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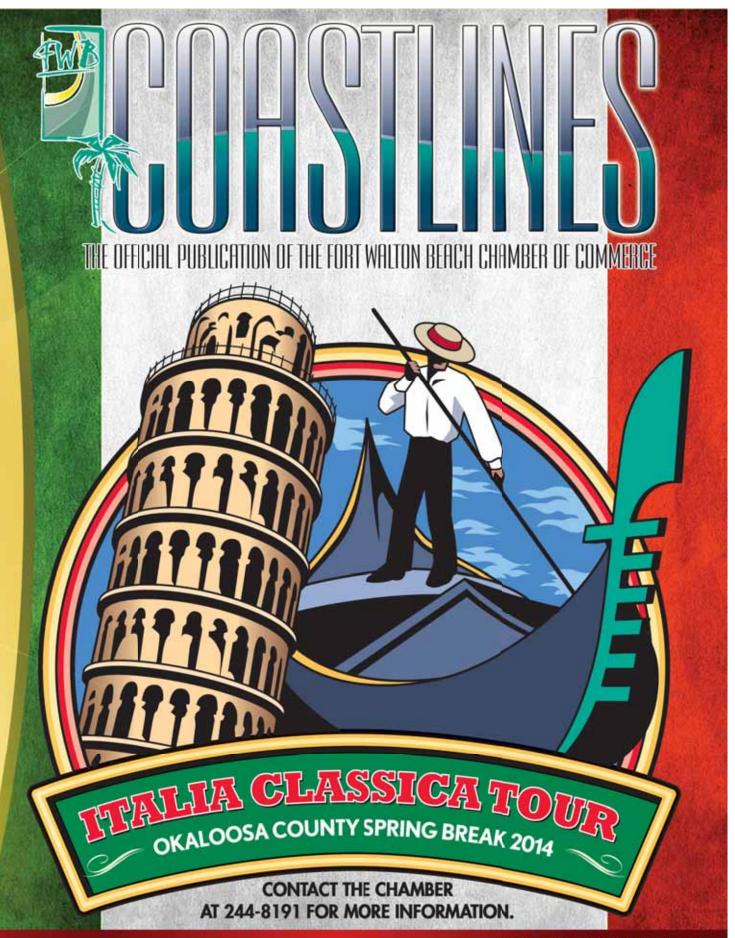












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A Message from the Chair of the Board

State of the Chamber...

out and it's hot!! Our tourist season is under way, and if the early numbers are any indication we're in for a busy season.

The Chamber is like any other business - the last few years have been challenging. If you own or run a business you know what I mean. Finding

ways to cut expenses and new ways to generate revenue have been the norm the last few years. That's why I am so excited how our first six months have unfolded.

The year started with our Annual Installation Banquet and 10th Anniversary Mardi Gras Parade and we just wrapped up the 58th Billy Bowlegs Pirate Festival. I am happy to say every event the first half of the year has been a great success. Of course this would not be possible without our dedicated Committee Chairs, hundreds of volunteers, a great Chamber Staff and great sponsors. Also, a little luck is always nice and we have been very lucky to have great weather for our events! Membership is growing and we are always looking for new and exciting ways to promote our members.

Your Chamber is off to a great 2013. On a personal note I will tell you that I could not be more proud of

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Summer is here, school is everyone who has helped make the first six months of 2013 so successful. At the beginning of the year I could not have pictured it being any better.

> In the coming months we will have some of our most popular events including the HC White Golf Tournament, the 2nd Annual BBQ Festival and Dog Daze. The date for Dog Daze is October 12th this year, and we are especially excited this year because we are going to cut the ribbon on the new Liza Jackson Dog Park. This is a joint venture with your Chamber and the City of FWB, with the support of Cumulus Broadcasting and other supporters. This will be a great asset in our community and will be done without any taxpayer money. We are about half way to the \$30,000 needed to open the park. I would like to thank every one who has contributed so far. If you would like to donate, you may do so at many of the local Veterinary Clinics, the Chamber Office or go to www.FWBDogPark.com. We have had donations from \$1 to \$1000 so no donation is too small. Please donate if you can.

> As your Chair of the Board I can't tell you how excited I am about the first half of 2013. It's been fun, busy and productive. I am looking forward to the rest of the year and hope you are as well. We still have a lot to accomplish so hop on the Chamber train, it's quite a ride!!! I hope to see you at the next Chamber event and I thank you for your membership.

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Owner, Vacuum Center

President's Message



Ted Corcoran

President/CEO/IOM

It's not what you know, but.....

... of course ... who you know! I absolutely love doing business with people I know, and who are members of our Chamber of Commerce. It gives me a safe feeling knowing that a Chamber friend—who is an expert in their field—is going to look out for me—in whatever the circumstance in which I need their services.

Since the first of May, I have

personally utilized the following Chamber members—all of whom I have met at the Chamber: —Dr. Chris Hansen and Dr. Sam Capra of White Wilson Medical Center; David Fuqua of Batteries Plus Bulbs; Dr. Shawn Leatherman of Healthsource; Grant Williams of Niceville Hearing Center; Big Nic of Scooter Brothers (need your lawn mower fixed?-Great job!); Marcy Brown of BBVA Compass Bank; Eric Divens of Sprint Cell Phone Service; Dennis Reeves of Dennis & Company; Dr. Mike Fregger of Family Eye Care; Bob Lentini of Gold's Gym; all the Cumulus and Apex disc jockeys (yet knowing them does not allow you to automatically win their contests); Marcia WrightReynolds of Gulf Reflections Studio; Dottie at Walgreens on Mary Esther; and Dennis Gagnon of Affordable Home Insurance. Luckily my

car has been running pretty well lately, or I would be calling Jackie at Neese Automotive, Mike at Holmes Auto Repair, Chad at McLeod's or Keith at Telly's.

(And this isn't counting Gulf Power, City of FWB utilities and NWF Daily News whom I use daily).

And let's not forget those great Chamber restaurants (I can't believe it, but I have dined at the following in the last month!): Fuds on the Island, Helen Back, County Line Pizza on Page Bacon (try their Chicago deep dish pizza and \$2 mystery beers on Friday night!), Lenny's on Eglin; Luxe Sports Grill-downtown, Fokkers, Buffalo Reef, Brooks Bridge BBQ; Fusion Bistro, Golden Corral, Memphis Que, Mulhollowsdowntown, Whataburger, Wendy's, Waffle House, Props Brewery & Grill, Sonny's Real Pit BBQ, Tijuana Flats, Two Trees Restaurant and Lanies Kitchen-downtown. I can't wait to visit our other Chamber members this month!

There are scores of other Chamber members that I have used in the past, and dozens more I will use in the future. The point is—our Chamber cannot guarantee that you will get one piece of business by becoming a member—however I can personally guarantee that you have the opportunity to meet dozens (hundreds?) of people who might become friends and whom you can trust with your business/life requirements.











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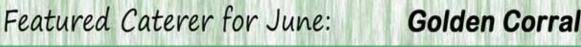


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FASTSIGNS is a locally owned and operated franchise that specializes in visual communications. We think of ourselves as consultants prepared and ready to help our customers with content development, graphic design services, production, permitting and installation. We have been serving the Emerald Coast for over 8 years now.

While we are a small local company, we have the resources and technological advantages that a large company enjoys because we are a part of a 550 store organization worldwide. FASTSIGNS has been ranked by Entrepreneur Magazine as the top sign franchisor for the past 10 years and is

always in the top 5 and usually the top 2 "business to business" franchisors. This is the result of the support that FASTSIGNS provides their franchisees and the value and consistency that the franchisees provide their customers.

The owner of the local FASTSIGNS franchise, Dick Marks, has over 30 years of consumer and industrial marketing experience that he brings to the business. This enables him to relate well with customers to help them integrate their visual communications into their marketing mix.

FASTSIGNS of the Emerald Coast strives to provide the customer a friendly environment that focuses on service, quality and value while staying within the customer's budget. We do this by providing the customer with the "most bang for their buck". We offer visual graphics of most

any kind, from wall murals to large monument signs. Some of the more common types of signs we provide are Post and Panel Signs, Banners, Directional Signs, Dimensional/Channel Letters, Architectural ADA Signs, Vehicle Graphics, Pylon Signs, Trade Show Booths and Accessories like Monogrammed Tablecloths, Window Graphics, Retractable Banner Stands and the list goes on. The vast majority of the signs we manufacture are custom made to the customer's specifications and needs.

For more information about FASTSIGNS of the Emerald Coast, visit our website at www. fastsigns.com/451. The site offers more examples of the type of signs we are capable of producing, unfiltered customer reviews and actual photos of signs that we have manufactured and installed.

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Beach Medical Center the door-to-balloon times average 56 minutes. And our best time is 13 minutes! We have one of the fastest times in Northwest Florida. That's good news for our heart attack patients.

The Chest Pain Center at Fort Walton Beach Medical Center is one of our many programs that has been recognized by, and adheres to the standards of, the most respected agencies in healthcare quality.



Take a Trip | Take a Coastlines

Our members are going to some pretty glamorous places these days – and they're taking some good reading material right along with them.

If you choose to take your Coastlines with you on a trip, take a photo and share it with us. Send it to eppi@fwbchamber.org.



Jean Dutton traveled to Yorba Linda, CA to visit the Nixon Presidential Library. She was attending the 40th Anniversary of the return of the Vietnam POW's. Jean's husband, Col. Richard Dutton, was a POW for 5-1/2 years. He died in December of 1999.



Paul and Anne Singleton headed north to North Carolina for a visit with their daughter and son in law in Richmond. This photo of Anne, Paul and their daughter, Lisa Singleton-Driscoll, was taken just south of the Virginia/North Carolina line.

MEMBER DISCOUNT PROVIDERS MDP Sponsoring July First Friday Coffee – Date Changed To July 12Th



ALOHA from the MDP (Member Discount Providers)!! As always, we will be sponsoring the Chamber First Friday Coffee for July and you won't want to miss it! THE DATE HAS CHANGED TO JULY 12 SINCE THE FIRST FRIDAY WAS ON THE 5th. Our theme this year will be a LUAU THEMED PARTY/BREAKFAST and there will be many great surprises, fun and networking awaiting you! If you have never been to an MDP sponsored breakfast, you definitely don't want to miss this one....you will find that it is very different than the normal First Friday Coffee! You won't be coming to sit at a table but will be up mingling and networking with other businesses.

THOUSANDS of dollars in prizes will be given away. Just to share a few items...2 night stay and gift basket from Best Western (\$400 value); \$500 gift certificate for a John Maxwell leadership training or private coaching from Brockman Enterprises, Inc.; Gift basket that includes a pair of women's Charmant Espirit Sunglasses from Shalimar Eye Care (\$110 value); \$250 gift basket from Rosewood Realty; Luau themed floral arrangement from Remembering Loved Ones; Coaching Session and floral arrangement from Success With Desley \$350; Gift Basket of Sea Salts from Marion Gipson; a Keurig Coffee Brewer from Office Depot and MUCH, MUCH more!!

Here is how it works!

- Breakfast and Luau starts at 7am. Over 25 MDP members will each have a booth set up for you to visit and learn about their businesses and the special discounts they offer chamber members.
- When you arrive, you will receive an Office Depot reusable shopping bag and a punch card with all the MDP members on it (thanks to Perfect Imprints).
- You will visit each booth and have your card punched at that booth AFTER YOU HAVE ALL BOOTHS PUNCHED you will turn in your card to Eppi and the Chamber staff along with your business card to go in the drawing for door prizes. YOU WILL ONLY BE ELIGIBLE FOR DOOR PRIZE DRAWINGS IF ALL BUSINESSES ARE VISITED AND PUNCHED!! This must be done by 8:00am
- This will be an open networking breakfast chairs will be available but all tables will be removed. Finger type breakfast foods will be served in the back of the room.
- Door Prize give-away will begin at 8:15 your business card will be accepted ONLY after your punch card is verified that you have visited all booths.

Come join the fun at one of the biggest Chamber events of the year! We look forward to seeing you there!

Peggy Brockman Brockman Enterprises, Inc.







BUINILINES



Each month we highlight the accomplishments of Chamber businesses and individuals. Submit your news and pictures to eppi@fwbchamber.org Limit 150 words or less.

Hurlburt Field Red Horse Unit donates off-duty time for Kids

Over 20 volunteers from the Hurlburt Field 823rd Red Horse Unit rolled up their sleeves to form and pour the concrete driveway for a family foster home located in the Children in Crisis, Children's Neighborhood in Ft. Walton Beach. TSgt Dan Hall coordinated the training days for the work group that worked well into the darks hours for three days to get the job done on time.

Ken Hair, President/CEO, Children in Crisis, Inc. commented, "The Hurlburt Field Red Horse Team really came through for Children in Crisis. We didn't have the driveway in our contract when we built the home but we had to finish the driveway before we could complete and open the new home. You can see how critical this project was for CIC and the children."

Hair added, "Military and civilian children of our community fall under the same foster program. I'm very thankful that the Red Horse Team took on the challenge to make a difference in the life of a child. A BIG THANKS to all who participated."



Red Horse volunteers work on the driveway of the CIC Ya Ya's House family foster home in the Children's Neighborhood.

Fort Walton Beach Medical Center and Twin Cities Hospital Awarded an "A" for Patient Safety by Hospital Safety ScoreSM

Fort Walton Beach Medical Center and Twin Cities Hospital have been honored with an "A" Hospital Safety ScoreSM by The Leapfrog Group, an independent national nonprofit run by employers and other large purchasers of



Fort Walton Beach Medical Center



Hospital Safety ScoreSM was calculated under the guidance of The Leapfrog Group's Blue Ribbon Expert Panel using publicly available data on patient injuries, medical and medication errors and infections. U.S. hospitals were assigned an A, B, C, D or F for their safety.

"It's The Leapfrog Group's goal to give patients the information they need and deserve before even entering a hospital," said Leah Binder, president and CEO of The Leapfrog Group. "We congratulate the hospitals that earned an 'A' and we look forward to the day when all hospitals in the U.S. will earn the highest scores for putting patient safety first."

Southern Vacation Rentals Announces New **Fort Walton Beach Area Positions**



Southern Vacation Rentals (SVR) -- whose vision is to be the most caring company along the Gulf Coast -announces new area general manager Dawn Robinson, long time Southern employee, who will oversee vacation rental operations and business development in the Fort Walton Beach and Destin region. Dawn Robinson is the new general manager for Fort Walton

Beach condo rentals on Okaloosa Island and Destin vacation rentals from downtown Destin through Tops'l Beach & Racquet Resort in Miramar Beach.

For the last eight years, she led Southern Vacation Rentals' business development and will continue efforts to gain new properties on the Southern program while also growing the successful operations and guest relations in these areas. Robinson is a graduate of the University of New Mexico and has lived along the Emerald Coast for approximately 10 years.

"While it is always our goal to exceed expectations, Southern Vacation Rentals is very pleased to announce this new role within our company, designed to bring customer service for our owners and guests to a whole new level," said Marie Babin, chief operating officer, Southern Management Group.

SVR also announces the new guest relations manager position and new hire, Chris Wheeler. Chris will oversee all

front desk operations and guest interaction, as well as grow the company's Southern Perks partnerships with local businesses in the greater Fort Walton Beach and Destin area.

> Chris Wheeler joins Southern from Marriott's Atlanta region and brings industry knowledge from his degree in hospitality management from Auburn University. "Chris is an outstanding communicator who has a strong track record for exceeding guest expectations for service, exemplifying Southern's mission," said

> Southern Chief Operating Officer



Marie Babin.

Republican Women of Okaloosa Federated Grants Scholarship



Collegiate High School graduating senior Arden Robertson (center) recently received a \$1,500 scholarship from the Republican Women of Okaloosa Federated. She

is shown with scholarship committee chairperson Marijo Strauss (left) and RWOF President Patricia Perri.. Robertson will be attending Texas A & M University in the fall.

Britt Landrum III becomes Executive Vice President



Britt Landrum, Jr., President and CEO of Landrum Human Resource Companies, Inc., recently announced the promotion of his son, Britt Landrum III to the position of Executive Vice President of the company. In remarks to the staff Landrum, Jr. stated, "I think this is an important move to assure continuity of leadership and the continued suc-

cess of our family owned company."

Landrum III has been with the company over twenty years and has been a member of the senior leadership team since 2006. He has broad experience with the company, including sales, technology, operations and management. His current responsibilities also include oversight of the integration of newly acquired PEOs.

Britt Landrum III is a graduate of Oglethorpe University in Atlanta. He is married; has three sons, and resides in Gulf Breeze.

Wes Fields Earns Doolittle Raider Crest

For the first time in 71 years, the Doolittle Raiders have granted two very special individuals the honor of wearing the sacred Doolittle Raider's Crest. Our own Wes Fields was one of the honored recipients. Up until now, the Raider Crest has only been worn by the Doolittle Raiders themselves and a small group of Honorary Raiders. Wes was awarded



the Crest at the last Doolittle Raider Public Reunion that was held in Fort Walton Beach, FL in April.

The Doolittle Raider Crest is a Badge of Valor that unites all of the

Doolittle Raiders with a unique insignia commemorating their historical mission. To learn more about this highly honored Crest go to http://www.doolittleraider.com/the_raid-er_emblem.htm.

While Wes was instrumental in bringing the final Doolittle Raider Reunion "home" to Eglin/Fort Walton Beach this year, he is responsible for contributing years of voluntary service to the Raiders. Wes had been the main escort of Doolittle Raider MSgt Ed Horton until he passed away. Wes also escorts Medal of Honor Recipient Col George "Bud" Day and other WWII Veterans to events across the USA and world. For 12 years Wes has been the Security Director for the Doolittle "Tokyo" Raiders.

Wes also volunteers many hours to our local community in a variety of capacities. Some of the services to which he has contributed over the past 32 years are the Florosa Volunteer Fire Fighters, Emergency Medical Technicians, American Red Cross (First Aid & CPR Instructor), Auxiliary Trooper with the Florida Highway Patrol and is presently a member of the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Posse.

Wes served 24 years in the United States Air Force with 22 of those years on the AC- 130H as an Aerial Gunner. He currently leads the Security Department at the Emerald Coast Convention Center.

United Way Selects New President/CEO

Ed Taylor, District Manager for Gulf Power's Central Division and United Way Board of Directors Chair announced that Ken Hinrichs, a resident of Bluewater Bay in Niceville, has accepted the position of President/CEO of the United Way of Okaloosa and Walton Counties effective July 1, 2013.

Ken, a 30 year plus United Way employee, has served most recently as Interim Executive Director for the Louisiana Partnership for Children and Families in Baton Rouge following serving as the Interim President and CEO of the Boys and Girls Clubs of the Emerald Coast here in Fort Walton Beach. His United Way experience includes tenure serving as President/CEO of the United Way of Southeastern Connecticut in Gales Ferry, Connecticut, as President/CEO of the Capital Area United Way in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and the United Way of Southwest Michigan in Benton Harbor, Michigan.

Ken's expertise in increasing campaign revenue and board of director relations made him the logical candidate to serve our growing area of Okaloosa and Walton Counties. As a resident of Niceville, he has been involved in with the Okaloosa County Emergency Operations Center and the Institute of Senior Professionals at Northwest Florida State College. A graduate of Purdue University, he maintains a relationship with the National Academy of Voluntarism. A member of the Niceville United Methodist Church, Ken and his wife Laurie make their home in Bluewater Bay.

Hinrichs will succeed Bill Robinson, a 25 year veteran President/CEO of the United Way of Okaloosa and Walton Counties, who is credited with guiding the organization through tough economic times, a changing national charitable scene, and a number of damaging hurricanes that have struck the area. Robinson served for 27 years as a Boy Scouts of America executive prior to his term at the helm of United Way.

2013 Leadership Okaloosa Graduates 36 Community Leaders

The Costa Leadership Institute at Northwest Florida State College, in partnership with the Crestview, Destin, Niceville Valparaiso and the Greater Fort Walton Beach chambers of commerce, honored 36 Okaloosa County business professionals during a May 21 graduation ceremony to celebrate their completion of the 2012-2013 Leadership Okaloosa program.



The graduates include: Paula Andrews - Community Volunteer Ashley Bailey - Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office Stacia Berryman - Emerald Coast Autism Center Marilyn Bilby - Rocky Bayou Christian School Wendy Borcyk - Twin Cities Hospital Loren Boyer - Spence Brothers Properties Kyle Bremer - North Okaloosa Medical Center Beverly Britton - Contracts and Procurement Manager, InDyne, Inc.

Mark Chambers - CCB Community Bank Jessica Davenport - Raymond James/Morgan Keegan Bree Durham - Northwest Florida State College Katerina Eckert - Carr, Riggs & Ingram, LLC Tara Hagan - Chesser & Barr, P.A. Lauren Haggett - White-Wilson Medical Center Eric Halter - Raymond James Financial Services Jim Harkins - Okaloosa County Tax Collector Billy Hemphill - InDyne, Inc. Robert Hruby, MD - Surgeon Erin Igram - Boys & Girls Clubs of the Emerald Coast Armand Izzo - TASC, Inc. Leo King - Gulf Power Company Bill Kuhn - Edible Arrangements **Richard Lamar** - Southern Vacation Rentals Brooke Lord - Choctawhatchee High School Rose Marie Martin - Niceville Valparaiso Chamber of Commerce Grant Mever - Niceville High School Joan O'Dowd - Staff Accountant, Laura Roesch, CPA, PLLC Steven Pepper - Advanced Concepts Enterprises, Inc. Dee Reynolds - Rocky Bayou Christian School

Missy Rogers - Horizons of Okaloosa County, Inc. Andrea Rymer - University of West Florida Emerald Coast Jon David Simpson - Attorney Karyn Soltis-Habeck - University of West Florida Luke Tatum - Carr, Riggs & Ingram, LLC Kristin Taylor - Cox Communications Matt Turpin - Carr, Riggs & Ingram, LLC

The Costa Leadership Institute is now accepting applications for the 2013-2014 Leadership Okaloosa program. The nine-month program aims to enhance the participants' leadership skills, offering 25 hours of leadership development training and tours of key sectors of Okaloosa County communities, military and other areas. The class meets once each month from September to May, and participants receive classroom training by a certified instructor, interacting with various key community leaders along the way.

A highlight of the program is a two-day trip to Tallahassee for the Legislative Day meetings. Additionally, each participant takes part in a group project focused on city and county government, while honing the participants' public speaking, presentation, time management and team building skills. Another important aspect of Leadership Okaloosa is the networking opportunities with other current and emerging community leaders. Tuition for the Leadership Okaloosa program is \$900 and applications are due by July 26. Applications are available online at www.nwfsc.edu/LI, by calling (850) 729-6880 or emailing Leadership@NWFSC. edu.

Taylor Haugen Foundation Donates Safety Equipment



The Taylor H a u g e n F o u n d a t i o n through its YESS Program (Y o u t h Equipment for Sports Safety) issued safety

equipment to two Birmingham, AL U13 baseball teams on Tuesday, May14th. The SLAM Rebels 13U out of Vestavia Hills wanted Evoshield's (www.evoshield.com <http://www. evoshield.com>) specialty shirts designed to protect from Commotio Cordis, the often lethal disruption of heart rhythm <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Heart_rhythm> that occurs as a result of a blow to the area directly over the heart (the front chest or back region <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ Precordium>), at a critical time during the cycle of a heart beat causing cardiac arrest.

The SLAM team then conducted a fund raiser to offset the total costs and initiated a grant application to the Taylor Haugen Foundation's YESS Program. The foundation then intended to match the funds raised by the young team. However, the team raised \$1,500 – enough to cover the entire cost of the equipment. The foundation and the team then decided to 'pass it forward' and the foundation matched the funds raised and asked the SLAM team to select an additional 'in need' team to provide equipment support. Upon completion of the equipment fitting of the young SLAM, the Wenonah Young Dragons 13U (Birmingham) were also outfitted, bringing a total of 25 players outfitted with EvoShield's new generation equipment.

The YESS Program's intent is to educate and equip middle school and high school athletes with new age, internal injury protection often known to, and worn by, professionals and college players but rarely known to youth athletes and their parents.

Horizons Benefits from 17th Annual Children's Invitational Golf Tournament



Pandora's Steakhouse owner Sam Montalto recently presented four local children's charities with checks totaling \$145,000 as a result of the 17th Annual Children's Invitational Golf Tournament. Proceeds were generated by sponsors, golfers, a silent auction, and a raffle for a Mercedes. Pictured accepting the check from Sam (pictured in the middle) on behalf of Horizons are Wayne Campbell/ President of Horizons, and Tracey Williams/Community Development Coordinator for Horizons. Sam Montalto and his charity have generated and dispersed \$1.5 million in the 17 years in existence. Next year's tournament is set for April 25-27, 2014.

2013 WOMEN'S WALL OF HONOR HONOREES ANNOUNCED

On May 7, 2013, the Okaloosa County Commission on the Status of Women (OCCSW) held a ceremony to recognize the 2012 Women's Wall of Honor Honorees in the Auditorium at the University of West Florida, Emerald Coast Campus, in Fort Walton Beach, Florida. These special women have contributed to the well-being of children, families and the citizens of our community. This year's honorees are:

Michelle Anchors, Mary Burnette (deceased), Mary Florence, Martha Gorecki, Mary Hahn (deceased), Valene Harris, Deborah Hewitt, Agnes V. "Ginger" Maddox, Tammy McDaniel, Louise Meyers, Rachel Morrison, LuAnn Pulliam, Gwendolyn Slife and Gail Walker.

The honorees' names are placed on a plaque located in the library at the Fort Walton Beach campus of the University of West Florida with a nearby book containing a biographical page for each woman.



Pictured above are the 2013 honorees. Front row, left to right: Michelle Anchors, Patricia Payne (sitting in for Mary Burnette deceased), Mary Florence, Martha Gorecki, Gary Scopes (sitting in for his wife Mary Hahn-deceased), Valene Harris, Deborah Hewitt.

Back row from left to right: Billie Maddox (filling in for her daughter Agnes V. "Ginger" Maddox), Tammy McDaniel, Louise Meyers, Rachel Morrison, LuAnn Pulliam, Gwendolyn Slife, Amy McBride (filling in for Gail Waller).

YMCA Has New President and CEO

The Corporate Board of Directors of the YMCA of Florida's Emerald Coast announced today Mr. Thomas B. "Rudy" Wright will be the organization's Interim President and Chief Executive Officer, effective June 15, 2013. Mr. Wright succeeds Mr. Michael Rojas, who has served as the Y's Chief Executive Officer since 2012.

"Mr. Wright is the ideal person to fill this role at this time," says Mrs. Colleen Mahn, YMCA of Florida's Emerald Coast Board Chair. "Having served over 30 years in the United States Air Force and recently retiring as a Major General, he has the right expertise directing operations of highly complex organizations. And, as the recipient of several national-level leadership awards for progressive management in achieving organizational excellence, we believe Mr. Wright has a proven record to provide an innovative path to the Y's future."

Mr. Wright is a native of Fort Walton Beach and is a graduate of Choctawhatchee High School and Florida State University.

"I am committed to the belief that increasing the number of healthy families is the primary way the Y can strengthen the foundations of each community we serve", says Mr. Wright. "This said, I foresee the requirement to expand upon initiatives of Mr. Rojas and revamp internal policies, adjust business practices and promote better utilization of our resources. Our immediate and future operations will not be business as usual as we adjust to meet the challenges facing our organization."

Sport Clips Haircuts to Open in Wright Plaza



Sport Clips Haircuts, a place that makes it good to be a guy, is opening soon in the Heart of the Greater Fort Walton Beach area in WRIGHT PLAZA at the corner of Racetrack Rd. and Beal Pkwy. Bear and Mitzi Henley are pictured with NASCAR drivers Danny Hamlin and Joey Logano at their 2012 signing with the franchise. The Henleys are looking forward to bringing the family friendly positive haircutting experience, created by Sport Clips MVP, to the Men and Boys in the Okaloosa County area. "It's exciting to open our doors soon and let people come in and experience it for themselves," said Bear Henley.

Sport Clips Haircuts is headquartered in Georgetown, TX and was established in 1993 by founder and CEO Gordon Logan. Sport Clips is the "Official Haircutter" of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW),and sponsors the "Help a Hero" program that has raised almost \$2 million to help deployed and hospitalized U.S. service members call home through the Operation Uplink program. The Henley's are proud to be a franchisee that offer's a great concept in hair care options for guys and is a great place for stylist to work. Their outstanding service reminds men and boys that "It's GOOD TO BE A GUY!"

RE/MAX Southern Realty Welcomes Four New Agents in May 2013









RE/MAX Southern Realty the largest RE/MAX team providing real estate services in Northwest Florida welcomes four new agents to the team this month, adding to the stellar team that led RE/MAX Florida sales and commissions in 2012. Brenda Mclean, Veronica Garcia, Rebecca Miller and Shannon Williams bring more than 40 combined years of experience to RE/ MAX Southern.

"Each of these ladies was specially selected for their niche focus and expertise they will bring to our RE/ MAX Southern family," said Owner and Broker Kerry Veach. "While we consistently lead sales and commissions for RE/MAX in Florida, these new agents will help catapult our company to even higher levels of service and experience."

RE/MAX Southern has been a leader in Destin real estate for more than 20 years while Southern has been a forerunner in Northwest Florida vacation rental and property management since 1995. Together, they currently represent countless real estate properties, nearly 800 short term rentals, 750 long term rentals and 30 associations throughout Perdido Key, Pensacola Beach, Fort Walton Beach, Destin, South Walton, Panama City Beach and the Forgotten Coast. Owned and operated by two sets of brothers, Mike and Brad Shoults and Kevin and Kerry

Veach, Southern is a family and community oriented company whose mission is to exceed customers' expectations by providing the highest quality experience and service in Northwest Florida. Ready. Set. Go Southern!

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Thanks to Edward Jones Investments and Brooks Bridge Bar-B-Q for the outstanding Business After Hours in May. It was a beautiful evening and a great way for Chamber members to network. (If you don't typically attend BAH, you should give it a try!)

Join us for the July Business After Hours: Thursday, July 18, from 5:30 to 7:30 pm Belvedere Commons, 2000 Principal Lane, Fort Walton Beach (behind Sam's Club)

Special Bowlegs Kickoff Business After Hours

Our friends at **Cumulus Broadcasting** decided to kick off the Bowlegs weekend in grand style with a special, BONUS Business After Hours. Another beautiful evening with great food provided by Brooks Bridge Bar-B-Q. Helen Back provided the drinks in exchange for a small donation to the new Fort Walton Beach Dog Park.











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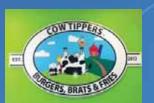


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We went to Cow Tippers in June - they worked Very hard to give us a terrific experience. Thank you!

> Next month, we'll be: Tommy Mattonie's Coastal Café, 723 Eglin Parkway, NE. Thursday, July 11, 11:30 am Please RSVP at www.fwbchamber.com.













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HORIZONS

From Disability to Capability

The crew from Gulf Power was very gracious and donated their sponsor time to the team from Horizons.



David Reeves of Golden Corral presented a check for \$600 in support of the Fort Walton Beach Dog Park.



Staff and supporters of Horizons were on hand to give a lively presentation about upcoming events as well as the agency's services.



Matt Turpin of Carr, Riggs & Ingram, and Karen Franklin of Eglin Federal Credit Union demonstrate the joy that comes with all those fabulous door prizes.



This was a particularly good looking group of new members. It's always a joy to welcome them into the Chamber and help them make great connections.



You won't often see the staff in the limelight, but they were thrilled to receive the exciting "Above and Beyond Award" for their work on the Doolittle Raiders Reunion.



Chair Mark Hamrick honored some of the key Bowlegs volunteers with awards for their tireless efforts: Maren Ammons from Helen Back; Hugh Kendall, Kim Smith (Kelly Services), Paul Montalvo (PCTS), Marcia (and Mike) WrightReynolds (Gulf Reflections), Bob Matthews (Trinity UMC), Bob Pinard (LocalEdge), and Bob Levison (Systems of Sound). There were hundreds more who offered their talents as well, contributing to the spectacular success of Bowlegs. We couldn't do it without you!!

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Each month, the Greater Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce has a special luncheon for our newest members. Check out these businesses – help welcome them to the Chamber. And remember: Members Helping Members Makes Sense!



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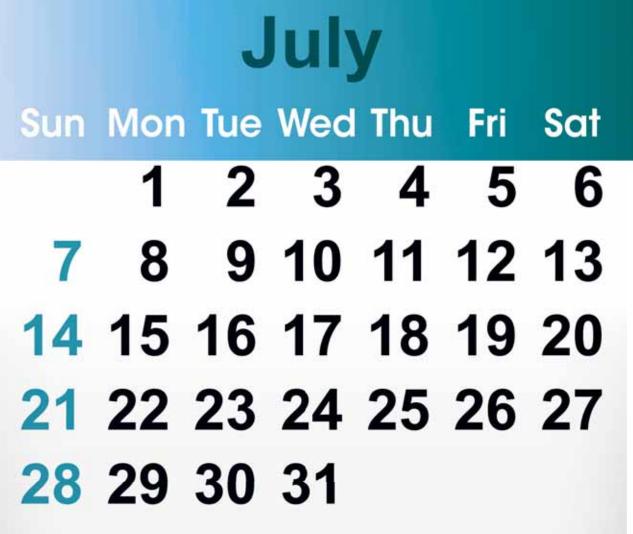
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