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Treasure Coast Home & Garden Show accepting exhibitors and sponsorships

The Treasure Coast Home & Garden Show presented by the Martin County Fair Association & the Stuart/Martin County Chamber of Commerce is still accepting applications for exhibitors and sponsors to participate. The event returns to the Martin County Fairgrounds March 5th & 6th for the area's largest, most comprehensive showcase of local businesses at no cost to the public.

The Home & Garden Show features over 100 exhibitors showcasing everything from cookware to landscaping to home furnishings at the Martin County Fairgrounds. The fee to exhibit is \$400 for Chamber members and \$500 for non-members and promises great visibility and community-wide exposure for your company.

The Home & Garden Show weekend will kick off with a Chamber Business After Hours on Friday, March 4th where members and exhibitors can sample food from area restaurants and get a sneak peek of the show, followed by the weekend showcase. For more information or to register, please visit www.stuartmartinchamber.org.



Special thanks to Liberator Medical Supply for hosting and sponsoring the January Business After Hours. Pictured from left: Chamber director Michael Dadko, UBS Financial Services, Inc.; Liberator Medical staff members Anna Califano, Kristina Davis, Ashley Mashaw, Jennifer Libratoro, Patrick Arcement, Joanne Thomas, Hannah Perez, Rhonda Lampert; chamber director Renee Doss, Renar Fine Homes and President/CEO Joe Catrambone.



Joining the January 25th Networking Breakfast sponsors Kaitlyn and Janine Mulberry of Mulberry Tree Foundation are (from left) past chamber chairmen Tony Barletta, Brightway Insurance and Mikel Spraker, CPA and board member Michael Dadko, UBS Financial Services, Inc.

LEADERSHIP'S Fundraiser, Rollin' On The River Casino Night A Success!

Martin County LEADERSHIP Alumni Foundation's annual Scholarship Fund Raiser, Rollin' on the River Casino Night announces its top winner, Jennifer Ferrari. Other top winners were Richie Martiniuk, Sarah Norman and Eddie Brito. The event was held at The Flagler Recreation Center on the St. Lucie River. The Party Corp of Orlando and the Alumni committee hosted a grand Casino evening raising funds for the Youth Scholarship Program. Alumni President, Mike Ewing stated "the event was a great success, we continue to raise funds to present a deserving Martin County student scholarship funds for the next four years."

This year's Alumni committee was Steve Graff, Janice Norman, Cindy LaConte, Esther Brito, LC Campbell, Mike Ewing, Ryan Grimsdale, Sue Hedgepeth, Kelly Pelletier, Lisa Teetor, Jayme Uteschill and Linda Weisknar. The Foundation supports and sponsors the Martin Youth Leadership Program and awards scholarships to deserving program graduates.

This year's sponsors included: Las Vegas Sponsors: Braswell

Bail Bonds & Surety Services, Inc., Martin Memorial Health Systems, Reed Hartman/Elliott Paul & Company, Secure Wrap, Scripps Treasure Coast Newspapers. Atlantic City Sponsors: Alpha-Zeta Landscape Contractors, Ampersand Graphics, Anthony D. George Jr., Capps Roofing, Cray, Buchanan, Bowdish, Bovie, Beres, Elder & Williamson, Forward Electric, Lifestyle Realty Group/Janice Norman, Soundwave Audio, Stuart/Martin County Chamber of Commerce.

Gaming Tables: Hill, Barth & King/Greg Nuttall/Ryan Furtwangler, Ocampo & Associates, Inc./Team Parks/Gulfstream Aluminum & Shutter Corp., Patrick and Cindy LaConte, Tobacco-Free Partnership of Martin County, David Anthony Insurance Agency/Richard Martiniuk, Alumni Class 7, Class 8, Class 14, Class 19 and Class 20.

Biloxi Sponsors: Amy Duffett Chappel, Donna Linton/Sterling Mortgage Services of the TC, Milton Engineering Consultants, Steve Graff, Sheila Kurtz.

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Brito, Kelly Bond Pelletier, Lifestyle Realty Group/Janice Norman, Lisa Teetor, Manero's Restaurant, Massage Envy Spa, Olive Garden Italian Restaurant, Outback Restaurant, Serenity Massage & Movement Spa.

A Live Auction was conducted by Reed Hartman of Elliot Paul & Company. Live Auction donations were made by Esther Brito, Just Gold Jewelers, Inc.,

Lisa Graff/List Enterprises, Inc., Lynne Barletta, Reed Hartman/Elliott Paul & Company, and Stacy Ranieri/The Firefly Group.

For more information on the Martin County LEADERSHIP Program, Youth LEADERSHIP or the Martin County LEADERSHIP Alumni Foundation go to www.leadershipalumni.org or call the Stuart/Martin County Chamber of Commerce at 287-1088.



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changed drastically in the 22 years since the concept of Enterprise Florida emerged. It now needs to evolve based on the emergence of speed as a critical element in meeting the needs of companies seeking to grow or relocate. According to Jack Lyne, Executive Editor of Interactive Publishing for Site Selection Magazine, more and more firms are first contacting consultants with requests to get into new space in "SIX WEEKS". We are told that it would be pushing the envelope to get it done in less than three months. Mr. Lyne states the Site Selector's Axiom "slowness kills"!

The Governor's proposed changes employ three strategies. They are: leverage high value private sector services, clarify the contact point and eliminate delays and duplication. Consensus seems to be the proposal has more than a fighting chance to succeed. The perception is that Senate President Mike Haridopolos & Speaker Dean Cannon both expressed views that the opportunity existed to improve the State's economic development process.

I am optimistic about the Governor's commitment to lead Florida to the top of the list for economic development.



President's Report

Joe Catrambone
 President/CEO

Governor Rick Scott has proposed many changes to reform economic development in our State. His driving factors are dealing with structure and process. The essence of his plan involves consolidation of agencies under what may be called a Department

of Commerce under a Secretary of Commerce.

In 1989 the Florida Chamber announced results of its "Cornerstone Report" which resulted in the creation of "Enterprise Florida". Economic development has

CHAMBER EVENTS

Networking Breakfast
 Tuesday, February 15th
 7:45 AM
 Sponsored by
 Mederi CAREtenders
 at Chamber office

Business After Hours
 Wednesday, February 16th
 5:30 - 7:30 PM
 Hosted & Sponsored by
 Habitat for Humanity
 Restore
 2555 SE Bonita St., Stuart

Young Professionals of Martin County
 Thursday, February 24th
 5:30 - 7:30 PM
 Hosted & Sponsored by
 Mulligan's Beach House
 61 SW Osceola St., Stuart

Treasure Coast Home & Garden Show
 Business After Hours
 Friday, March 4
 5:30 - 7:30 PM
 Saturday, March 5th
 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
 Sunday, March 6th
 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
 Martin County Fairgrounds
 2616 S.E. Dixie Hwy.
 Stuart

TREASURE COAST HOME & GARDEN SHOW
MAR. 5 & 6, 2011
 Martin County Fairgrounds

SHOW HOURS
 SAT: March 5, 9AM - 4PM
 SUN: March 6, 10AM - 3PM

Business After Hours Event
 FRI: March 4, 5:30-7:30PM

CALL THE CHAMBER AT (772) 287-1088 FOR MORE INFO

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