

## INVESTMENT IN YOUR CHAMBER IT PAYS TO BE A MEMBER!

The Lower Keys Chamber of Commerce is incorporated under the laws of the State of Florida and has been recognized by the United States of America Chamber of Commerce since its inception in 1959. The Chamber is a member of the Florida Chamber of Commerce, the largest Chamber in the Country, and the Florida Association of Membership Executives. The Lower Keys Chamber of Commerce represents the service district from west of the 7-mile bridge to Stock Island. It is dedicated to promoting business and professional interests in the Lower Keys; encouraging the further development of existing businesses, offering assistance to any enterprise seeking to locate in the area, supporting civic, political and governmental activities believed to be beneficial to our community.

Any person, business association, corporation, partnership, or estate within the service district may subscribe to one or more FULL memberships in the Lower Keys Chamber of Commerce and shall be entitled to vote at any of the regular or special meetings of the membership.

Any person not engaged in a business or profession within the district or person or business association, corporation, partnership or estate not in the service district shall have all of the privileges of membership except the vote and eligibility to hold office.

Chamber dues, as adopted by the membership, are based on the number of employees currently working at the firm or business. Any business having a branch office in the Lower Keys, with a main office elsewhere, may calculate dues based upon the number employed at that branch office.

The Chamber, through the District Advisory Committee (a nine member committee composed of various business leaders in our community), is extensively involved with the Monroe County Tourist Development Council and its administration of locally-generated tourist tax monies. The allocation of these funds is carefully monitored, with a view of tailored growth and maximum prosperity for the entire community.

Whether you provide goods and services to residents, seafood for the tables, or accommodations and recreational opportunities for tourists, the Lower Keys Chamber of Commerce is working for you! The Chamber provides an organizational framework within which its members can individually and collectively optimize their time and talents for the betterment of the community.

The success of the Chamber depends in large part upon its responsiveness to your input. We welcome your comments, ideas and participation. Please do not hesitate to call, write, fax or drop by the Chamber office, located at Mile Marker 31 on Big Pine Key. We look forward to serving you.

## LOWER KEYS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OBJECTIVES

- To help businesses prosper and grow
- To increase job opportunities
- To contribute to the overall economic stability of the community.
- To encourage and promote the Nation's private enterprise of competitive marketing
- To provide a strong membership base of currently 280 members
- To use member input to determine ways to help our community
- To support community efforts to improve the quality of life in the Lower Keys
- To provide access to valuable demographic studies and statistics on our area
- To provide an experienced, member-elected Board of Directors
- To provide political clout with the approval of the Board on issues that affect the business community
- To greet and distribute information to visitors to our area
- To provide relocation and employment information for new residents
- To provide networking opportunities through General Membership Meetings, Business Socials and other functions
- To have a representative at all meetings vital to the economy and betterment of the Lower Keys
- To distribute the Lower Keys Map and Guide to help market our area
- To provide our members, out-of-town organizations and other Chambers of Commerce with information regarding important issues through the Chamber Channel
- To provide inexpensive advertising opportunities through the Chamber Channel
- Most of all, to serve as a forum for area business people to network and determine what can best serve this community economically, balancing it with our fragile environment status
- The Lower Keys Chamber of Commerce is a voluntary partnership of business and professional people working together to build a healthy economy and improve the quality of life in our community and determine what can best serve this community economically, balancing it with our fragile environmental status.

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Be Involved in your  
Local Business  
Community

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