowledgeable on the subject matter and together were able to discuss and answer questions from the participants. A special thank you to our instructors who made this training possible and to everyone who attended the training session.



On Friday, December 15, 2017 the Miami-Dade City and County Management Association (MDCCMA) hosted their Holiday Luncheon and invited Executive Director of the MDCLC to attend. The luncheon was a success and the municipalities were well represented by their municipal managers. President Gilbert and the Board of Director's would like to wish all of the managers a festive holiday season and thank the MDCCMA Executive Board, President Edward Rojas, City of Doral, Vice President Andrea Agha, Town of Miami Lakes, Treasurer Ramiro Inguanzo, Bal Harbour Village, and Secretary Candido Sosa Cruz, City of North Miami Beach for having a close working relationship with our League.



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64th Annual Gala Saturday, May 12th, 2018

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