

The official newsletter of the Executive Women of the Palm Beaches Foundation

Leading with a Purpose: How Leaders can Recognize and Prevent Human Trafficking



This educational forum was presented by the Executive Women of the Palm Beaches, and hosted by the Outreach Committee, on 9/16/26. This forum brought together local agencies who work daily to prevent human trafficking, exploitation, sextortion, cyber bullying and child abductions; PALM BEACH COUNTY HUMAN TRAFFICKING TASK FORCE (Laura Cusack, (laura.cusack.connect@gmail.com) & Vikki Delgado (vikkidelgado5@gmail.com), These ladies also spoke on behalf of THE HUMAN TRAFFICKING COALITION PALM BEACH COUNTY on local cases, data, victim rights from the advocate side, what parents/caretakers must start looking for, general behavioral concerns and more. A video on SEXTORTION was the introduction to the reality of what is VERY REAL. Children are being victimized in school, at local get togethers, dozens of social media sites are capturing the most vulnerable and this list goes on. Most children are not aware that their interactions on social media is actually sextortion. HUMAN TRAFFICKING INVOLVES THE USE OF FORCE, FRAUD, OR COERCION TO OBTAIN SOME TYPE OF LABOR OR COMMERCIAL SEX ACT. Human trafficking knows no bounds. This modern-day form of slavery claims victims of all ages, genders, ethnicities, and demographics.

JUPITER POLICE DEPARTMENT WAS REPRESENTED BY DEPUTY CHIEF SCOTT KIMBARK AND SARGEANT IRIS STAN (a member of the EWPB) - Deputy Chief Kimbark provided stats & trends on the Jupiter area and what is being seen in the local schools. Sargeant Stan spoke of a case she has been involved in for several years with a local girl insofar as Sextortion. It mirrored the SEXTORTION VIDEO that was viewed this evening. This was an eye-opening moment for everyone in the audience.

Leading with a Purpose:

PALM BEACH COUNTY SCHOOL POLICE was represented by Sargeant Michelle Lockhart who spoke candidly about her experiences with cyber bullying, sextortion, vaping, suicide & social media.

THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN & FAMILIES was scheduled to speak however traffic conditions kept Ms. Goodman from appearing. DCF works closely with PBCHT Task Force and the HT Coalition of PBC...

The overall message is to recognize signs of human trafficking by participating in educational forums and reach out to professionals whenever doubt exists. Exploitation crosses all walks of life & is happening in plain sight.

Another way to get involved is the "100 PERCENT CLUB" which was created in partnership between Florida businesses, organizations and the Florida Office of the Attorney General. It is a one hour online training program to equip employers how to recognize signs of human trafficking ([VIEW INFO HERE](#)).

The community must support efforts locally and statewide to prevent such crimes against the most vulnerable. Support law enforcement in their efforts to identify and stabilize victims, continue promoting and developing partnerships with corporate, philanthropic & regional advocates throughout Florida and nationally.

The Outreach Committee was delighted to present this forum to over fifty community members including college students as part of our commitment to educate on important issues that affect our community. The other events that were held by the Outreach Committee were Breast Cancer Walk in January and an event in partnership with Dress for Success in May.



Phyllis Choy
Realtor
Vice Mayor, Town of Jupiter



Julie Swindler
VP of Community Outreach

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EWPB Needs YOU!

Are you ready to take your involvement with EWPB to the next level?

The Executive Women of the Palm Beaches Foundation is seeking passionate, engaged members interested in serving on our Board of Directors and in key officer leadership positions.

Serving in a leadership role is an opportunity to share your expertise, strengthen connections with fellow members, and help guide the programs, initiatives, and community impact of our Foundation.

Current Leadership Opportunities

In addition to general Board of Directors positions, we are seeking candidates for the following officer roles:

- President
- Treasurer
- Vice President of Finance
- Secretary
- Vice President of Community Outreach

Whether you have previous board experience or are ready to explore a new leadership opportunity, we encourage you to express your interest!

Interested in Serving? Know Someone Who Would Be a Great Fit?

We welcome both self-nominations and nominations of fellow EWPB members:

[Click Here!](#)

Form Submissions Due by Nov. 3, 2026 at 7pm.

Help us continue building a strong, engaged leadership team dedicated to advancing EWPB's mission and making a lasting impact in our community.

Upcoming Events

Fall Foundation Luncheon

October 22nd at 11:30am
Marriott West Palm Beach
Register [HERE!](#)

Seat at the Table:
Living Well, Leading Well
Members Exclusive

November 12th at 8:30am
Higher Order, WPB
Register [HERE!](#)

Holiday Luncheon

December 3rd at 11:30am
PGA National Resort
Sponsorship Opportunities Available!

3rd Annual Trailblazers Event

February 26 at 8:30am
Riviera Beach

43rd Annual Women in Leadership Awards Luncheon

May 6th at 11:30am
Kravis Center, Cohen Pavilion

Reoccurring:

Breakfast Bunch

First Friday of the Month, 8:00am
Lili's Cafe, Palm Beach Gardens

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Welcome

New Members:

Charlotte Hall

CEO

Stickman Productions LLC

Mary Hart

CEO

YWCA of Palm Beach County

Amanda Moss

Vice President/Trust Officer

Citizens Private Wealth

Theresa Valinotti

President/Owner

HER Next Chapter -Securing Income
& Wealth for Women in Retirement

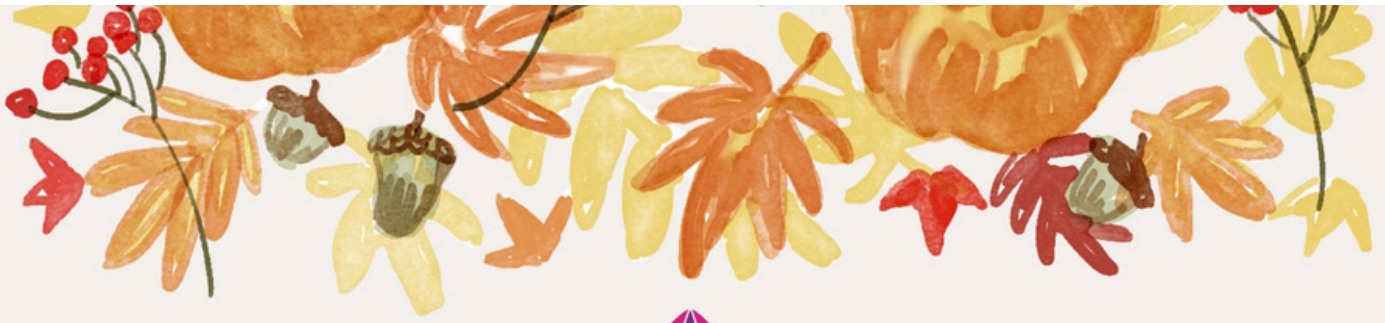
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Fall Foundation *Luncheon*

RECOGNIZING THE 2026 EWPBF GRANT RECIPIENTS.

22 OCTOBER, 2026 | 11:30AM

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EWPB Members \$75 | Non-Members \$85

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Leadership, Wellness & Longevity

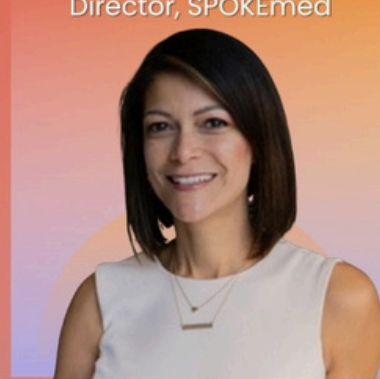
Michaeline Daboul

Founder, Thrive for
Longevity



Michelle Middleton, PA-C

Founder & Clinical
Director, SPOKEmed



Thursday

Nov. 12, 2026

8:30am-10:00am

8:30am Breakfast & Networking

8:45am Event Starts

Higher Order

424 Park Place, Suite 104
West Palm Beach, FL 33401

Join Executive Women of the Palm Beaches for a morning of inspiring conversation and connection with two accomplished women dedicated to helping women thrive at every stage of life. Gain practical insights to support your health, energy, and longevity.

Morning Agenda:

- Coffee & Networking
- Speaker Presentations
- Audience Q&A
- Guided Tour of Higher Order

Members Register: ewpb.org/monthlyevents

Register HERE!



Member Spotlight:

EDITH "EDIE" SCOTT
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,
NO FORGOTTEN KIDS

EWPPF Involvement so far:

My entry point to EWPPF was at WILA this past Spring before I was yet a member. I can't think of a better way to see the advantages of being in this organization, than sitting at that back, new-member table witnessing the camaraderie, support, and celebration of each other and the pure joy in that room. Truly inspiring!

I also attended the Dressed for Success Pop-up fundraiser later in May and scored several great finds for the summer and met more amazing women.

Tell us a little about your professional journey.

After college, I joined the Peace Corps as a Fisheries Extension Agent in Burundi, Africa, then received my M.Ed. in Instructional Learning, Design & Technology from UGA. I then spent more than 25 years in technology, specifically user experience, evolving from an instructional designer for the CDC's digital products, to a UX Designer and Researcher for such companies as The Coca-Cola Company, CVS, Publix, Office Depot, Charles Schwab, and The Veterans Administration. A full-circle moment occurred when a friend asked me to lead his non-profit, No Forgotten Kids, which is dedicated to educating some of the poorest and often forgotten children around the world. We say our model is 'designed for donor exit, not dependency' because schools become self-financing and community owned. Our proof-of-concept school is in Milot, Haiti, but the world is our mission.

What inspired you to join Executive Women of the Palm Beaches Foundation?

Honestly, I longed for connection with like-minded women who were taking risks, leading, creating, building- while also recognizing the value of giving back. In my new role leading a small nonprofit and wearing a lot of hats, I also believe I can learn from women who have more experience than I in my new role. Likewise, I'm also happy to share my experience with AI, designing user-friendly digital products, conducting focus groups, and even teaching a Pilates class (comprehensively certified for 20 years ☐).

What's one accomplishment you're most proud of?

I am most proud of my 17 yr. old daughter who will be graduating from Dreyfoos School of the Arts next year. She knew one other person as she boarded the Tri Rail from Boca her freshmen year. Today, she's thriving, independent, and strong. She inspires me every day and has been my biggest cheerleader during my big career move. Once I took the leap, I realized how much I already had to draw on: my years in the Peace Corps and a long career in user experience, where my whole goal was to create meaningful, intuitive experiences for the people on the other end. I'm also proud that I trusted myself to start before I felt fully ready, and that both of those chapters turned out to be exactly what this work required.

What advice would you give to other women leaders in Palm Beach County?

Don't wait until you feel fully qualified to start.

I've taken on clients, projects, and most recently, made a big career change, without all the boxes checked. What I learned is that the experience you already carry usually matters more than you think.

- Bet on yourself a little sooner than feels comfortable.
- Know that leadership qualities aren't precise or exact. You don't have to be extroverted or a social butterfly. Nor do you have to be Type A, super-detail oriented. Yes, those traits can help, but...when you're genuine, passionate, focused, and committed, it shows, and people resonate with your message.
- Stay curious and surround yourself with people who know more than you in the areas where you're still learning. When you find your footing, reach back and help the next woman find hers.

What's something fun or surprising about you that most people don't know?

I held a 14-minute plank for the January Soldiers Against Suicide Fundraising Event ☐

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2026 Scholarship Reception

On Tuesday, October 6th we welcomed 40 scholarship recipients, scholarship donors, and members to the Delray Beach Public Library for our award ceremony. It was heartwarming to meet the very qualified recipients and their families.



Additional event photos [HERE!](#)