

**COBWRA DELEGATES MEETING
INDIAN SPRING – JANUARY 17, 2018
MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

WELCOME

INDIAN SPRING DELEGATE JOAN MOSS and **MASTER ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT ARTHUR KAPLAN** welcomed the Delegates and guests and explained that Indian Spring was one of the seven founding members of COBWRA.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

PRESIDENT MYRNA ROSOFF acknowledged the delegates who represented COBWRA during Palm Beach County Days in Tallahassee, Phil Barlage, Bruce Brodsky and Barbara Roth who spent two days in Tallahassee at the start of the 2018 Legislative Session, sharing COBWRA's 2018 Legislative Priorities with THIRTY-NINE (39) State Senators and Representatives.



PICTURED: (L-R) BARBARA ROTH, REPRESENTATIVE AMY MERCADO, AND PALM BEACH COUNTY FIREFIGHTER AL PULVIRENTI

ELECTED OFFICIALS' REPORTS

- **COMMISSIONER MARY LOU BERGER** encouraged everyone to tell our firefighters what a great job they do. She also reported that the County turnout for Palm Beach County Days in Tallahassee was "huge." The Commissioner also expressed great concern about the fact that the Legislature is taking money from the Sadowski Fund, which is supposed to be earmarked for a variety of Affordable Housing programs.
- **COMMISSIONER DAVID KERNER** expressed great pride in the work COBWRA has been doing in recent month to Preserve the Ag Reserve. He noted that when communities with common interests come together, they can be very effective in communicating their message.

FIRST RESPONDERS REPORTS

- **PBSO CAPTAIN CHRISTOPHER KEANE** discussed District 6's enhanced Mission and Vision statement which focuses on Integrity, Teamwork, Service, Respect, and Discipline. He also alerted the Delegates to a gang working our area who are stealing unattended women's purses and/or their contents.
- **AL PULVIRENTI** from **PALM BEACH COUNTY FIRE RESCUE** noted that he and his colleagues were honored to serve as escorts for the participants in Palm Beach County Days in Tallahassee.

HEALTH & WELLNESS COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE CHAIR JOAN BRUNSWICK reminded delegates of the upcoming Health & Wellness Symposium: **I'm a Caregiver – Now What?** on Thursday, February 8, 2018. The program will be held at Valencia Pointe. Doors open & refreshments will be served at 6:00 p.m. Program Begins: 7:00 p.m.

PROGRAM

COBWRA BY THE NUMBERS: PART TWO

AN UPDATE ON THE WORTH OF THE COBWRA AREA TO THE COUNTY AS REPRESENTED BY PROPERTY VALUES AND TAXES

Presented by Dorothy Jacks, CFE, AAS,
Palm Beach County Property Appraiser



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COBWRA 1ST VP PHIL
BARLAGE, PROPERTY
APPRAISER DOROTHY
JACKS, AND
COBWRA PRESIDENT
MYRNA ROSOFF

PALM BEACH COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER DOROTHY JACKS

explained that Palm Beach County is the 3rd most valuable county in the State of Florida. She then went on to provide a detailed accounting of the impact of the tax revenue generated by the COBWRA service area to the County. Among the interesting facts discussed:

- If COBWRA member communities were incorporated, it would be the largest municipality in Palm Beach County.
- COBWRA member communities paid \$42,891,452 in taxes to Palm Beach County in 2017.
- Properties within the COBWRA boundaries (members and non-members) paid \$54,611,307 in taxes to Palm Beach County in 2017.
- COBWRA communities account for 18% of all parcels in unincorporated Palm Beach County.
- If the boundaries of COBWRA were incorporated into a municipality it would have the largest parcel count in Palm Beach County: 60,179 parcels.

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**STATE SENATE DISTRICT 31 SPECIAL ELECTION
MEET THE CANDIDATES EVENT**

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28, 2018 • 2:00 P.M. • JAMAICA BAY

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