

LEADERLINES

MARTIN COUNTY



LEADERSHIP Martin County Alumni

Oct/Nov 2009

From the President...

“This ain’t rocket science!”

Allow me to first introduce myself. My name is Steve Graff and I’m your Alumni President. I decided to use the shuttle because I have a face for radio and a personality disorder. But I digress. I’ve been with the Stuart Police Department for 20+ years and have called the Treasure Coast my home for almost 25 years.

We are being asked to do more with less and the stresses on our lives are ten fold what they were just a short time ago. Now more than ever, you need to get involved and stay involved. Being a LEADERSHIP Alumni is one of the best ways of staying involved in this community. This is the 20th year of LEADERSHIP Martin County. We need your help to ensure this program will last for 20 more.

The challenges we face this year are great but I challenge each and every Alumni to re-embrace this program, LEADERSHIP Martin County Alumni. For the past several years I’ve watched involvement and attendance drop off significantly. So what’s wrong, I wanna know! Email me, text me, write me but just don’t complain unless you’re willing to help and get involved. So here’s my cell 772.834.9530 or email at smg057@hotmail.com.



Like I said before, this ain’t rocket science – the future of this program is in your hands.

Steve Graff



Friday
November 13
6:30 pm
Willoughby Golf Club

Casino Night

Blackjack, Roulette, Craps, Texas Hold ‘Em & Poker

Tickets \$50
Heavy hors d’oeuvres
& a signature cocktail
RSVP by Nov 6

See Page 8 for details of the event!



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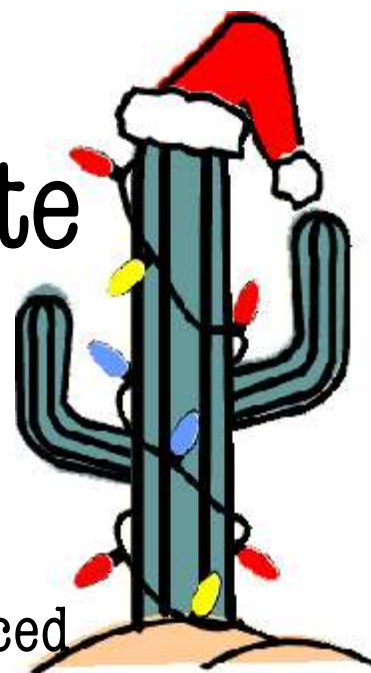


Save the Date

LEADERShip Alumni
Membership Luncheon Meeting

Friday, December 11 - 12 noon
at Manero's, Palm City

Details & RSVP info to be announced





ClassNotes

Maria S. Wells, ABR®, CRB®, SRES®, Owner/Broker of Lifestyle Realty Group (Class 14) was nominated by the by the Florida Realtors to serve as a National Association of Realtors (NAR) Board of Director. The confirmation occurred during the Florida Realtors Board of Directors meeting on August 23, 2009, which was held at the Rosen Shingle Creek Resort in Orlando, Fl. As one of the 54 NAR Directors from Florida, Maria will represent all Realtor members across the nation voting on key issues such as public policy positions and any other decision impacting property rights and the Realtor profession.

Ed Vossen (Class 11), affiliated with Saturn of Stuart for over 14 years, is pleased to advise our members that we are now representatives of the Subaru line of vehicles. Subaru offers five lines consisting of the Subaru Forester, the Outback, the crossover Tribeca, the mid sized Legacy sedan and the compact Imprezza. Subaru offers all of their vehicles as all wheel drive. This combined with antilock brakes, stabilitrack and six airbags makes their vehicles some of the safest on the road. Contact Ed at 772-341-4157 for more information.



From **Rep. Will Snyder** (Class 7):

I hope that you all have had a restful and pleasant summer. As the season winds down and we move towards fall, I am preparing several pieces of legislation for our committee weeks, which will begin in October. Although there are hopeful signs in some segments of our economy, Florida continues to face substantial budget challenges. I will continue to advocate that we do not raise taxes or institute any further fee increases. If any of you have thoughts regarding this or any other legislative issues, now would be a very good time for you to share them with me. Please let me know if there is anything I or my office can do to assist you.

PLEASE NOTE OUR POLICY REGARDING SUBMISSIONS IS AS FOLLOWS:

Articles submitted by members can include volunteer projects, professional projects and personal news (weddings, awards, etc.). Because many LEADERShip Active Alumni are affiliated with nonprofit organizations, there is potential for high volume of fundraising information other than the LEADERShip fundraisers. Active Alumni are welcomed and encouraged to share information about events in which they are involved in the Class Notes section of LEADERlines. In addition, if Active Alumni would like to submit .pdf file announcing a fundraiser they may do so at an advertising rate of \$100 for a full page; \$50 for a half page or \$25 for a quarter page ad made payable to LEADERShip MC Alumni. If Inactive Alumni would like to submit a .pdf file they may do so at an advertising rate that will also activate their membership: \$140 for a full page; \$90 for a half page, or \$65 for a quarter page ad made payable to LEADERShip MC Alumni.



ClassNotes

Proctor, Crook & Crowder is proud to announce that **David G. Pittinos**, CFP® (Class 11) has joined their subsidiary company PCC Financial Advisors, LLC as a Financial Advisor with 1st Global Capital Corp. This combination allows clients to discuss a family's financial goals with their CPA and their Financial Advisor.

Mr. Pittinos is the former Chairman of Council on Aging of Martin County; a Board member of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Martin County; a graduate of Leadership Martin County; an arbitrator with FINRA since 1987 and the former President of the Florida Securities Dealers Association.

1st Global understands that financial services is not simply limited to traditional stock and bond investments, but takes the view that one needs to have a complete perspective on their financial situation. As such, they have developed a holistic process called Method 10™ which outlines 10 essential areas that offer a complete perspective into ones financial situation. This process delves into areas such as business planning, education planning and asset preservation.

If you would like to have a Personal Financial Review, please feel welcome to reach Dave Pittinos at 772-283-2356.

Virginia Lane Hill (Class 8), President of Interior Solutions, Inc., is pleased to announce the expansion of services to include factory trained, certified moisture control consultant and applicators. Interior Solutions is also proud to be an integral part of the design team for the Martin Memorial Emergency Center at St. Lucie West and their Diagnostic Imaging Services at Tiffany opening soon. Interior Solutions recently completed interior design services for Williams, Leininger and Cosby Law Offices, Romagosa Dermatology and Family Foot & Ankle, all in downtown Stuart.

The Arts Council and the Friends of the Blake Library present Southern Arts Federation's 2009-2010 Southern Circuit Tour of Independent Filmmakers at the Blake Library, John F Armstrong Wing, 2351 SE Monterey Road, Stuart. Following each screening the director will engage the audience in a discussion about the film and his or her work as a filmmaker. "It is very exciting to bring to Stuart, for the first time, the nation's only regional tour of independent filmmakers," stated **Nancy K. Turrell**, Arts Council executive director (Class 4). She added, "Partnering with the library to bring focused attention to the art of filmmaking is a great opportunity for visitors and residents to have interaction with the producers and directors who are a part of this tour." Support for this program is provided in part by the Tourist Development Council.

Josh Folds (Class 15) wants to update everyone that he is now at National City Bank now a part of PNC Bank as the Business Banking Sales Manager based in Palm City at 1251 SW 27th St, 2nd Floor, Suite a. I can be reached at 772-403-7140 Office, 772-341-5931 Mobile and 772-219-8301 Fax.
Josh.Folds@NationalCity.com.



ClassNotes

Bill Pecci (Class 19) advise that the Stuart Police Department is participating in the Big Brothers Big Sisters career mentoring program again this year. It is an excellent program which pairs an 8th grade student from Stuart Middle School with a business in our community. The students suggest the types of careers they are interested in and BBBS finds a business willing to mentor the student one day a week for about two hours. The program is 10 weeks long. Bill mentored a child last year and found it to be very rewarding. He encourages any business owner or manager to consider becoming a part of the career skills mentoring program. If you would like to participate in this program, please call Katherine Gifford, Match Support Specialist, at 283-8873 ext 230. If you have any questions, you can always call Bill at 772) 220-3917.

Francine Beckstead (Class 9), president of THE BARN THEATRE, announces the opening of The Barn's 39th season of live theatre. This season (which opened on Sept. 18th with the farce Cash On Delivery) will feature 6 mainstage productions and many special events. There are 3 comedies, a drama, a suspense mystery and a hilarious musical. Expect to laugh, cry, puzzle, think new thoughts, and go home humming tunes. You'll be a vital contributing part of the theatre experience, not just an observer. Ever-so-much-better than the movies, even if they don't have popcorn! As an all volunteer 501(c)3 nonprofit, The Barn needs community support. Contact Francine or the Barn office at 287-4884 for more information on how you can help. Please support Martin County's only community theatre.

Bonnie Tadross (Class 11) wants everyone to know that CASTLE will be starting their annual toy drive the last week of October. Unwrapped toys collected will be distributed to the parents of the children served by CASTLE so that each child will have gifts on Christmas morning. CASTLE serves over 750 families in Martin County. There are drop-off locations around the county such as all Riverside Banks in the county (thanks to **Pete Lashenka**, Class 20), Chapman & Plymale Law (**Shaun Plymale**, Class 15) in the Sterling Mortgage Building, and at most gyms in town including Rosalind's Uptown Fitness (**Ros Neilen**, Class 11) in Harbour Bay Plaza. Contact Bonnie at (772) 781-4510 or by email at btadross@exchangecastle.org for more information. Toys can be dropped off at CASTLE's office at 3824 SE Dixie Hwy next to Mr. Bread in the Country Club Plaza. Cash donations are welcome and donations of the long rolls of wrapping paper are much appreciated.

Supervisor of Elections **Vicki Davis** (Class 4) has been appointed by Governor Christ to the District Board of Trustees, Indian River State College (Senate confirmation required). If they know Vicki like we know Vicki, she'll be confirmed. Congratulations from us all!

Have you changed jobs, gotten married, retired, moved or gotten a new email address? Don't forget to login on www.leadershipmcalumni.com to update your information in the electronic directory - we can't reach you with the wrong address or email!



ClassNotes

The law firm of Fox Wackeen Dungey Beard Sobel Bush McCluskey LLP has announced that **Robert L. Kilbride** (Class 19) has joined the firm as an Of Counsel Attorney.

Mr. Kilbride will be practicing in the areas of business litigation and labor and employment law. "We're fortunate to have the ability to expand our litigation department with an attorney of Mr. Kilbride's caliber," said firm partner George W. Bush, Jr. "He brings a wealth of experience in business, labor, employment and human resources." Mr. Kilbride earned his Juris Doctor from Florida State University. His previous experience includes serving as Vice President and Division Counsel at Wackenhut Corporation and as Head of the Economic Crime Unit, Major Crimes Division at the State Attorney's office. Mr. Kilbride will also continue his work with the City of Stuart.

Additionally, he was recently appointed to the Board of Directors for The Arts Council of Martin County as well as the Board of the American Red Cross, Martin County Chapter.



Ron Bunch (Class 18), Executive Director of the Business Development Board of Martin County, presents **Pierre Uteschill** (Class 19), Director of Academy of Marketing Management at Martin County High School and YPMC Committee Member, \$500 check initiating 2009 Next Leaders Survey challenge at August's YPMC Luncheon at Harborage Yacht Club & Marina.



The LEADERShip Program Planning Committee, **Francine Beckstead** (Class 9), Chair, Nancy Sailer, Program Director and **Nicki van Vonno** (Class 14), Vice-Chair are proud to announce our Class 20 leaders. They will be spending the next nine months together learning about our community and how the issues and decisions we make affect everyone. There will be several socials after some of the day sessions. Alumni are invited to join us and welcome the new class 20 members who are:

Bridget Baratta, Wendie Berardi, Stacey Brownlow, Tammy Calabria, April Castoro, Amber Ducote, Barbara Faehnle, Joe Ferrara, Ryan Grimsdale, Bruce Hansbrough, Chad Hastings, Sue Hedgepeth, Dan Hulén, Miguel Juan-Gaspar, Nicole King, Teresa Lamar-Sarno, Pete Lashenka, Stephen Leighton, Mike McCarty, Tim McCreary, Howard Marder, Jennifer Mason, Pat Navarro, Maria Reich, Arnaud Roux, Brian Scott, Krissy Simoneau, Joe Tumminell, Darcy Von Ohlen, Ronda Wilburn, Catherine Winters, and Travis Waddell.

Youth Leadership 2009-2010

The Martin Youth Leadership Program Co-Chairs Diana Bruton (Class 16) and Audrey Allen will be coordinating the Class 13 high school students selected this year. They are Lauren Anzalotti, Alyssa Arechabia, Shawn Bettencourt, Kelsey Charlotte, Ashley Connors, Cullen Cormier, Sean Crary, Kyle Elder, Austin Fowler, Samantha Fritschie, Evan Greenbaum, Julianna Guccione, Vanessa Harrison, Ryan Hirth, Katie Holland, Sammie Iannocone, Ayanna Jason, Brian Joy, Kimmie Kemier, Richard LaConte, Colleen Lindgren, Jenna Martucci, Ben Price, Shannon Reilly, Anthony Santavicca, Crystal Schelmety, Megan Schroeder, Logan Shatters, Alyssa Shipe, Gabby Silvas, Rich Simonson, Marcella Tortorici, Tytrell Williams. Some names you might recognize as having alumni parents are the son of Cindy and Patrick LaConte (Classes 7 & 4) and the daughter of Robin Hicks-Connors (Class 11) and Jordon Connors C(Class 10).



The Board of Directors liaison to Youth Leadership this year is BJ Moffat (Class 17).

The Scholarship Committee, chaired by Janice Norman (Class 14), will be gearing up for the new school year. We are proud to announce that the Youth Leadership Scholarship will appear in the Community Foundation of Palm Beach and Martin County Scholarship Directory. The committee will be contacting Alumni to serve on the committee.

If you have an interest in serving on this committee, check out the information about the scholarship process on our website - www.leadershipmcalumni.com - and/or contact Janice Norman at janice@lifestylerealtygroup.com

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Past President Jon Milton with last year's scholarship winner Maria Valdez of Martin County High School at Scholarship Night





October, 2009

Casino Night

Dear LEADERship Supporter,

The LEADERship Alumni organization supports and sponsors the Martin Youth Leadership Program and the Scholarship Program. Additionally, we support the LEADERship Martin County Program, provide educational and networking opportunities for members, and enhance our members' community awareness by providing opportunities to evaluate and act on issues affecting Martin County.

It's time again for our one and only annual fundraiser to support the Martin Youth Leadership Scholarship. To help tomorrow's leaders today, we are pleased to announce a social evening with Alumni and friends at the Willoughby Golf Club for a "Casino Night," **Friday, November 13, 2009**. Tickets to this evening of enjoyment are \$50 per person and are available now. If you aren't into high stakes poker, roulette, craps or black jack we'll offer you fun, dancing and a chance to catch up with some old and new friends a like.

We will also be conducting a **Live Auction** and an exciting **Reverse Drawing** with a grand prize of at least \$2,500.00. For those who have never been to a Reverse Drawing, it's an exciting time you don't want to miss.

In addition to attending and having fun, we hope you are willing to help tomorrow's leaders today by becoming an **Event Sponsor**. This year we continue a tradition that we believe will generate great excitement. We are challenging each Class to become a **Table Sponsor**. Even if you can't attend the event we still hope you choose to participate by simply making a donation to your Class, purchasing tickets for our numerous drawings or exciting Reverse Drawing. Here's your opportunity to empower the future leaders of our community. Please take a moment to view the enclosed form offering sponsorship opportunities.

Your support and/or sponsorship of this fundraiser are greatly appreciated. Please remember that all proceeds of the event will help our Martin County Youth Leaders further their education!

Warmest Regards,

Steve

Steven Graff
Event Co-Chair

Cindy

Cindy LaConte
Event Co-Chair

2009 - 2010 Scholarship Fundraiser

Martin County LEADERShip Alumni Foundation Casino Night

Celebrating LEADERShip's 20th Anniversary

An evening of fun, games, live auction and Reverse Drawing ~ prize of \$2,500

Friday, November 13 ♦ 6:30 PM

\$50 per person includes heavy hors d'oeuvres & a signature cocktail

Willoughby Golf Club

Benefiting LEADERShip Martin County Alumni Foundation for Youth's

Scholarship Program







Casino Night Features

Blackjack, Roulette, Craps, Texas Hold 'Em and Poker



Please RSVP by November 6

Sponsorship Opportunities

-  **\$1,000 Monte Carlo Sponsor** receives 2 complimentary event tickets, 1 reverse raffle ticket (\$2,500 prize), introduction during the evening, an ad on the Stuart/Martin County Chamber Website, included in the promotion and thank you ads in the *Palm Beach Post* and the *Stuart News*, name in *LEADERlines* newsletter, and name in evening program.
-  **\$500 Las Vegas Sponsor** receives 2 complimentary event tickets, introduction during the evening, an ad on the LEADERShip Website, included in the promotion and thank you ads in the *Palm Beach Post* and the *Stuart News*, name in *LEADERlines* newsletter, and name in evening program.
-  **\$250 Atlantic City Sponsor** receives 1 complimentary ticket, introduction during the evening, included in the promotion and thank you ads in the *Palm Beach Post* and the *Stuart News*, name in *LEADERlines* newsletter, and name in evening program.
-  **\$100 Biloxi Sponsor** receives introduction during the evening, included in the promotion and thank you ads in the *Palm Beach Post* and the *Stuart News*, name in *LEADERlines* newsletter, and name in evening program.



RSVP's: Cindy LaConte @ 341-6096 or mail your RSVP card to the Chamber

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SPONSORSHIPS: Janice Norman @ 485-9505 or janice@lifestylealtygroup.com

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