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A Message from our President - Toby Overdorf Crossroads Environmental Consultants, Inc.



People have asked me how long I want to live. Well, I might surprise you with my answer, "107 years, 59 days, minimum." If I achieve my goal I will see this great country achieve its 300th birthday. I will celebrate our

freedom and rejoice in the creation of Democracy by our forefathers.

The opportunities presented to us by our Constitution and the preceding Declaration of Independence should not be taken lightly. The liberties afforded to our citizens are worth dying for in order to maintain. While we celebrate our freedom, we also have to remember the men and women that have fought, sacrificed, and died for our liberties.

As our local politics play out, we may argue about open space, school locations, bridges, or wages. Some may feel that a protest is warranted for the cause they are championing or the movement they are behind. While you protest,

speaking out, marching, or writing, never forget that you are allowed to do this based on your freedom. Can you do that in Iran? Cuba? Venezuela? North Korea? I don't think so.

Prior to our breakfast and lunch events, the Chamber completes the United States of America Pledge of Allegiance. We acknowledge and embrace our citizenship and our ability to assemble in freedom. Our members are not forced to say the pledge, but they certainly appear to embrace it. The pledge re-affirms our ability to act and perform as citizens of the United States of America. It was first written by Francis Bellamy and published on September 7, 1892. It was then adopted by President Benjamin Harrison and has been modified through our democratic system of checks and balances. I encourage you to embrace and recite this pledge as it is currently approved: **"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."**

Celebrate your independence this month and know that when you join us at our Chamber, you will be reminded of your freedoms and your allegiance to this incredible country we call home.

More About Our Directors

Year after year, the Palm City Chamber of Commerce is honored to have the hardest working and most supportive Board of Directors. These ladies & gentlemen give endless hours to our organization together with other organizations dear to their heart. Please support their businesses for they are true community leaders.



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Founded in 1999 with media expertise as its cornerstone by owner and President Thomas R. McNicholas, the firm built a solid reputation for industry knowledge and reinforced it with a results-driven methodology and comprehensive follow-through.

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As engineers and surveyors we bring our power of deductive reasoning and analytical thinking to solve the problems facing our communities. Continuous learning affords us the ability to provide advanced solutions.

JULY 2007

WEDNESDAY	JULY 4	INDEPENDENCE DAY - CHAMBER CLOSED
TUESDAY	JULY 16	BOARD OF DIRECTORS - LBFH 7:30 AM
TUESDAY	JULY 23	AMBASSADORS MEETING - CHAMBER OFFICE - NOON

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Carol Bobo is the manager of the Palm City Office of BankAtlantic. She has been a resident of Palm City since 1988 and is married with two sons, Robert and Jeffrey. Both boys attended South Fork High



School and went on to graduate from the University of Central Florida and the University of Florida respectively. Carol began her banking career with Community Savings in 1989. She rose from part time teller to Personal Banking Representative, Operations Manager and, finally, Manager in 1994. In February, 2006, Carol transferred from the Jensen Beach Office of BankAtlantic to the Palm City Office. In 2002 Community Savings was acquired by BankAtlantic and 7 day banking was introduced to our area. BankAtlantic developed the brand of 'Florida's Most Convenient Bank' emphasizing its 7 day banking, extended hours, free coin counter, and other innovative banking conveniences. Carol looks forward to meeting you and invites you to visit her at the Palm City Office of BankAtlantic.

Council on Aging of Martin County honors Volunteers

For the 23rd year the Council on Aging of Martin County held a breakfast to honor and

Alan Richards, Alan Start, Darrell V. Stiffler, Jr., Marion Welch, Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Whitney and Sherry Westerfield. Barbara A. Kauffman, President / CEO of the Council on Aging gave a heart-warming power point presentation on the new Charles & Rae Kane Senior Center entitled, "Close Your Eyes and Dream..." Arthur Kehlhem, a volunteer himself and member of the Capital Campaign Cabinet, challenged volunteers to join him in pledging financial support to this private/public endeavor.

The mission of the Council on Aging of Martin County is to bring conveniences and services to the home and community that promote independence, well-being, mobility



and informed choices for successful aging. As the county's elder population continues to grow, this new and expanded facility in South Stuart will be greatly needed. The Center will include a hurricane shelter for

recognize their valuable volunteers. Held at the Miles Grant County Club, thirty-one individuals were notably honored for their continuous volunteer service. Honored for 15 years of continuous service were: Mr. & Mrs. Robert M. Decker and Robert Parsons; 10 years – Margaret Ansbro, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Boyd, Mr. & Mrs. Ted Conklin, Gladys Costanzo, Cynthia Systrom and Margaret Tester; 5 years of service – Brenda Casto, Anne Craft, John E. Fay, Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Flack, Mr. & Mrs.



seniors and their beloved pets.

Currently the Council is in *dire need of Meals on Wheels summer volunteers* to cover for those who are returning north. Volunteers will deliver hot, noon-time meals to area homebound seniors one day a week, Monday through Friday for two hours, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Areas of delivery are available throughout Martin County. For more details on volunteering please contact Krista Kugaraj, Volunteer Coordinator at the Council



John F. Giunta, William Hart, Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Miller, John O'Dea, Robert Pearson, Eileen Qyinn,

on Aging at 223-7829.

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Another Successful Year for the Stuart Sunrise Rotary Annual Golf Ball "Drop"

Another good time was had by all at the Toyota of Stuart Sunrise Rotary Golf Ball Drop. "The success of this year's fundraiser will allow the club to provide several scholarships to local high school students, as well as provide funds for the "Dictionary Project", which gives every third grade student in Martin County Public Schools their own dictionary, as well as other community outreach activities," said Richard Kjellstrom, co-chair of the event.



The weather was beautiful and the hovering helicopter entertained the crowd at the event. Three lucky individuals claimed the big-screen LCD TV, digital camcorder and IPOD, when the numbered balls they purchased fell closest to the pin at Monarch Country Club. In

addition, attendees scored great prizes at the live and silent auctions, as well as by winning the putting and chipping contests.

"This event had something for everyone and is really rewarding because the money earned goes to help hardworking high school students from around Martin County to obtain a college education," said Ellen Pietz, club president.

Rotary is made up of business and professional leaders who work to better their community and build understanding and peace in the world. Rotary is a non-political, non-religious humanitarian organization. Founded in 1905, there are approximately 1.2 million Rotary Club members of more than 32,000 Rotary clubs in 168 countries. Rotary projects address critical issues in communities around the world. Rotary focus areas include: polio eradication, international education, speech and literacy. For more information about the Sunrise Rotary Club call President Ellen Peitz at 772-225-1961 ext. 110 or log on to www.rotary.org.

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