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CHAMBER EVENTS

**Networking
 Breakfasts**

Tuesday, May 18th
 7:45 AM
*Hosted &
 Sponsored by
 The Torch South
 Worship Center
 Stuart*

Business After Hours

Wednesday, May 19th
 5:30 - 7:30 PM
*Hosted &
 Sponsored by
 Davis Wealth
 Management Group
 Stuart*

**Young Professionals
 of Martin County**

Thursday, May 27th
 5:30 - 7:30 PM
 Monarch Country Club
 Palm City



April Networking Breakfast sponsor StartUp Nutrition associates with Chairman Jody Bond; Just Gold Jewelers, Inc., board member Renee Doss; Renar Fine Homes and ambassador Pete Lashenka; Riverside Bank (tradename of TD Bank, NA).



Chamber President/CEO Joe Catrambone, Clarion Inn of Stuart, Business After Hours sponsors Audrey Ballantyne and Eduardo Soffici with Chairman Bond celebrate the hotel's opening.

**In Loving Memory
 Amber Ferris**



Amber Pinkham Ferris, 76, the beloved receptionist for the Stuart/Martin County Chamber of Commerce, died April 24, 2010 at Treasure Coast Hospice in Stuart. She was born in Wiscasset, Maine, and lived in Stuart since 1978, coming from the Bahamas. She was employed at the Holiday Inn Downtown for 10 years before blessing the chamber with her charming personality for 23 years.

Survivors include her sons, Kris Ferris of Greensboro, N.C., and Michael Ferris of Stuart; brother, Dale Edward Pinkham of Stuart; and five grandchildren.



Congratulations to Class 20 Leaders who graduated on May 6th at the Yacht & Country Club

Front row left to right: Joe Tumminelli, City of Stuart Police Dept.; Tammy Calabria, The Children's Museum; Teresa Lamar-Sarno, City of Stuart CRA Agency; Patricia Navarro, PNC Bank; Catherine Winters, Prudential Florida Realty; Barbara Faehnle, Huston's Commercial Interiors; Miguel Juan-Gaspar, Dr. David Anderson Middle School; Bridget Baratta, Martin County Community Foundation; Maria Reich, Willoughby Golf Club; April Castoro, Mayersohn Law Group, P.A. and Darcy Von Ohlen, Tykes & Teens, Inc.

Second row: Wendie Berardi, United Way of Martin County; Jennifer Mason, JMD Insurance; Amber Ducote, Tara Biek Creative; Sue Hedgepeth, Stuart/Martin County Chamber of Commerce; Pete Lashenka, Riverside National Bank (tradename of TD Bank, NA); Bruce Hansbrough, Harmony Healing Arts Center; Howard Marder, Felix A. Williams Elementary School; Stephen Leighton, District Dir. Congressman Tom Rooney; Nicole King, The Whole Child Connection, Inc. and Joe Ferrara, Martin County Fire Rescue Dept.

Third row: Krissy Simoneau, Community Ambassador; Dan Hulén, Fifth Third Processing Solutions; Brian Scott, Custom Agronomics; Arnaud Roux, EW Consultants, Inc.; Stacey Brownlow, Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Martin County; Chad Hastings, Lesser, Lesser, Landy & Smith PLLC; Tim McCreary, Employers Mutual, Inc.; Travis Waddell, Freedom Waste Services; Ryan Grimsdale, Martin County Sheriff's Office and front center is Mike McCarty, McCarty & Associates.



April Business After Hours sponsor Maritime and Yachting Museum of Florida Chairman Doug Smith and associates with chamber President/CEO, Chairman, Past Chairman and board members.



Young Professionals of Martin County April event host and sponsor, Bare Bones, represented by Vince Fiore and Nicole Humphrey.



President's Report

Joe Catrambone
 President/CEO

May 4, 2010 was an historic day for job creation in Martin County.

The Martin County Commission voted 4-1 to adopt the Job Creation Toolkit - arming itself with the tools it needs to be able to create jobs in Martin County. This result is largely due to a broad based support of business activists willing to support job creation for Martin County. Letters, e-mails, phone calls and appear-

ances at the commission meeting illustrated to the Commissioners the broad community support.

There were non-profits, social service organizations, targeted businesses, small businesses, young professionals, students and individuals willing to take time out of their busy schedules to emerge as positive, community leaders. Also, let's not forget the unemployed and underemployed

who had the courage to step forward and tell their story. This was truly a community effort.

The Commission voted yes to the following items:

Dedicating funds from the new tax collections of the FPL Solar Array in an amount not to exceed 50% annually and initiate a cap on that fund of 5% of the General Fund balance with any excess amount going directly to the General Fund. This gives the County funds to execute the programs listed below.

Amend the current Impact Fee Mitigation Ordinance to include waiver of qualified building permit fees and to advertise for a public hearing on that ordinance to be held on June 8.

Adopt a resolution directing the Martin County Supervisor of Elections to place on the August 24, 2010 primary election ballot a referendum regarding the Tax Abatement.

Direct staff to advertise for a June 8 public hearing on the ordinance enabling the establishment of an ad valorem tax exemption program following an affirmative vote by the electorate on the August 24 primary election.

We also congratulate and thank Scripps Treasure Coast Newspapers for their editorial support of the initiative and the Indiantown Community and Chamber of Commerce for their willingness to compromise.

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