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## Clerk Bock Delivers State of the County Address

May 2017



Clerk Bock addresses the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners.



**Clerk Sharon R. Bock, Esq.**

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Clerk & Comptroller Sharon R. Bock presented the annual "State of the County" address on May 2 to the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners. Fiscal year 2016 marked an all-time high for the county's governmental revenues. Clerk Bock recommended the Board adopt comprehensive debt, reserve and fund balance policies to ensure a healthy economic future.

[State of the County Presentation & Video](#)

[Checks & Balances: Your Guide to County Finances \(PAFR\)](#)

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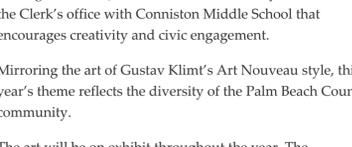
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### Need a Speaker?

Clerk Bock and her team are available to speak to your organization on a variety of topics. [Find out more.](#)

## Clerks 4 ARTS 2017 Gallery Opens



Clerk Bock joins two Conniston Middle School students during the opening of the Clerks 4 Arts 2017 gallery.

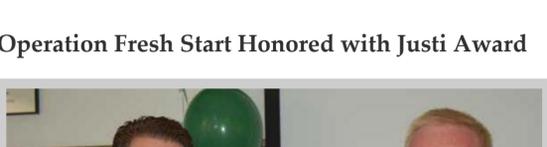
Now in its second year, the Clerks 4 ARTS (Art Reflected Through Students) exhibition is a community collaboration of the Clerk's office with Conniston Middle School that encourages creativity and civic engagement.

Mirroring the art of Gustav Klimt's Art Nouveau style, this year's theme reflects the diversity of the Palm Beach County community.

The art will be on exhibit throughout the year. The governmental center gallery, second floor, is free and open to the public Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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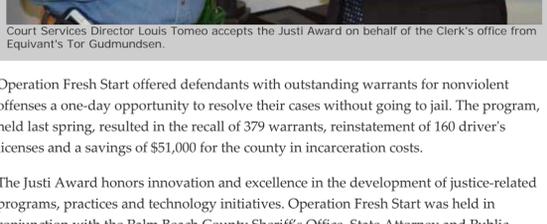
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## Operation Fresh Start Honored with Justi Award



Court Services Director Louis Tomeo accepts the Justi Award on behalf of the Clerk's office from Equivant's Tor Gudmundsen.

Operation Fresh Start offered defendants with outstanding warrants for nonviolent offenses a one-day opportunity to resolve their cases without going to jail. The program, held last spring, resulted in the recall of 379 warrants, reinstatement of 160 driver's licenses and a savings of \$51,000 for the county in incarceration costs.

The Justi Award honors innovation and excellence in the development of justice-related programs, practices and technology initiatives. Operation Fresh Start was held in conjunction with the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, State Attorney and Public Defender.

[More information about Operation Fresh Start](#)

## Free Workshop: Child Support Enforcement & Modification



Join us for this free workshop, which will cover procedures related to child support enforcement and modification including the use of Supreme Court approved forms.

*Workshop is procedural only. The Clerk's office cannot provide legal advice.*

[Learn more and register online.](#)

## May Declared Juror Appreciation Month



Richard Markoe, Manager - Court Operations; Cindy Guerra, Chief Operating Officer - Courts & Official Records; Commissioner Steven Abrams; Judge James Martz; and Diane Ferry, Supervisor - Court Operations.

On May 2, Palm Beach County Commissioner Steven Abrams presented a proclamation declaring May as Juror Appreciation Month.

The Clerk's office summons more than 160,000 potential jurors each year who are randomly selected from a state driver's license database. Our court systems relies on these men and women to provide equal access for all to our county's court system.

[Message from Clerk Bock: The Call and Honor of Jury Duty](#)

[More information about Jury Duty.](#)

## Clerks for a Cause



As part of Mental Health Awareness Month, Clerk Bock and Chief Operating Officer of Finance Shannon Ramsey-Chessman present a check for \$2,020 to Jerome Golden Center representatives Linda De Piano and Donna Harris. The Jerome Golden Center in West Palm Beach provides mental health and substance use disorder services. The funds were raised through employee donations.



Clerk Bock and Chief Operating Officer of Finance Shannon Ramsey-Chessman present 800 baby items to representatives of the Children's Home Society, Alana St. John, Joe Robinson, Andrew Duffell and Gigi Tylander. Clerk employees donated the diapers, wipes, bibs, bottles and more throughout the month of April. The Children's Home Society serves all of Palm Beach County with programs that focus on adoption, child abuse and neglect prevention and intervention, mentoring and help for runaway, homeless and at-risk youth.

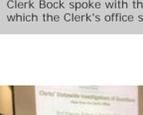


Clerk employees and family members collected 54 pounds of trash at Lantana Beach on Earth Day.

## In the Community



Clerk Bock spoke with the South Palm Beach County Bar Association this week about ways in which the Clerk's office saves time and money through technology.



Clerk Bock and Deputy Inspector General Anthony Palmieri hosted a continuing education session at the Florida Bar Continuing Legal Education Committee and Real Property, Probate and Trust Law Section Guardianship Seminar.



Clerk's Inspector General Roger Trca spoke to the Fairmont Place HOA in Boynton Beach about identity theft.



Court Services Manager Amy Stein led a free workshop at the courthouse about tax deed sales. The workshop was part of a series offered by the Clerk's Self-Service Center.

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