

There will be no December meeting.

Due to President-Elect Trump's Inauguration, our next meeting will be on Friday, January 13, 2017.

John Morgan, attorney and Amendment 2 backer, will be the guest speaker at the January Panhandle Tiger Bay Club meeting.

The meeting will be held on **Friday, January 13 at New World Landing**. Lunch will be served at 11:30 AM and the program will begin at noon.

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January Meeting: John Morgan



**John Morgan, Attorney and
Founder of Morgan & Morgan**

John Morgan is the founder of Morgan & Morgan, a nationwide law firm headquartered in Orlando, Florida. Mr. Morgan's firm is among the most successful in Florida and is well-known for its aggressive state-wide advertising and its ubiquitous "For the People" motto.

In addition to his successful legal practice and business interests, Mr. Morgan is also a leading figure in Democratic Party politics, especially in the Orlando and

speakers we have been bringing you cost the Club. We have established a Sponsorship Committee to find sponsors to help fund these esteemed guest speakers. If you are interested in your business being a sponsor, please contact [Glenda Raines, Sponsorship Committee Chairman](#) at 850-995-0769. We offer 4 sponsorship packages:

Platinum Sponsor - A reserved table for 8 for the duration of the year, sponsor will be introduced and given 5 minutes to speak about your company, your logo will be on display on the Sponsor Board at every luncheon and will be included in all Panhandle Tiger Bay media coverage prior to specific luncheon.

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Tampa/St. Petersburg areas. Mr. Morgan has successfully funded and backed Democratic Party candidates at the national and state level and was the driving force behind efforts to amend Florida's Constitution in 2014 and 2016 to allow the expanded use of marijuana for medical purposes. Most recently, Mr. Morgan has been best known for his work as chairman of United for Care, a political organization that successfully advocated for Amendment 2, a 2016 amendment to the Florida Constitution that expands the use of medical marijuana. According to Mr. Morgan, Amendment 2 not only provides safer pain relief and treatment methods for those suffering from diseases such as HIV, AIDS, PTSD, Crohn's Disease, Parkinson's and ALS, but it will help reduce rampant prescription drug abuse in Florida.

Since the passage of Amendment 2, Mr. Morgan has been widely mentioned as a potential candidate for Governor in 2018. A St. Leo University poll released in December 2016 shows Mr. Morgan polling at 20% among Democratic voters-well-ahead of other potential Democratic candidates. According to Politico.com, Mr. Morgan has identified his priorities as decriminalizing marijuana, releasing convicts serving time solely for drug crimes, restoring voting rights to non-violent felons, raising the minimum wage, making water and wildlife protection a top priority, and abolishing the offices of Lieutenant Governor and Commissioner of Agriculture.

The Panhandle Tiger Bay Club welcomes Mr. Morgan and looks forward to hearing and examining his thoughts on the recent election and his plans for Florida politics.

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Fellow Tigers,

To Niccolo Machiavelli, a key element of keeping political power is to know that all can see, but only a few can touch those who are powerful.

Because institutions shape our thinking and opinions less than they did in the past, we live in the age of super empowered individuals. Technology now enables individuals who are charismatic, wealthy, and savvy enough, to bypass the media, political parties, and others to achieve their political ends. This is nothing new. Many observers claim that President Kennedy defeated then Vice President Nixon because he was the first major candidate to harness the power of television. Many of us still recall the fact that President Reagan, the Great Communicator, knew how to use television to bypass Washington and achieve his political goals. Finally, as we saw in 2008 and just a few weeks ago, mastery of social media proved decisive in determining who would lead our country.

What is so great about Tiger Bay is that we are the one place where you can not only hear speakers (the see), but you can also assess them for yourself (the touch) without a filter, without spin, and in a civil environment. Speakers who stand at our podium also place themselves under our scrutiny during questions and answers.

As I think about our next speaker, I am reminded of the above-mentioned points. John Morgan is a very well-known attorney in Florida, but he is also the driving force behind the recent passage of Amendment 2. Mr. Morgan has been mentioned in state and national circles as a likely candidate for Governor in 2018. A St. Leo University poll released in December 2016 shows Mr. Morgan favored by 20% of likely Democratic voters. Mr. Morgan is polling well ahead of all other major Democratic candidates.

We hear much about Mr. Morgan through the media and his advertisements, but what do we in the Panhandle really know about this man whose legal, business, and political interests are so visible in South and Central Florida?

As we watch all forms of "Establishments" decline in influence, how much do we really know about someone who stands a strong chance to be our next Governor?

To the best of my knowledge, Mr. Morgan has not spoken publicly since the passage of Amendment 2. Although Mr. Morgan has spoken to

our sister Tiger Bay Clubs in South Florida, he has yet to address his own political aspirations or commented on the future of the Democratic Party in Florida. As we pledge to always do, Mr. Morgan will have our attention, courtesy, and consideration, but he also will have our scrutiny.

Panhandle Tiger Bay Club is not a place for passive observers and listeners-it is a forum that empowers you to consider and examine those whose ideas shape our world.

Mr. Morgan will be our first speaker of 2017. I know that Jeff Weeks, our Vice President for Programs, is putting together other speakers who will address those issues that impact our lives and community in business, science, and politics-both left and right.

We are always looking for your ideas and how we are going to build a better, more visible, and more active club.

I welcome your thoughts.

Sincerely,
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Panhandle Tiger Bay Club

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