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President's Message



Greetings FBC-LEO Members and Friends!

Let's take a moment to celebrate the incredible women who have shaped our lives with love, wisdom and strength. Whether they're with us or watching over us from above, their impact endures, guiding us through life's journey with unwavering support and boundless affection. To all mothers, grandmothers, stepmothers and mother figures, thank you for your unconditional love, endless sacrifices and the countless ways you make our world brighter.

As we cherish the joy of family and the warmth of maternal love, let's also pause to remember and honor those who gave their lives in service to our nation. Memorial Day is a solemn reminder of the brave men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice to protect the freedoms we hold dear. Their courage, valor and selflessness will forever be etched in our hearts and minds. We pay tribute to these heroes and express our deepest gratitude for their sacrifice and devotion.

Happy Mother's Day to all the amazing moms and may we never forget the profound significance of Memorial Day.

A gentle reminder to please submit your annual membership dues before June 3, 2024.

Our next General Membership Meeting is scheduled for June 11, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. ET via Zoom.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. West". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

President Morris West
Commissioner, City of Haines City

2024 FBC-LEO Dues



The final 2024 FBC-LEO membership dues notice was sent via email on March 29.

Please note that on **June 3rd**, members with outstanding dues balances will be marked as inactive. Consequently, they will no longer have access to FBC-LEO member benefits, which include the FBC-LEO Newsletter, event notifications, webinars and listing in the FBC-LEO Directory.

Should you have any inquiries, feel free to reach to fbcleo@flcities.com.

Thank you for your membership. We appreciate your continued support of FBC-LEO.

2024 FBC-LEO Annual Conference Recap



April 4-5, we came gathered for an exceptional 2024 FBC-LEO Annual Conference. It was a gathering filled with empowerment and enlightenment for local elected officials. From captivating keynote speeches to engaging table talk discussions, attendees were immersed in a wealth of insights and collaboration.

To all who participated, we extend out heartfelt gratitude. Your presence and contributions made this conference truly exceptional. And for those who were unable to attend we eagerly anticipate seeing you at the 2025 FBC-LEO Conference, where you can partake in the unparalleled experience of our association.

As promised, below you'll find video highlights capturing the enriching experiences we shared together. We look forward to reconvening next year for another memorable conference.

[**CLICK HERE FOR CONFERENCE VIDEO**](#)



Join us at the 2024 Florida League of Cities Annual Conference where FBC-LEO will be hosting a booth in the exhibit hall at the **Diplomat Beach Resort Hollywood, 3555 S. Ocean Drive, Hollywood, FL 33019.**

We're calling all members to volunteer at the booth and engage with conference attendees on August 15-16, 2024.

This booth aims to enhance FBC-LEO's visibility and provide valuable information about our association.

To volunteer, please sign-up no later than August 9, 2024, using the link below.

[**Volunteer Sign-up Here**](#)

FBC-LEO Membership Inquiry Form



FBC-LEO Membership Inquiry Form

FBC-LEO strives to continuously enhance and serve our members. We kindly request that you fill out our Membership Re-Election Inquiry Form. Completing the short form will significantly impact the initiatives set by the FBC-LEO Board of Directors.

All information provided will be kept confidential and used solely for the purposes intended.

[**CLICK HERE TO COMPLETE THE FORM**](#)

From Our Partners



**The Florida Department of State
The Division of Arts and Culture promotes arts and
culture as essential to quality of life for all Floridians.**

The Division of Arts and Culture invites eligible Floridian nonprofits, public entities and resident professional artists to apply to Specific Cultural Project grant at dosgrants.com. Proposed projects should focus on increasing accessibility to underserved populations, including those impacted by poverty, in hospital or care facilities, military service families and veterans.

Eligibility for the Arts in Education Specific Cultural Project Application extends to active Florida nonprofits, public entities, local governments, state entities, school districts, colleges, universities, teaching artists and performing arts on tour. All applicants must provide proof of eligibility.

For more information, visit <https://dos.fl.gov/cultural/grants> or contact Adrienne Morrison-Hogan at 850.245-6325.



Be sure all of the upcoming FBC-LEO events are on your calendar.

Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, June 11, 2024
5:00 p.m. ET via Zoom

[**Register Here**](#)

General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, June 11, 2024
6:00 p.m. ET via Zoom

[**Register Here**](#)

**FBC-LEO Annual Breakfast
Registration Opening Soon**

Friday, August 16, 2024

In conjunction with the Florida
League of Cities Annual Conference

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