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## **CULTURAL COUNCIL OF PALM BEACH COUNTY WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS TO 2018-19 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The Cultural Council of Palm Beach County has added eight new members to its board of directors this year, including Elizabeth A. Bowers of Gunster; Charles Hanna of PNC Wealth Management; Paul M. Hess of J.P. Morgan Private Bank; Jo Anne R. Moeller of J.A.R Moeller, LLC; Gopal Rajegowda of Related Companies; and philanthropists Frances Fisher, Sherry R. Jacobs and Leonard Klorfine.

“As the Cultural Council recently celebrated its 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, our board of directors will play a pivotal role in steering our next chapter,” said Dave Lawrence, president & CEO. “Our new members were carefully selected to bring unique insight from the arts, business, tourism and legal sectors. We look forward to their leadership as we continue to champion, engage and grow the arts in Palm Beach County.”

**Elizabeth A. Bowers** is a probate litigator and estate planner with Gunster in the Private Wealth Services practice. Prior to joining Gunster, she served as a federal judicial law clerk to the Honorable Donald M. Middlebrooks of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida and received an LL.M. in taxation from the University of Florida. Ms. Bowers is a member of Florida Blue Key and the Law Alumni Council and serves in local community activities through Junior League of the Palm Beaches. She resides in Palm Beach Gardens.

Palm Beach resident **Frances Fisher** is a philanthropist and activist. She currently serves as chairwoman of the Gardens Conservancy at the Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens, trustee of South Florida Science Center & Aquarium and as a board member of the Palm Beach Civic Association and Palm Beach Atlantic University’s Le Mieux Center for Public Policy. She worked in the public and nonprofit sectors in Washington, D.C. before co-founding and directing the National Environmental Policy Institute. Mrs. Fisher currently serves on the president’s cabinet for the Performing Arts Academic Center at the University of Alabama – her alma mater. She and her husband enjoy family time together between their homes in Palm Beach and Fisher Island, Florida and Chatham, Massachusetts.

**Charles Hanna** currently serves as senior client advisor for PNC Wealth Management, where he addresses the financial, administrative and emotional aspects of wealth management. Prior to joining PNC Wealth Management, Mr. Hanna served as a client advisor with SunTrust Private Wealth and as a wealth strategist with Wachovia Wealth Management. Other board experience includes The Big (and Little) Dog Ranch Rescue and Miami City Ballet. He resides in Delray Beach.

**Paul M. Hess** is a vice president and banker at J.P. Morgan Private Bank in Palm Beach, Florida. In addition to his local focus on families and private entities in Palm Beach, he specializes in working with private equity sponsors, hedge fund principals and other financial services professionals. Prior to that, Mr. Hess was a research associate at Sanford C. Bernstein in New York City and began his career at Barrington Associates in Los Angeles. He is active with the Princeton Alumni Associations of Palm Beach and Vero Beach and works with the Alumni Association of St. Andrew’s School in Boca Raton. He resides in West Palm Beach.

**Sherry R. Jacobs** serves on various nonprofit boards, including the Julia Richmond Education Complex and the Center for Educational Innovation. She is also a board member of The City Center 55th St Theatre Foundation and has chaired its education committee. Mrs. Jacobs has served as an officer for Guilford Mills as vice president, general counsel, head of human resources and director. She previously held several leadership positions at Saks Fifth Avenue, the Garden City, L.I.

store and R.H. Macy & Co. Mrs. Jacobs has also practiced as an attorney at major New York law firms. She graduated from Fairleigh Dickenson University and received her J.D. from Loyola University of Chicago. She resides in Palm Beach and New York with her husband.

**Leonard Klorfine** worked as a secondary school teacher in Philadelphia before becoming a stockbroker for Merrill Lynch. While a broker, he co-founded Ultrasonic Systems Corporation, later bought by General Telephone and Electronics Corporation. Afterwards, he started his own real estate investment business and was managing partner of Ridley Management Group for 36 years. Mr. Klorfine has served on the boards of Main Line Arts Center, Woodmere Art Museum, Pilchuck School, Pratt Fine Arts Center, Artist Trust and the Museum of Glass, the Eye Institute Community and Scripps Research Institute. He graduated from Temple University with a B.S. Ed. in economics before attending the University of Pennsylvania and Temple University Graduate School. He resides in Singer Island.

**Jo Anne Rioli Moeller** is founder and Principal of J.A.R. Moeller, LLC., which provides guidance on compensation and benefit program design and execution. She is also affiliated with The Conference Board (TCB) as a senior fellow in the Human Capital Practice and as program director for TCB Sales Compensation Council II. She is a frequent speaker on Total Rewards topics and has over 20 years of experience leading global compensation, benefits and HRIS departments at Fortune 500 companies. She has served on several nonprofit boards and currently serves on the board of Wunder's Cemetery. A resident of Boca Raton, Ms. Moeller is a retired U.S. Navy Commander and holds a B.S. in economics from Western Michigan University and an M.S. in Public Administration from DePaul University.

**Gopal Rajegowda** is senior vice president at Related Companies and managing partner of Related Urban-Southeast, a development platform focused on sourcing, developing and managing best-in-class mixed-use properties in the Southeast. Past experience includes mixed-use hospitality developments, such as the W South Beach in Miami Beach and the Cosmopolitan Resort & Casino in Las Vegas. Mr. Rajegowda is passionate about developing successful destinations that bring vitality by combining world-class architecture, urban planning, dynamic shopping, restaurants, entertainment, offices and residences. He resides in West Palm Beach.

The following individuals were also added as ex-officio board members:

- Barbara McQuinn, Palm Beach County School Board member
- Davicka Thompson, president & CEO of Thompson Creative Collective
- Palm Beach County Commissioner Gregg Weiss

For more information about the Cultural Council's 2018-19 entire board of directors, please visit [palmbeachculture.com/board-of-directors](http://palmbeachculture.com/board-of-directors).

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## **ABOUT THE CULTURAL COUNCIL OF PALM BEACH COUNTY**

The Cultural Council of Palm Beach County is the official support agency for arts and culture in The Palm Beaches, Florida's Cultural Capital®. The Council provides grants to cultural organizations and professional artists, advocates for art and cultural funding, enhances local arts education, offers support services to foster growth of the sector and promotes cultural tourism.

The Cultural Council also serves as a venue for exhibitions and performances featuring artists who live or work in Palm Beach County and provides additional programming at its headquarters in the historic Robert M. Montgomery, Jr. Building in Downtown Lake Worth. Also on the property are the Roe Green Uniquely Palm Beach Store featuring hand-crafted items by local artists; the Jean S. and Frederic A. Sharf Visitor Information Center, a VISIT FLORIDA-designated Florida Certified Tourism Information Center; and the Project Space, an open-air garden for live music and large-scale sculpture.

The Cultural Council is open to the public from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, including a complete calendar of cultural activities in The Palm Beaches, visit [palmbeachculture.com](http://palmbeachculture.com).