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Upcoming Events:

Networking Breakfasts

Tuesday, May 12th
 7:45 AM
 Hosted & Sponsored by:
 Extreme Outdoors
 Palm City

Chamber Luncheon

Wednesday, May 13th
 11:45AM
 Sponsored by:
 Hibiscus Children's Center
 at Monarch Country Club
 Palm City
Reservations are required

Business After Hours

Wednesday, May 20th
 5:30 - 7:30 PM
 Hosted & Sponsored by:
 Marble of the World
 Palm City



Chamber President/CEO Joe Catrambone with best-selling author Tony Rubleski and Breakfast Sponsor Joe Rogers, Tropical Smoothie Cafe/South Stuart. Rubleski presented his "Mind Capture" seminar to chamber members hosted by IRSC.



May Networking Breakfast Sponsor Peter Spirk, Gran Park Self Storage.



Ken Ferguson
Director of Business Services

Chamber Membership Is Critical

Businesses are suffering along with the economy, but Chamber membership is more important, particularly now. According to a recent study, people who were told that a particular business was a member of a local chamber were 44% more likely to rate it favorably than study respondents who were not told of the affiliation. Respondents were also 63% more likely to purchase from a Chamber member. The study also showed that people think more favorably about a

company's products, services and reputation when they are told that the business is affiliated with a chamber. This study was done by Schapira who were commissioned by the ACCE. Another study shows that 95% of the businesses voted as The Best Place To Work are Chamber members.

In the past twenty years, we have sweated out the Real Estate Investment Trust meltdown and multiple



Joe Catrambone with LEADERShip Martin County Program Director, Nancy Sailer. Mr. Catrambone was honored at the Class 19 Graduation as Founder of the LEADERShip Program he established in 1989. Congratulations to both of them for the success of this program for the past 20 years.



April Networking Breakfast Sponsors Joe Rogers and Jim Thompson, Tropical Smoothie Café/South Stuart.

stock market swings. The Stuart/Martin County Chamber of Commerce would like to offer a tremendous thanks to those members that stuck with us during those worrisome times. In fact, we have two hundred eighteen (218) members, including branches that go back to 1978.

As tough as it might be, now is the time to advertise and network. Take advantage of every opportunity. Post your news and press releases on E-Compass News.

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CLOSING HUMOR:

Did you know??? 1.) No word in the English language rhymes with month, orange, silver or purple. 2.) Dreamt is the only word that ends in "mt". 3.) The average typist's left hand does 56% of the typing. 4.) There are more chickens in the world than people. 5.) Women blink twice as much as men. 6.) There are only four words that end in "dous" tremendous, horrendous, stupendous and hazardous. Now you know everything.

Congratulations to LEADERShip Class 19 Graduating May 7th at Yacht & Country Club



LEADERShip Application Deadline is June 5th. Pick up your application at the Chamber office or contact Nancy Sailer, Program Director at 287-6692.

Front row (left to right): Kendall Clifford, The Firefly Group; Darla Miloszewski, Martin County School District; Charry Thacker, Boys & Girls Club of M.C.; Robert Watts, Peace Christian Academy, Inc.; Pierre Uteschill, Pop Culture; Jamie Chapogas, Edward Jones Investment; Debi Kuiper, Forum Financial Group; Esther Brito, House of Hope and Carla Brown Lucas, Compass Marketing Communications.

Second row (left to right): Mark Corson, M.A. Corson & Assoc.; Kelly Johnson, R V Johnson Insurance; Bill Pecci, Stuart Police Department; John O'Brien, Gulfstream Aluminum & Shutter Corp.; Lisa Rhodes, Education Foundation of M.C.; Kelly Bond Pelletier, Just Gold Jewelers; Susan Roark, IRSC/Clark Advanced Learning Center; Marian Schlow, Martin Memorial Health System and Barbara Michael, National City Bank.

Third row (left to right): Scott Eckler, Boyle Engineering Corporation; Ken Baker, New York Life Insurance; Patty Oslager, Martin County Sheriff's Office; Geoff Domergue, Rotellis Pizza & Pasta; Joshua Harris, National City Bank; Raul Ocampo, Ocampo & Associates; Ryan Strom, Parks Company, Inc.; Bob Kilbride, City of Stuart; Danny Strauss, Florida Commercial Enterprises; Jon Campion, European Kitchen Sink & Bath Outlet and Brad Love, Ampersand Graphics.

Not shown: Linda Moreman, PHH Mortgage/CBHL.



Wednesday, July 22, 2009

Wolf Technology Center at Indian River State College
 Salerno Road, Stuart

Public Welcome: 10 AM - 5 PM
Business After Hours: 5:30 - 7:30 PM

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