

# May Newsletter

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## Do you know this chamber member?



Lakewood Financial Services is represented by Juliana Aristizabal who is an active member of the Gulf Coast Latin Chamber of Commerce. Juliana volunteers at the Latin Chamber lunches in Bradenton and also supports our chamber's Communications Committee where she serves as Chairperson. Juliana is responsible for reaching out to Chamber businesses and gathering information about business news and happenings within the chamber. She may be contacting you soon! She participated as an Ambassador last year. The Chamber Ambassadors represent the

Gulf Coast Latin Chamber out within our community. Juliana Aristizabal is bilingual and has been with Lakewood Financial Services since October 2009 and has been in the insurance business since 2004.

Lakewood Financial Services is an independent agency with over 22 years of combined experience. Their staff works as a team to make customer satisfaction their priority number one. They are value-hunters who look after their clients' pocketbooks to find the best combination of price, coverage and service. If you call or visit Lakewood Financial you will be treated like a person, not a number. Juliana and Lakewood Financial look forward to helping all the chamber

members with their insurance needs. Do not hesitate to contact her for your insurance needs.

The Gulf Coast Latin Chamber of Commerce wants to thank Juliana Aristizabal and Lakewood Financial Services for their participation and let everyone know that Lakewood Financial sponsored the Bradenton Latin lunch this month at the Golden Corral which was a great event!



Juliana Aristizabal

## Victor Harris Joins the Gulf Coast Latin Chamber of Commerce Board

The Gulf Coast Latin Chamber of Commerce welcomes our most recent addition to the Board of Directors, Mr. Victor Harris. Victor and his family are 5 year residents of the SWFL area. He works as a Financial advisor with MetLife. Victor has worked in the Financial Services field

for over 5 years. He has been involved with the Ambassadors and Jr. Executives at the chamber as a volunteer. His connection with the Latin Community is his grandfather who was born in Humacao Puerto Rico. Victor is an avid basketball fan. He says "Go Heat!"



Please visit our website for more details on the events below.

### Special Dates :

- Sarasota Lunch-05/11
- Fiesta Mexicana—05/15
- Almuerzo en español-05/19
- Conexiones-Bradenton Beauty and Barber Academy 05/25
- Bradenton Lunch-06/02
- Board of Directors Meeting —06/06
- Pirates Joint Event with LWRBA- 06/15
- Hispanic Heritage Night—07/08
- Quinceaneras Event with Foundation—08/04
- East Meets West-09/07
- Annual Latin Gala- 11/19

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## And do you know this chamber member?



Tapas and Fun is a Bradenton Sarasota area business that has been a very active member of the chamber over the last year. This business led by Fatima Soriano provides tapas cooking parties and paella catering to our area. Last month Fatima provided cooking classes in the Village of the Arts in Bradenton where the attendees learned how to

make mouthwatering tapas like breaded shrimp in a delicious sauce and scrumptious scallops prepared in the traditional Spanish custom. Fatima enjoys teaching about Spanish culture, language and background in addition to how to cook these wonderful dishes. She also hosted a paella dinner that

was a sell out affair. This meal started with intricate little tapas followed by a gazpacho soup. Then the attendees were treated with a seafood paella and a Spanish flan for dessert. In the background the guests heard Spanish music and the overall ambience was very authentic.

Fatima has been a strong supporter of the Chamber and volunteers as part of the Education Committee. Recently she spoke to new members at the New Member Welcome meeting and encouraged people to join a committee, attend events and network with others. She said that the chamber is like a big family and that she has watched her business grow by being active with the community and attending chamber events.



Please join us in welcoming our newest members:

RBC Bank

National Association of Professional College Advisors, Inc.

Advanced Healthcare Clinic, LLC.

Tech House

Sabal Palm Bank

Literacy Council of Manatee County

Living Out East and On the Bay

Forest Financial Group

Wild Wild West

JM&J Cleaning Service

The Pitapit

Citi Revealed, LLC.

Team National

Insurance US Agency INC. (Great Florida)

The Literacy Council of Sarasota

Manatee Community Action Agency

Aqua Plumbing

All Pro Carpet

MAR/KIS Insurance Agency, INC.