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West Boynton coalition hosts Appreciation Breakfast

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The Coalition of Boynton West Residential Associations recently hosted an Appreciation Breakfast at the Aberdeen Country Club in [Boynton Beach](#).

The event honored the presidents, delegates and alternates of the group's 88 member communities.

"The purpose of this meeting is to recognize and salute the volunteers who serve our communities and the organization," said Ken Lassiter, the group's president.

"We all live in communities managed by volunteers who serve on our boards of directors. Leading each board is a most special community volunteer, the president. The president is the one who gets all those phone calls, the one who must organize and chair every board meeting.

"...The president must follow up after the meeting to see that all board decisions are implemented and keep the property manager on deadline. The job never ends. Being president is often a thankless job. Today, we in COBWRA salute and thank our community presidents for their tireless service, their leadership, their patience and their commitment to serving their communities."

The list of guest speakers attested to the group's prominence in the community. Among the speakers were U.S. Rep. Ron Klein, State Attorney Michael McAuliffe, County Commissioners Burt Aaronson (chairman) and Shelley Vana, and a representative from U.S. Sen. Bill Nelson's office. Supervisor of Elections Susan Bucher and Tax Collector Anne Gannon also attended.

The event's featured speaker was Harvey E. Oyer III, attorney and author of "The Adventures of Charlie Pierce: The American Jungle."

Oyer is a fifth-generation native Floridian whose book details Pierce's adventures around the turn of the 20th century. Pierce, Oyer's great-grand uncle, was one of the legendary Barefoot Mailmen who delivered mail by boat and foot along South

Florida's beaches from 1885 to 1893. Pierce eventually became [Boynton Beach](#)'s first postmaster and served until his death in 1939.

"How many people here were born in Florida?" Oyer asked as he began his talk. Very few hands went up in the audience of more than 200.

Oyer then had a slide presentation illustrating some of the pages from his book. Oyer served for eight years as chairman of the Historical Society of [Palm Beach County](#). Copies of his book can be obtained from Middle River Press at **Error! Hyperlink reference not valid.** from <http://www.historicalsocietypbc.org>.

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