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Please help us celebrate our well deserving honorees!

Please indicate how many guests will be joining you when you send your payment to Max Goldstein before September 10, 2024.

*Broward Sierra Group*  
**AWARDS**  
*Banquet*

Saturday, September 14, 2024 at 6pm

Members	\$15
Non Members	\$20

Honoring Outstanding Leaders  
and Elected Officials

*Dinner-Entertainment*

Please Send All Payments VIA Zelle Max Goldstein(954) 296-3411 By September 10,2024  
Checks Made Payable To Broward Sierra Group Mail To: Max Goldstein, Treasurer  
220 Lakeview Drive. APT.305, WESTON, FL 33326-1040

**Evening Attire**

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**Broward County PBA Banquet Hall**  
2901 SW 26th Terrace  
Fort Lauderdale, 33312

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## **5TH ANNUAL BROWARD SIERRA GROUP AWARD WINNERS**

**1. Susan Steinhauser – Pannaman Award**

For your continuous assistance whenever called upon to volunteer.

**2. Abigail “Abby” Kohl – Dune Sunflower Award**

For your fearlessness and dynamism in stepping forward as Vice Chair of the Junior Team to help lead and grow the Team.

**3. Linda Thompson Gonzalez – The Florida Panther Award**

For your spirit, courage, and tenacity in surmounting complex challenges as our new Political Committee Chair with exceptional grace and professionalism.

**4. Elisa Jones - Gopher Tortoise Award**

For joining the team at a pivotal time as Vice Chair and digging in with enthusiasm, confidence, and care to provide support and stability to our team.

**5. Mae Smith - Live Oak Award**

For your amazing strength and support in advancing environmental sustainability education and organizing vital community outreach.

### **Environmental Champion Award**

For your exceptional courage and dedication in protecting our environment by advancing sustainable and equitable solutions to address climate change.

- **Debbi Hixon – School Board**
- **Christine Hunschofsky - Florida State House Representative, Dist. 96**
- **Robin Bartleman - Florida State House Representative, Dist. 103**
- **Nancy Metayer-Bowen – Coral Springs Commissioner**
- **Sandra Welch – Coconut Creek Mayor**
- **Josh Rydell – Coconut Creek Commissioner**
- **Caryl Shuham – Hollywood Commissioner**
- **Idelma Quintana – Hollywood Commissioner**
- **Jennifer Andreu – Plantation Council Member**
- **Cat Uden – Hollywood’s Candidate for Mayor**
- **Beam Furr – Broward County Vice Mayor**
- **Nick Sortal – Mayor Plantation**
- **Mike Ryan – Mayor Sunrise**

### **National Sierra Club Award**

• **Adriene Barmann – Outings for Action**

Honors a Sierra Club volunteer who combines outings with education and/or advocacy work to connect people to local and/or national environmental issues.

• **Anagha Iyer – Emerging Changemaker**

Recognizes a young Sierra Club volunteer who represents the next generation of environmental leaders. Award includes \$500. to further the work of the Broward Sierra Group-Junior Team’s work.

# We're All Plastic People Now!

Documentary screening and discussion.

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

**<https://broward.libnet.info/event/11291749#>**

**Limited Seating!**

**Saturday, September 21  
3:00pm - 5:00pm**

**North Regional/Broward College Library  
1100 Coconut Creek Blvd, Room 154  
Coconut Creek, FL 33066**

Join us for the screening of this Emmy winning documentary, exploring the effects of plastic pollution on human health. Director Rory F. Fielding will discuss his groundbreaking work with attendees.

In an era of convenience, the hidden costs of plastic use are becoming alarmingly clear. "We're All Plastic People Now," delves into the shocking reality of plastics found inside our bodies. From our colons to our brains, and even in developing wombs, the impact is undeniable. Director and award-winning broadcaster Rory F. Fielding will be present to discuss his groundbreaking work and engage with attendees. Hosted by Broward County Library, Sierra Club-Broward Group, Climate Reality and the League of Women Voters, this event promises to be both informative and transformative. Don't miss your chance to learn, engage, and take action. Register now to secure your spot!





Saturday, September 21, 2024-9am-Noon

**Joining the International Coastal Cleanup is a fantastic way to make a positive impact! Here are some steps to get involved:**

1. **Find a Local Event:** Visit the Ocean Conservancy's website to find cleanup events near you. You can search by location to find events in Broward County or other nearby areas.
2. **Register:** Once you find an event, register online. This helps organizers plan for the number of volunteers and ensures you get all the necessary information.
3. **Prepare:** Wear comfortable clothing, bring gloves, sunscreen, a hat, and plenty of water. Some events may provide supplies, but it's always good to be prepared.
4. **Participate:** Show up on the day of the event, ready to help clean up the coast! Follow the instructions of the event organizers and enjoy making a difference.
5. **Share Your Experience:** After the cleanup, share your experience on social media to raise awareness and encourage others to join future events.

Plastic pollution is a massive problem for our ocean, but even small actions can make a big difference. Every bottle, every straw, every piece of trash you clean up can lead to a cleaner, healthier ocean. Join us this season to clean up your local beach, stream, park or neighborhood. When we clean up our home, all those that live in the ocean can #SeaTheChange.

## Outings Update

– Jordan Holaday, *Outings Chair*  
*Broward Sierra Group*

On the evening of Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup> we had the pleasure of having Sea Turtle Oversight Protection lead us on a fun and educating Turtle Trek! We learned about these amazing marine mammals who come to nest on Broward County shores in the thousands every year, and the human threats that they face during this crucial time in their life cycle. We got to witness some hatchlings being released and faced toward the ocean, as they can become disoriented from the artificial light of our urbanized coastline.

As we look forward to cooling fall temperatures, so we look forward to a fall of fun Outings! We have several taking place in the coming weeks, and ones just on the horizon!

September will also see a large pickup in the Fall Bird Migration along the Atlantic Flyway, when huge numbers of migratory bird species make their way South to overwinter in other areas of the hemisphere! Broward County is a hotspot for these species, and Outings Chair **Jordan Holaday will be leading us every other Sunday in September and October** to a new location in Broward County to check them out! Each one will take place in a different part of the County, and present a new ecosystem to explore and discover these birds.

Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> we will be taking a half-day paddle along the famous Fisheating Creek in Palmdale! This gorgeous body of water is frequently cited as the most beautiful paddle in Florida, thanks to spending most of it's history undeveloped. The waters are navigable only for a small window of time, and we will be organizing a trip at the perfect time! Pre-registration is required, as space is limited! Carpooling from Broward is recommended, so reach out to your friends, and bring a buddy! Prices are found on the registration page.



# VOTE NO ON 2

In 1994, Florida's residents **voted against gill nets** being allowed in the State of Florida by 72%.

Commercial fishing corporation are trying to overturn this law by tricking Floridian's into thinking their right to fish and hunt is in jeopardy.

**Do not be fooled by these claims.**

**There is NO proposal anywhere within Florida to take away your right to hunt or fish.**

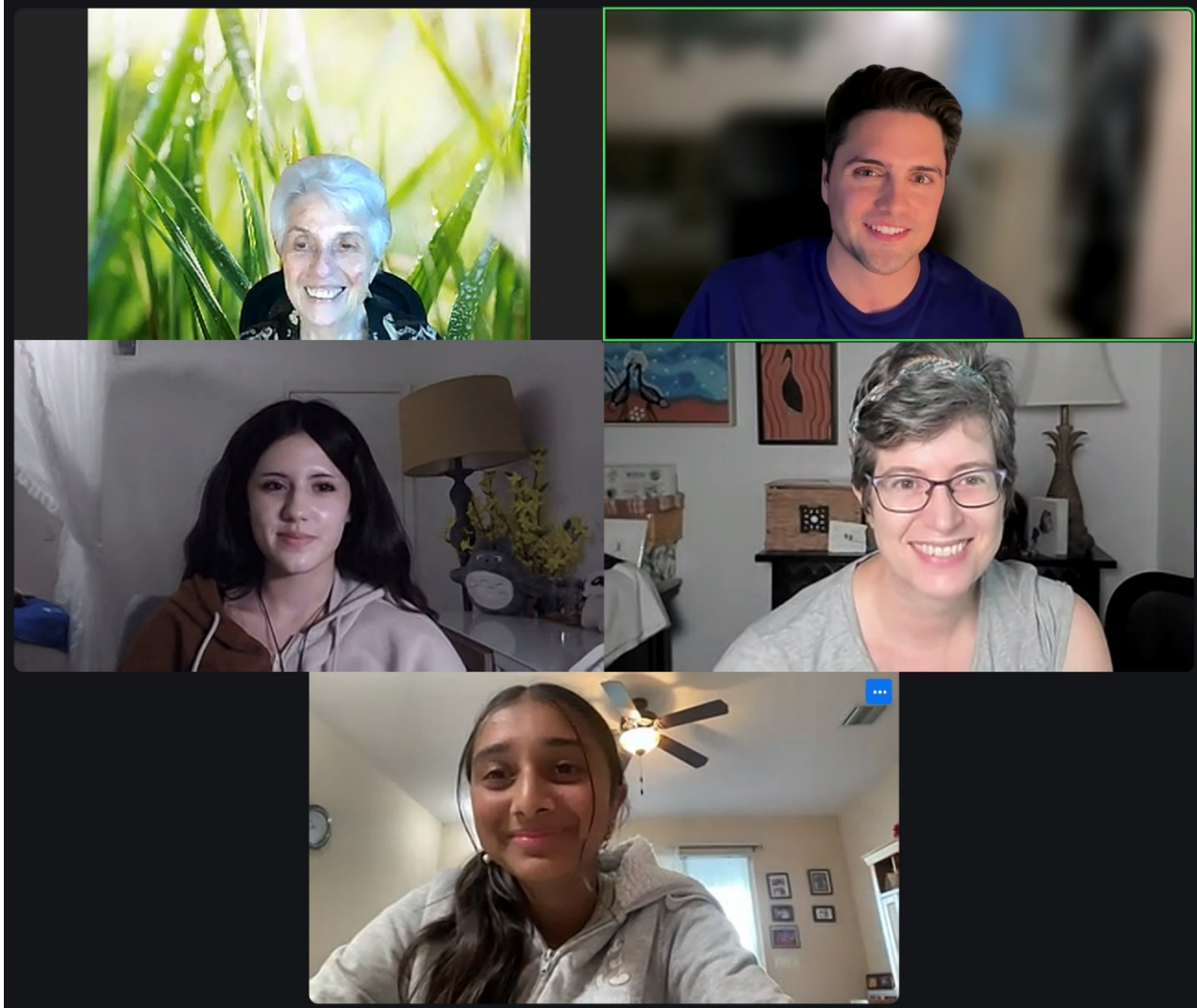
Vote #NoTo2 on  
November 5

<https://noto2.org/>



## THE UNDERWATER TEAM

The Broward Sierra Group-Junior Team is collaborating with the Xavier Cortada Foundation to bring an exciting sea level rise initiative to schools across Broward County. "The Underwater" is a community-led climate action campaign that uses interactive art installations to reveal South Florida's elevation, spark conversations, and urge civic engagement.



**Leah Weisburd, Broward Sierra Group Chair**

**Adam Roberti, Xavier Cortada Foundation Executive Director**

**Abigail "Abby" Khol, Junior Team Vice Chair,**

**Elisa Jones Broward Sierra Group Vice Chair**

**Anagha Iyer, Junior Team Chair.**

## **HOW TO CONTROL YOUR EMAILS**

If you scroll down to the bottom of all mailings from the Sierra Club, it allows you to change some, or all, of the mailings you receive.

**If you tire of the number of emails you get from the Sierra Club, please DO NOT hit unsubscribe!**

That will cut you off from our newsletter, The Bulletin that shares issues we are working on, presenters scheduled for our General Meetings that you will want to attend, Outings that you will want to go on with our Outing Leaders, and so much more.

For emails you don't want you can control that by clicking on **THE MANAGE PREFERENCES** option at the bottom of every email. Once there, be sure to keep on subscribing to **MY CHAPTER**, the first option. The rest of the options? Decide for yourself.



## **WE ARE LOOKING FOR AN INDIVIDUAL TO VOLUNTEER TO BE OUR WEBMASTER**

**Volunteer time about 2 times a month for a couple of hours!  
Is that you? Are you up to date with the latest IT technology?**

**Training will be provided.**

**Please contact me for further information**

**Leah Weisburd, leabird@comcast.net**



Adam Roberti serves as executive director of the Xavier Cortada Foundation, a nonprofit organization whose mission is to use socially engaged art to create meaningful experiences that inspire people to take collective action against our climate and ecological crises.

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Presenter:**

**Adam Roberti-Executive Director of the Xavier Cortada Foundation**

**Topic:**

**The Underwater: Creative community engagement & climate action**

**Registration Required:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84362096525?pwd=b0BVUZkF2Rsh7a1e07mWzaTtljAenR.1>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

**Note:** We are having an awards banquet (Page 1) in place of our September meeting.

**You Have Been Purged from the Broward Vote-By-Mail List by the Florida Legislature  
*But You Can Fix It!* (And the Broward Supervisor of Elections will help)**

Just do one of the following:

- Go to [www.BrowardVotes.gov](http://www.BrowardVotes.gov)
- Call (954) 357-8683
- Scan this QR Code







On Wednesday, October 9 from 1:00 – 2:00 PM

The Florida Chapter of the Sierra Club will hold a webinar with Alex Kate Halvey from the Department of Energy’s Office of Policy.

Halvey will share how entities that don’t pay taxes can recoup 30 percent of their clean energy investment—equal to the clean energy tax credits businesses receive. Through this provision, the money comes as a direct cash payment.

Every organization exempt from paying income taxes under §501-530—including §501(c) and §501(d) organizations—is eligible for this direct cash payment. This includes, but is not limited to, county and city governments, school districts, hospitals, colleges, charities, Native tribal agencies, and religious organizations. The credit covers numerous clean energy investments, from clean energy generation and storage, to clean commercial vehicles, certain EV chargers, and much more.

During the webinar, we will describe how easy it is for organizations and local governments to take advantage of this program to get back 30 percent of their clean energy investment. Unlike IRA/IIJA grants, there is no application or selection process; as any project meeting criteria for the specific credit is eligible to earn the tax credit after the project is complete. Even better, these credits can be combined with other sources of federal financial assistance.

You can sign up for the Webinar [HERE](#).