



BUSINESS

February 2006

880 SW MARTIN DOWNS BLVD.

PHONE: 772-286-8121 WWW.PALMCITYCHAMBER.COM FAX: 772-286-3331



President's Message

Winding down my term as President of the Palm City Chamber, I think back fondly over the past twelve months. It's been a wonderful experience and I have enjoyed every moment of it. Your chamber Board of Directors and staff worked very hard in 2005 to bring value and benefits to your chamber membership. Additionally, staff and board alike, feels a personal responsibility to making Palm City the best that it can be. This is no small task considering what a great place it is already!

Adopt-A-Class broke all records again this year. Jamie Chapogas (Edward Jones Investments) chaired our Education Committee with enthusiasm and determination to have another successful year, despite the

hurricanes, and she did. Congratulations to Jamie and the Committee for their nomination for the Education Commissioners Business Partner of the Year. Our Local Issues Committee, chaired by Toby Overdorf (Crossroads Environmental Consultants, Inc.) brought us informative speakers on important issues at our quarterly luncheons. Our golf tournament was a huge success again this year because of the planning and hard work of that committee chaired by Kip Davis (Vassallo & Bilotta PA). And Dr. Bruce Hansbrough (Industrial Health Solutions) and his committee did a great job getting our new interactive website launched this year. Our Executive Director Carolyn Davi and membership director Michele Radcliffe continue to do a terrific job to make our Chamber the best in the County.

Looking forward to 2006 there are still many important issues that need the attention of the Chamber membership. Highest on that list of priorities, I hope, will be the continued efforts to move towards completion of the Indian Street Bridge. This project is necessary to alleviate the

growing traffic congestion in our community. As a community we should not allow ourselves to be deterred by individuals with agendas that benefit only a select few.

Other issues that remain a high priority to the future of Martin County are Workforce Housing, transportation including the Western Corridor, and the Development Patterns Study. It is important to voice your opinion and participate in these studies and processes. The final plans and results should include the vision of the entire community.

As Scott Eccleston (Stryker Electrical Contracting, Inc.) and the new board are installed later this month, you will be able to continue to look to the Chamber to be a source of accurate information on these and other local issues. Being a part of the Chamber has always been an asset to me, personally and professionally. I encourage anyone considering membership in the Chamber, or even just a more active role in the Chamber, to act. *You'll be glad you did.*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February

THURSDAY	FEBRUARY 2	GROUND HOG'S DAY
TUESDAY	FEBRUARY 14	VALENTINE'S DAY
WEDNESDAY	FEBRUARY 15	DEADLINE FOR INSERTS & ARTICLES
TUESDAY	FEBRUARY 21	BOARD OF DIRECTORS LBFH 7:30 AM
MONDAY	FEBRUARY 20	PRESIDENT'S DAY CHAMBER CLOSED
WEDNESDAY	FEBRUARY 22	NETWORKING BREAKFAST MONARCH COUNTRY CLUB SPONSORED BY: BANK OF AMERICA 7:30 AM - \$12.00 PER PERSON RSVP 772-286-8121
TUESDAY	FEBRUARY 28	AMBASSADORS MEETING CHAMBER OFFICE NOON

Congratulations

To the Palm City Chamber of Commerce,
Jamie Chapogas
of Edward Jones Investments
& the Education Committee for being
nominated to receive the
Commissioner's Business Recognition
Award for the Adopt-A-Class Program

HIBISCUS CHILDREN'S CENTER ANNOUNCES AWARD WINNERS



Hibiscus Children's Center is thrilled to announce the winners of the Florida Coalition for Children Awards. Florida Coalition for Children is the premier statewide membership association devoted to shaping policies and ensuring quality services for Florida's children and their families. Hibiscus

Children's Center is one of the many member organizations that care for nearly 50,000 children and families in crisis in the state of Florida.

Jan Huffert, Hibiscus Chief Executive Officer, won the "Distinguished Service Award" - one of the highest honors that Florida Coalition bestows upon an individual - for demonstrating outstanding leadership and making a significant contribution towards improving the quality of life for troubled children and their families at the local, state and national level.

Hibiscus' Founder LaVaughn Tilton-Drysdale was honored with the "One Person Can Make a Difference" Award - an award designed for an individual who touched the lives of children and youth in a profound way by what they do and by what they are as a role model and person of character, caring and inspiration.

Judy Crompton has been a Hibiscus volunteer for over ten years and won the "Volunteer of the Year" award. This award was designated for those unselfish and devoted individuals who perceive an unmet need and generously give of their time and talent to meet this need.

Daniel Braden received the "Trustee of the Year" award which was granted for his service to Hibiscus and for showing consistent evidence of personal dedication through his time and talents and understanding of Hibiscus' service to the community.

(L to R) Jan Huffert, Judy Crompton, LaVaughn Tilton-Drysdale and Dan Braden

PALM CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 2006 EXECUTIVE BOARD & DIRECTORS

PRESIDENT Scott Eccleston <i>Stryker Electrical Contracting</i>	SECRETARY Bruce Hansbrough <i>Industrial Health Solutions</i>	Donna Deakins <i>Deakins-Carroll Insurance Agency</i> Jeri McPherson <i>FAU</i> Nick Blont <i>FPL</i> Diane Kirkland <i>Harbor Federal</i> Don Cuozzo <i>Houston Cuozzo Group</i> Kathryn Spencer <i>International Wholesale Tile</i> Jim Orth <i>LBFH</i> Tom McNicholas <i>McNicholas & Associates</i> Dan Capen <i>Stuart Jet Center</i> Judy Swan <i>Swan Photography</i> Kip Davis <i>Vassallo & Vilotta, PA</i>
PRESIDENTELECT Toby Overdorf <i>Crossroads Environmental Consultants</i>	TREASURER John Fedorek <i>Hill Barth & King LLC</i>	
VICE PRESIDENT Jamie Chapogas <i>Edward Jones Investments</i>	PAST PRESIDENT Barbara Essenwine <i>GCY Surveyors & Mappers</i>	
EX OFFICIO Michael DiTerlizzi <i>County Commissioner District 5</i>		

Ambassador of The Month

BOB SWAN

SWAN PHOTOGRAPHY

Bob & Judy Swan started Swan Photography twelve years ago with the idea of providing affordable quality photographic service to their clients. As the business began to blossom, Bob retired six years early from a Contract Management position at Pratt & Whitney to work full time as Swan Photography's manager. Five years ago they purchased the building at 925 SW Martin Downs Blvd. in Palm City to accommodate the growing business.

Bob & Judy are always civic-minded and provide photographic services to many charitable organizations to such an extent that Swan Photography was awarded the "Unsung Hero Award" during the annual National Philanthropy Day Award Ceremony in November 2004.

Swan Photography provides photographic services that range from business executives, commercial, family, weddings, restoration and everything in between.

Despite their success, Bob & Judy stay true to their original goal, providing affordable quality photographic services.

Chamber Ambassadors

Kim Santoro, Chairperson
Palm City Title, Inc.

Diane Kirkland, Co-Chair
Harbor Federal

Thomas Gallogly
AFLAC

Georgia Gordon

All Florida Realty Services, Inc.

Mike Searle

Allstate Insurance-Searle & Assoc., Inc.

Teri McLean

Aviation Insurance Agency, Inc.

Carla Wooten

Crossroads Environmental Consultants

Missi Campbell

Crystal Lake Elementary

Angela Beausoleil

First National Bank

Brent Enck

Harbor Federal

Cathleen Owen

Martin Downs Country Club

Dorothy Yatsko

Monarch Realty Group

John Demaree

Murray Insurance Services, Inc.

Dina Santoro

Palm City Title

Elise Natoli

Stuart Jet Center

Bob Swan

Swan Photography

Denys Pihl-Gilman

Tradewind Lending, LLC

Wendy deWitt

Tradewind Lending, LLC

HPS, Helping People Succeed, Inc.

(Formerly Tri-County TEC)



Mary Kay Buckridge becomes first charter member of HPS Starfish Society

December 12, 2005...Stuart, Florida...Mary Kay Buckridge, whose association with HPS, Helping People Succeed goes back to the 1970s, has become one of the first charter member of the HPS Starfish Society, initiated by the HPS Foundation to encourage donors to make a difference in people's lives, one life at time.

MIKE POGUE JOINS BAYVIEW CONSTRUCTION AS PRODUCTION MANAGER OF INSURANCE RESTORATION DIVISION

Bayview Construction Corp. has announced the appointment of Mike Pogue as Production Manager of its Insurance Restoration Division.

Pogue came to Bayview from Masterpiece Builders, where he was business development director. Previous to that, he was a co-owner of Stuart Sod.

Bayview, which is heavily engaged in commercial construction, established its insurance restoration division last year, following the twin hurricanes. According to Ken Ringe, president of Bayview, "Our roots are in residential construction, and restoration services are clearly a growing component of homebuilding."

Pogue serves on the Board of Directors of Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Martin County and is that organization's treasurer. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Palm City Chamber of Commerce, and outgoing Chairman of the Martin County Chapter of the Treasure Coast Builders Association.

In addition, he serves on the Advisory Board of Martin County of Harbor Federal Savings and Loan, and since 2001, has been a regular volunteer at Camp Boggy Creek in Eustis, a recreational facility for children with terminal and life-threatening illnesses.

Established in Stuart in 1978, Bayview is a certified state-licensed general contractor. Bondable to \$10,000,000, Bayview also is an Authorized Builder for American Buildings Company, one of the world's largest manufacturers of metal building systems.

RIVERSIDE BANK PROMOTES ILAIN ISAAC TO VICE PRESIDENT- ASSISTANT TREASURER

Riverside Bank has promoted Assistant Treasurer, Ilain Isaac from Assistant Vice President to Vice President. Floyd Fulton, SVP/Treasury & Funds Management, made the announcement. "Ilain has a remarkable financial background," said Fulton. "He has over 20 years experience and had worked for other leading financial institutions before joining the Riverside team in March of 2004." Isaac will be responsible for many tasks including managing asset liability management (ALCO), investment portfolio management, wholesale funding, cash flow and liquidity, developing strategies to improve return on assets and seeking alternative funding sources for liquidity and contingency funding.

Originally from Haiti, Isaac now resides in Port St. Lucie with his wife Jacqueline and their 4-year-old daughter Emily. He obtained his MBA in Business Administration from the University of Phoenix and his BS in Finance from the Florida International University. He also received a certificate from the Wayne Huizenga Entrepreneurial School of Business.

Founded in 1982, Riverside Bank is one of Florida's largest and fastest growing community banks. The independent, locally owned institution has grown to over \$3.0 billion in assets, offering hometown service and customer-friendly products like Lifetime Free CheckingSM and Free Business Checking at 52 offices in ten Florida counties.

Martin County Parks & Recreation

Pre-school Basketball

Halpatiokee Regional Park

Ages 3 -5 yr olds

Begins January 18, 2006

Wednesdays 5:30pm - 7:30pm

\$50.00

For more information call 221-1419

Martin County 1/2

Marathon

Peck Lake Park

All Ages

Sunday, January 29, 2006

\$15.00 pre-registration / \$20.00 race day

day

For more information call 221-1419

Youth Tennis Classes

Halpatiokee Regional Park

Program begins February 1, 2006

For more information call 221-1419

2006

Enjoyment Book

Now Available at the Palm City Chamber of Commerce

A real bargain at only

\$35.00

Cash or Check only please.

Filled with valuable coupons.

Makes a great gift!

Sponsor Spotlight



Bank of America operates the oldest, largest and most productive bank-owned community development corporation (CDC) in the country.

What we do

We develop projects in conjunction with nonprofit community-based CDCs and local government organizations. The Banc of America CDC has

- Targeted neighborhood development (predominantly focusing on restoring home ownership)
- Helped develop multifamily affordable housing
- Created public housing development partnerships
- Helped fund retail, commercial and mixed-use developments in targeted neighborhoods and vital services to residents of large, multifamily rental properties developed by Bank of America.

For more information contact your local Bank of America.

*Thank you for your
continued support...*

16 - 25 YEARS

Treasure Coast Magazine
Florida Power & Light
Stuart Business Systems, Inc.
Humane Society of the Treasure Coast
Heritage Square Industrial Park
Postmaster, Palm City
Papico Construction
Palm City Millwork, Inc.

10 - 15 YEARS

Gary J. Gifford, Inc. Electrical Contractor
Travis Exterminating Co., Inc.
Martin Downs Country Club
United Way of Martin County
Workforce Development Board of the TC
State Farm Insurance
Sandhill Cove
Dave's Plumbing, Inc.
Courtyard Marriott
Golf USA
Lennar Homes, Inc.
Southern Eagle Distributing, Inc.

5 - 9 YEARS

Whiticar Boat Works
Kinane Corporation
Tri-County Golf Cars, Inc
Palm City Palms & Tropicals, Inc.

1 - 4 YEARS

SIMPLY THE BEST REALTY
Pomodoro Grill
Cooke's Environmental Services
R. L. Spaulding Construction, Inc.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Coast WHLG 101.3
Mac McCarthy
1670 NW Federal Highway
Stuart
(772)692-6454
www.coast101.3.com
info@coast1013.com
Radio Station
Sponsor: Carolyn Davi

Oceanside Funding
Todd Foster
7873 SW Ellipse Way
Stuart
(772)287-8122
www.oceansidefunding.net
nwoodsloan@adelphia.net
Mortgage Brokerage
Sponsor: Michele Radcliffe

LaBorgata
Rosalia Ditede
3227 SW Mapp Road
Palm City
(772)288-2121
Restaurants
Sponsor: Michele Radcliffe

Karlin Daniel & Associates
Debi Kuiper
50 SE Kindred Avenue, Suite 103
Stuart
(772)220-2557
www.karlindaniel.com
dkuiper@karlindaniel.com
Auctioneers / Appraisers
Sponsor: Michele Radcliffe

Treasure Coast Angel Investment Forum
Robert Dombkowski
1853 SE Federal Highway
Stuart
(772)214-3017
www.tcaif.org
kd@tcaif.org
Organization and Non Profit
Sponsor: Kathryn Davies

Interstate Self Storage
Edward Davis
4125 SW Martin Highway
Palm City
(772)286-6504
Storage
Sponsor: Kip Davis



**November Breakfast Sponsor
Forest Hills Funeral Home**



**November Breakfast
Guest Speaker
Judy Sanchez-US Sugar**



**December Breakfast Sponsor
Aesthetic Dentistry of Palm City**



**Local Issues Luncheon
Guest Speaker - Bill Snyder**

**Swan
PHOTOGRAPHY**
772-286-7468
create@swanphotography.net
www.swanphotography.net



**December Breakfast
FAU Chorus**

**Chamber Ribbon
Cuttings**



Treasure Coast Realty GMAC Real Estate



**Supervisor of Elections
Vicki Davis**



Oceanside Funding