

Good afternoon and welcome to the annual Chamber of Commerce Legislative Luncheon. On behalf of Chamber President Chris Duggan, the Council and membership, I'd like to introduce and acknowledge the members of the Legislative Assembly and special guests who have accepted our invitation and are seated at various corporate tables. At this time I will introduce our invited guests and ask them each to stand to be recognised:

- Your Excellency the Governor, Ms. Helen Kilpatrick
- Premier, Hon. Alden McLaughlin Jr., Minister for Home and Community Affairs
- Madam Speaker, the Hon. Ms. Julianna O'Connor-Connolly
- Deputy Governor, Hon. Franz Manderson
- Deputy Premier, Hon. Moses Kirkconnell, Minister for District Administration, Tourism & Transport
- Hon. D. Kurt Tibbetts, Minister for Planning, Lands, Agriculture, Housing and Infrastructure
- Hon. Osbourne Bodden, Minister for Health, Sports, Youth and Culture
- Hon. Marco Archer, Minister for Finance & Economic Development

- Hon. Wayne Panton, Minister for Financial Services, Commerce & Environment
- Hon. Tara Rivers, Minister for Education, Employment and Gender Affairs
- Attorney General, the Hon. Samuel Bulgin
- Alva Suckoo, Councilor for Ministry of Home and Community Affairs
- Joey Hew, Councilor for Ministry of District Administration, Tourism and Transport
- Roy McTaggart, Councilor for Ministry of Finance and Economic Development and Ministry of Financial Services, Commerce and Environment
- Winston Conolly, Councilor for Education, Employment & Gender Affairs
- Cabinet Secretary, Mr. Samuel Rose
- Financial Secretary, Mr. Kenneth Jefferson
- Eric Bush, Chief Officer, Ministry of Home and Community Affairs
- David Baines, Commissioner of Police
- Roy Tatum, Senior Political Advisor to the Premier and Minister for Home and Community Affairs

- Tammie Chisholm, Press Secretary to the Premier and Minister for Home and Community Affairs
- Kenneth Bryan, Political Assistant to the Premier and Minister for Home and Community Affairs
- Richard Holmwood, Economic Advisor, Foreign and Commonwealth Office

I would also ask the members of the Chamber of Commerce Council to please stand when I call your names and be recognised:

- Chamber President Chris Duggan
- President-Elect Johann Moxam
- Vice President Barry Bodden
- Secretary Len Jackson
- Councilors Katie O'Neill, Alan Brady, Paul Pearson

I would also like to acknowledge our Past Presidents and Secretaries who are here with us today:

- MLA Roy McTaggart
- MLA Joey Hew
- Angelyn Hernandez
- Sophia Ann Harris
- David Kirkaldy

- Jim O'Neill
- Paul Harris.

The Council and Staff considers this annual luncheon to be one of the most important dates in the Chamber of Commerce calendar each year and we would like to thank the Premier and the elected Government for agreeing to attend and participate in this event.

It is not very often that we have such a large turnout of members in one venue so I'd like to recognise some Chamber Champions and to provide this distinguished audience with some information about upcoming Chamber events, activities and initiatives.

Firstly, let me acknowledge the 22 corporate table sponsors for today's luncheon. Your logos are displayed on the table and on the big screens. Thank you for investing in this event. Special thanks to the management and staff of the Ritz Carlton for helping us to make this event possible.

CAYSHOP: If your business is interested in showcasing your products and services to thousands of potential consumers there is still time to reserve a booth at the CAYSHOP Business Expo at the Arts and Recreation Centre in Camana Bay from 24-26th October. Small and larger businesses from various industry sectors come together under

one roof to introduce new products and to offer special rates just prior to the start of the busy holiday shopping season. 8 spaces remain so please contact the Chamber if you'd like to reserve a spot. Starting at \$200, the show is the most affordable opportunity of the year to promote your business.

REMAX/CHAMBER Charity Golf: REMAX and the Chamber will be raising funds in support of the Meals on Wheels programme, Breast Cancer Awareness and the NCVO Pines Retirement home at the Charity Golf Classic on 1st November. The Halloween themed event promises to be the best fun you will have on the golf course this year. If your business is interested in entering a team or sponsoring the event please contact Leanna at the Chamber office.

GOLDEN APPLE AWARDS: Teachers are the foundation of any successful society and often they are among the least appreciated. The Chamber in partnership with the Ministry of Education, Employment and Gender Affairs, will recognise some of Cayman's top educators on Saturday, 30th November at the 5th Chamber of Commerce Golden Apple Awards for Excellence in Teaching at the Westin. Chamber Champions, Maples, Dart and Weststar TV, are among the outstanding supporters of this initiative. If your business would like to become a Partner in Education or Gift sponsor, please let us know. The deadline

for nominating an outstanding educator in a public or private school or to recognise an educator who has dedicated more than 25 years of their lives to the development of education is 30th September. Printed nomination forms have been placed at your tables so please consider who you would like to see recognised this year.

ADVOCACY: The Chamber Council develops its policy positions based on the feedback from the membership utilizing the results from regular online surveys, conducting focus groups, holding regular meetings with business and government leaders and serving on government boards and committees. Two major surveys are being finalized for release to the membership shortly: the annual **State of Business Survey** and a special survey dealing with the introduction of **Daylight Savings Time** and **Sunday Trading**. President Chris is meeting regularly with Chief Officer Eric Bush on these matters and it is hoped the results of the survey will assist legislators to consider these two matters in the near future. The results from these surveys will assist with the development of Chamber advocacy positions on these subjects. Please take the time to complete the surveys since the Council is always seeking to reflect and represent the membership's majority interests.

BUSINESS EXCELLENCE: The Chamber's Small Business Committee, chaired by Secretary Len Jackson, will be introducing a new awards

programme in 2014. The Chamber of Commerce Business Excellence Awards will recognise some of Cayman's top businesses. Digicel and Caribbean Publishing Company have each signed up as major sponsors and supporters of the initiative. If your business wishes to be associated with this new awards programme please contact Chamber Secretary Len Jackson or myself.

LEADERSHIP CAYMAN: Applications are now being accepted for the 2014 Leadership Cayman class. At this time, I would ask everyone in our audience who has graduated from Leadership Cayman to please stand and be recognised. Entering its fifth year, Leadership Cayman is a 6-month programme that is making a difference in our community by connecting, informing and inspiring leaders to gain a better understanding of their personal leadership style and the community in which they live and work. Please visit www.leadershipcayman.ky to see if you qualify and to apply.

CHAMBER Website: The Chamber of Commerce was the first local business association to launch a membership based website in 1996. The original website was redesigned in 2003 and we are currently giving the site a complete make-over. After 10 years, the new caymanchamber.ky will be launched at the CAYSHOP Expo in late

October. Please stop by the Chamber booth to see how member businesses can benefit from the new site.

CHAMBER COMMITTEES:

Get involved in the work of the Chamber by volunteering to serve on one or more of the following committees: Membership, Small Business, Local Producers, Future of Cayman economic development initiative, CAYSHOP, Workforce Development and Leadership Cayman. Let any Council member or staff know you are interested and we will provide you with further information.

NOMINATIONS TO THE CHAMBER COUNCIL: The annual general meeting of the Chamber will take place on Wednesday, 11th December at the Chamber conference room in Governors Square. The Nominations Committee will be meeting shortly to identify members who would be interested in serving on the Chamber of Commerce Council. If interested please let President Chris, President-Elect Johann, Vice President Barry or myself know and we will be happy to provide you with information about the commitment that is involved. It is a great way to serve the Chamber and to help the Council to develop policy positions.

Introductory remarks by Mr. Wil Pineau, CCE, Chief Executive Officer, Cayman Islands Chamber of Commerce at the Legislative Luncheon on 26th September 2013 at the Ritz Carlton, Grand Cayman.

Thank you for your attention. I would now like to ask Cabinet Secretary Samuel Rose to offer the blessing for today's event before lunch is served.