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Mario Castillo, General Manager of the new Johnson Honda dealership in Stuart, surrounded by his associates and chamber ambassadors, cut the ribbon at the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and April Business After Hours. Thanks to Johnson Honda for hosting the chamber event.



Kirk Nickey, Kirk Work Event Promotions accepts the Ambassador of the Month award from Chamber Chairman Melissa Corbett, The MilCor Group, Inc. at the May Luncheon held at Outback Steakhouse.

**LEADERShip  
 Martin County**

**Class 22**

Applications Are Now Available.

Contact Nancy Sailer at [jancy11@aol.com](mailto:jancy11@aol.com) or pick one up at the Stuart/Martin County Chamber of Commerce office.

**Deadline is  
 June 10, 2011**



Special thanks to Dan Hulen (center) of Fifth Third Processing Solutions for sponsoring the April Networking Luncheon held at Outback Steakhouse. Shown with Dan are Chairman Melissa Corbett, The MilCor Group, Inc. and President/CEO Joe Catrambone.



LEADERShip Class 21 Graduates, front row left to right: Lynn Barletta, Art of Breakthrough; Jennifer Manning, Martin County BOCC; Jason Berger, Law Office Jason Berger, PA; Leslie Haviland-Smith, Keiser University; Sam Bruning, Morgan Stanley Smith Barney; Kathleen Lannon, Stuart Police Department; Rene Iosco, McCarthy, Summers, Boko, Norman, Bass & Taylor, P.A.; Lisa Dames, Aron's Towing; Sue Zachman, TD Bank. Second row: Leo Giangrande, AECOM; Dave Youngstrom, Dunkelberger Engineering; Bob Jennings, Jennings & Valancy, P.A.; Cheryl Gaydos, Prudential Florida Realty; Marianne Keehan, First Peoples Bank; Leslie Kandefer, Clark Advanced Learning Center; Nancy McCarthy, The Firefly Group; Mary Palczer, Martin Co. Convention & Visitors Center; Susan Gaieski, Lifestyle Realty Group. Third row: Cystal Stiles, Business Development Board; Brett Zurich, Team Parks; David Sarno, First United Bank; Bryan Richardson, MC Professional Firefighters; Carl Newton, Edward Jones Investments; Jon Belding, MC Fire Rescue; John Hennessee, Fish House Art Center; Jessica McLain, Martin Memorial Foundation; Charles Page, Morgan Stanley Smith Barney; Mike Merritt, Hill, Barth & King, LLC. Not shown are Jenell Atlas, MC Sheriff's Office and Dalynn Sotomayor, Martin Memorial Health Systems.

**CHAMBER EVENTS**

**Networking Breakfasts**

Tuesday, May 10th  
 7:45 AM  
 Hosted & Sponsored by  
 PNC Bank/East Ocean  
 1500 S.E. Ocean Blvd., Stuart

Tuesday, May 24th  
 7:45 AM  
 Hosted & Sponsored by  
 Forest Hills Funeral Home/  
 Young & Prill Chapel  
 6801 S.E. Federal Hwy., Stuart

**Networking Luncheon**

Wednesday, May 11th  
 11:45 AM  
 Sponsored by  
 Keiser University  
 College of Golf  
 Hosted by  
 Miles Grant Country Club  
 5101 S.E. Miles Grant Rd.  
 Stuart  
 Reservations are required

**Business After Hours**

Wednesday, May 18th  
 5:30 - 7:30 PM  
 Hosted & Sponsored by  
 Stuart Grill & Ale  
 1630 S. Federal Hwy., Stuart

**Young Professionals  
 of Martin County**

Thursday, May 12th  
 5:30 - 7:30 PM  
 Hosted & Sponsored by  
 Key Lime Cafe  
 211 Colorado Ave., Stuart



**Ken Ferguson**

*Director of Business Services*

**Some female facts  
 according to Google:**

The United States is now home to 7.7 million firms that are majority-owned by women. California and Florida are the leaders. Florida has the highest growth rate for female owned companies. 11.2% of the Fortune 500 companies have females on their boards. 17 of the 100 Senators are female. 44 of the 100 states have female Representatives. 20% of our military personnel are female. We have had the first female Commander of a Naval vessel. We have also had three female Secretaries of State.

Thirty-five women have served as a State Governor.

Mother traits: Most mothers will tell you they want their children to receive a good education. They want them to be healthy and happy. They want good job opportunities for their children. Although they support the military, they don't like their sons or daughters exposed to battlefield conditions in countries that dislike America. Most fathers would concur with this.

As we look back at past Presidents, we see a tremendous variety of backgrounds. We have had actors, farmers, cattlemen, different educational backgrounds and when we think about it, there is no criteria for being President of the United States, except an age requirement, so,....

**IS IT TIME?????**

With 2012 just around the corner, I am not proposing that we elect a female President, but I am saying I think it might be time to start grooming some future candidates. At least let them know that there is possible support for them. I know this is a bit controversial, but a trip of a hundred miles begins with the first step.

If you are so inclined, you can email me at [kferguson@stuartmartinchamber.org](mailto:kferguson@stuartmartinchamber.org)

The above may make you laugh, but if it doesn't, try the following:

**CLOSING HUMOR:**

This is a little different. I will give you a word/words and show a new word/words when you rearrange the letters: 1. Dormitory: to Dirty Room. 2. Presbyterian: to Best in Prayer. 3. Astronomer: to Moon Starer. 4. Desperation: to A Rope Ends It. 5. The Eyes: to They See. 6. Slot Machines: to Cash Lost In Me. 7. Mother-in-law: to Woman Hitler.

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 Shop With  
 Chamber Members**

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