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### **ASPA SOUTH FLORIDA CHAPTER ANNUAL AWARDS HONORS OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVANTS**

The American Society of Public Administrators (ASPA) South Florida Chapter's Annual Awards event pays tribute to public servants that have given back to our community throughout the year. Special honorees for this year's event include:

- Honorable Carlos Gimenez (Mayor, Miami-Dade County)
  - Presidential Lifetime Achievement Award
- Jack Kardys (Director, Miami-Dade Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces)
  - Public Administrator of the Year Award
- Ron Book (Chairman, Miami-Dade County Homeless Trust)
  - Community Service Award
- Lauren Book (Founder, Lauren's Kids)
  - Non-Profit Organization of the Year Award
- Honorable Mario Diaz-Balart (Congressman, Florida 25th District)
  - Elected Official of the Year Award
- Dr. Jack Pinkowski (Associate Professor, Nova Southeastern University)
  - Public Administration Educator of the Year Award
- Shellie Ransom-Jackson (Building & Code Compliance Department Director and Building Official, City of Miami Gardens)
  - Chapter Member of the Year Award

In addition, the winner for the ASPA South Florida Chapter Public Service Scholarship Award in the amount of \$1,000 will be announced and presented.

The awards reception is scheduled for Friday, June 7, 2013 at Jungle Island located at 1111 Parrot Jungle Trail, Miami, FL 33132. The cost is \$30.00 for members, \$50.00 for nonmembers and \$20.00 for students. Festivities will begin at 6:00 p.m. and conclude at 9:00 p.m.

ASPA is the longest-standing and most prestigious organization devoted to enhancing excellence in public service. The Society is the professional home for more than 9,000 PA practitioners, academics and students with its South Florida Chapter consisting of 245 members strong and growing. ASPA provides its membership with education, research, technical assistance and networking opportunities between academics and practitioners. For further information, please visit the ASPA website at [www.aspaonline.org/southfla](http://www.aspaonline.org/southfla).

Reservations for this event can be made by contacting Roslyn Alic-Batson at 305-375-5658 or by emailing [aspasouthfla@yahoo.com](mailto:aspasouthfla@yahoo.com). Payment for the reception may be made at [http://www.aspaonline.org/southfla/payments\\_Awards2013.html](http://www.aspaonline.org/southfla/payments_Awards2013.html)

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