



**CHAMBER EVENTS**

**Networking Breakfasts**

Tuesday, January 10th  
7:45 AM

Hosted & Sponsored by  
**The Pine School**  
12350 S.E. Federal Highway  
Hobe Sound

Tuesday, January 17th  
7:45 AM

Hosted & Sponsored by  
**Port Cove Plaza**  
6122 S.E. Federal Highway,  
Stuart

Tuesday, January 24th  
7:45 AM

Sponsored by  
**Social Development Journey**  
at Chamber office  
1650 S. Kanner Highway, Stuart

**Toastmasters Seminar**

Friday, January 6th  
8:00 - 9:00 AM

at the Chamber Office  
1650 S. Kanner Hwy, Stuart

**Networking Luncheon**

Wednesday, January 11th  
11:45 AM

Sponsored by  
**Seacoast National Bank**  
Hosted by  
**Outback Steakhouse**  
3101 S.E. Federal Highway, Stuart  
Reservations are required

**Business After Hours**

Wednesday, January 25th  
5:30 - 7:30 PM

Hosted & Sponsored by  
**Club Med/Sandpiper**  
4500 Pine Valley St.  
Port St. Lucie

**Young Professionals**

**4th Anniversary Party**

Thursday, January 26th  
**Finz Waterfront Grille**  
4290 S.E. Salerno Road, Stuart

## Chamber Kicks off New Year with Special Events

**Toastmasters Meeting**

The Stuart/Martin County Chamber of Commerce has formed its own chapter of Toastmasters International. Since 1924 Toastmasters has helped millions of men and women become more confident in front of an audience.

Toastmasters teaches you how to vary your approach to suit the needs of different people. Best of all you'll practice in a friendly supportive environment with people who are there for the same reasons you are - to become a better communicator and leader. You will learn how to effectively express your ideas to others, network at functions, pitch prospective clients, moti-

vate co-workers, improve one-on-one interactions and listen effectively.

The organizational meeting will take place at the chamber office on Friday, January 6th at 8:00 am. Topics at the meeting will include determining regular scheduled meeting dates and financial commitments. For more information contact the chamber at 287-1088, ext. 101.

**Indian River State College Program Series**

The Stuart/Martin County Chamber, in partnership with Indian River State College is presenting a series of free business-oriented programs designed to present skills, concepts and tech-



A satisfied customer enjoys the 2011 Home & Garden Show.

nical issues to better advance each individual business. The seminars will be presented at the chamber office. Each program will be linked to more detailed classroom offerings coordinated by IRSC/Corporate & Community Training Institute to be held at the Chastain campus in Stuart.

The first program will be held on Thursday, January 26th at 8:00 a.m. featuring the new wage withholding law.

On June 27, 2011 Governor Rick signed into law HB 7005 that significantly changes the state's unemployment compensation system and an employee's right to receive benefits when they separate from a job. The new law has broad implications for employers and may significantly affect their employment taxes.

The Honorable Thomas D. Epsky, Florida Unemployment Appeals Commission, will present the new law and its impact on the business and the employee.

For more information on the program series contact the chamber at 772-287-1088, ext. 101.

**Home & Garden Show**

The Home & Garden Show, presented by the Stuart/Martin County Chamber returns to the Martin County Fairgrounds for the area's largest home and garden showcase.

The show will take place Friday, March 2, noon to 5 p.m., Saturday, March 3 and Sunday, March 4, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. In addition to everything from cookware and landscaping to home furnishings, the show will also feature fine art and the Martin County Orchid Society. Admission and parking are free.

For more information, please call 772-219-1719 or e-mail HomeandGardenShow@StuartMartinChamber.org.

For a complete calendar of chamber and community events, visit [www.stuartmartinchamber.org](http://www.stuartmartinchamber.org).



Thank you to Sandhill Cove Retirement Living Center for providing a beautiful holiday setting for the December Business After Hours. Representing Sandhill Cove are Joelynn Whitten, Heather Furlong, Jill Burton, Jay Costello and Julie Spircoff.

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Stuart/Martin County chamber members were delighted with the beautifully decorated Grace Place Celebration Center at the Dec. 6th Networking Breakfast. Special thanks to the staff at the Grace Place for sponsoring the event. Shown from left are Melissa Weimer, Suzanne Adams, Crystal Spriggs, Phil Spriggs, Stephanie Johnson, Pastor Rick Addison, Debbi Doyle, Karon Addison, Eric Addison, and Rob Wright.



Chamber Chairman Tom Vokoun, AECOM and President/CEO Joe Catrambone congratulate December Ambassador of the Month Amber Roberts, of Brightway Insurance - Barletta Agency.



Special thanks to Tropical Smoothie for hosting and sponsoring the December 13th Networking Breakfast. Tropical Smoothie employees are pictured with (from left) Regional Manager Jim Thompson, Owners Vincent and Nick Gannascoli and Chamber Chairman Tom Vokoun, AECOM.



The Stuart/Martin County Chamber of Commerce and the Treasure Coast Food Bank would like to thank all of the chamber members who donated 191 pounds of food at the December Networking Luncheon held at Willoughby Golf Club. Shown from left are Chamber Chairman Tom Vokoun, AECOM; Danny Velez, Judy Cruz, Miguel Coty, Mat Churchey, Food Bank; Chamber President/CEO Joe Catrambone and Tricia Jenkins, Food Bank.

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**2012 Home & Garden Show**  
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