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**Upcoming Events:**

**Networking Breakfasts**

Tuesday, February 9th

7:45 AM

*Sponsored by*

*Project Graduation*

*Foundation, Inc. of Martin Co. at Chamber Office*

Tuesday, February 16th

7:45 AM

*Hosted & Sponsored by Mangia Bocellis Deli \* Bagels Palm City*

**Luncheon**

Wednesday, February 10th

11:45 AM

*Sponsored by*

*Gulfstream Council*

*Boy Scouts of America*

*at Outback Steakhouse*

*Stuart*

*Reservations are required*

**Business After Hours**

Wednesday, February 17th

5:30 - 7:30 PM

*Sponsored & Hosted by*

*Club Med/Sandpiper*

*Port St. Lucie*

**Young Professionals of Martin County**

Thursday, February 11th

6:00-8:00 PM

*Sponsored & Hosted by*

*The Chef's Table*

*Stuart*



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*Exhibit at the Home & Garden Show! Reserve Now, Space is Limited!*

- Business to Business Networking
- Major Multimedia Promotion
- High Visibility/Low Cost
- New Leads/Potential Customers
- Community Wide Exposure

*Save the date!*

*Come visit Martin County Orchid Society's 31st Annual Show and Sale*

**Sat. March 6, 9am-4pm**  
**Sun. March 7, 10am-3pm**  
*Martin County Fairgrounds*



*Free Admission & Free Parking!*

*presented by*  
 Martin County Fair Association &  
 Stuart/Martin County Chamber of Commerce

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Chamber President/CEO Joe Catrambone, Assistant Director of Clark Advanced Learning Center, Susan Roark and Chamber Chairman Jody Bond, Just Gold Jewelers Inc. present Student of the Month award to Maria A. Fernandez at January's chamber luncheon.



Chairman Jody Bond, Just Gold Jewelers Inc. and January Luncheon sponsors Scott Markowitz, AlphaStaff and Ken Orr, Benefits Resource Group who presented integrated solutions for benefits, payroll, HR Outsourcing and Risk Management for chamber members with chamber President/CEO Joe Catrambone at Bonefish Grill.



Thank you to Sandhill Cove, January's Business After-Hours sponsors Jolynn Whitten, Jill Burton and Jay Costello with chamber President/CEO Joe Catrambone (2nd from L). (photo courtesy of out2martincounty.com)



January Breakfast sponsors Megan and Desiree Mufson, New Vision Productions, Inc.



**Ken Ferguson**

*Director of Business Services*

**Time Marches On!!**

A few thoughts about those who fought the so called rampant growth in Martin County, let's go back about 40 or so years. Back when Claude Kirk was governor, I-95 was being completed and we were referred to as the sleepy little "no growth" area north of Palm Beach. By the way, we needed a Palm City Bridge then, too. Oh, we had a few places to shop here in Stuart,

but at Christmas time or "back to school" time you hopped in your car and headed for THE MALL, Palm Beach Mall that is... Or you could take a shorter trip north to Sears Town. Also, back then, if you had a craving for pizza, you'd go down U.S. 1 to the County Line Pizza on the border of Palm Beach and Martin County. For some, there was also the "booze run"...either the drug store in

North Palm Beach or the Liquor Store in Ft. Pierce.

Fortunately, there were some determined, forward thinking individuals, plus the Chamber of Commerce, the Committee of 100, who realized that we must grow or become stagnant. As a result, moderate, planned growth began to happen. Additional schools were built, the city of Stuart built a new facility, county buildings were built.

Why am I bringing this up?? After 42 years, the Palm Beach Mall is closing down. If we hadn't planned ahead, where would we be going?

At least now, you don't have

to leave the area to find good shopping, good dining, entertainment, good education and good medical care. It goes on and on.

Yes, time marches on!!

**CLOSING HUMOR:**

Some more Steven Wright quotes: (1.) If it is zero degrees today and supposed to be twice as cold tomorrow, how cold will it be? (2.) Smoking solves weight problems..... eventually. (3.) I have an inferiority complex, but it is a very good one. (4.) If you are sending someone some Styrofoam, what do you pack it in, and (5.) Why are there Braille dots on the keyboards at drive up ATMs?

**Shop Local...Shop With Chamber Members**

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