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**CHAMBER EVENTS**

**Networking  
 Breakfasts**

Tuesday, November 9th  
 7:45 AM

*Hosted & Sponsored by  
 St. Martin de Porres  
 Catholic Church/Gift Shop  
 2555 NE Savanna Rd.,  
 Jensen Beach*

Tuesday, November 16th  
 7:45 AM

*Hosted & Sponsored by  
 TD Bank  
 989 S. Federal Hwy.,  
 Stuart*

**Networking  
 Luncheon with  
 Palm City Chamber**

Wednesday,  
 November 10th  
 11:45 AM

*Sponsored by  
 A T & T Florida  
 Hosted by  
 Monarch Country Club  
 1801 SW Monarch Club  
 Dr., Palm City*

Happy Thanksgiving  
 from the  
 Chamber Staff and  
 Board of Directors!

**Chamber Launches New Dining & Nightlife Feature to Website**

In addition to the vast array of information located on the chamber website www.stuartmartinchamber.org, visitors can now choose a member restaurant according to cuisine and location. Marketing consultant Sue Hedgepeth, in conjunction with the chamber's webmaster, MicroWeb Design, have been working to complete the new Dining & Nightlife feature in time for the return of our winter residents and visitors. "Our website is a prime example of how the Chamber strives to promote the importance of shopping locally," says Hedgepeth.

By clicking Dining & Nightlife on the home page or on the drop down menu under Area Information, searchers will have a multitude of choices from cocktail lounges, restaurants, bar & grills to caterers and banquet facilities. The guide provides information including average prices, location with detailed maps, atmosphere, types of cuisine and more. Phone numbers and websites are listed to further help make the selection.

In addition to the Dining & Nightlife Guide, the Chamber website continues to provide the most comprehensive information on the Martin County area including a community calendar, non-profit events, accommodations, history, culture, beaches and parks, fishing and boating, golf courses, shopping and much more.

The Chamber website is also an invaluable tool for business featuring a detailed directory of all chamber members, business start-up information, demographics, real estate and employment, as well as a chamber activity calendar and newsletter, member news, photo gallery and more.

As our tagline reads, Good for Business, Good for Residents, Good for Visitors...www.stuartmartinchamber.org is the best resource to help our community "Enjoy the Good Nature" that Martin County has to offer.

*Dining & Nightlife  
 Guide*

What are You Hungry For?  
 Locate the Right Restaurant by  
 Cuisine Type, City or Price.



Visit the Dining & Nightlife page at...  
[www.stuartmartinchamber.org](http://www.stuartmartinchamber.org)

**2010-2011 Stuart/Martin County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors**

Award Recipients were recognized on October 9th at the Stuart/Martin County Chamber of Commerce Annual Installation and Awards Dinner at Mariner Sands Golf & Country Club in Stuart.

Gary Lesser of Lesser, Lesser, Landing & Smith, PLLC, was presented the Business Person of the Year Award.

Business Advocate of the Year Awards were presented

to Bob Brunjes, Stuart News, and U.S. Congressman Tom Rooney.

The President's Award was presented to Tim Kinane, Vistage/Real World Group,

Inc. and the Chairman's Award was presented to Taryn Kryzda, Martin County Government Administrator.

Rebecca Mazza, David Lerner, Associates, was the 2009/2010 Ambassador of the Year. The Unsung Hero Awards were presented to Ken Norman, McCarthy, Summers, Bobko, Wood, Norman, Bass & Taylor, P.A., and Gordon Proctor, Proctor, Crook, Crowder & Fogal, CPA's.

Past Chairman Jody Bond, Just Gold Jewelers, Inc., was recognized for her 2009/2010 year of Chairmanship.

Committee Chair awards were presented to Tim Kinane, Vistage/Real World Group, Inc. - State Government; Tom Vokoun, AECOM - Local Government and Renee Doss, Renar Fine Homes - Transportation. These ladies and gentlemen were chosen for their dedication and supportive efforts in the community and to the chamber.

Chamber President/CEO Joe Catrambone was the Emcee of the event. U. S. Congressman Tom Rooney installed the 2010/2011 officers and directors.



Shown seated from left: Renee Doss, Renar Fine Homes; Cathy McKenzie, AT&T Florida; Chairman Melissa Corbett, The MilCor Group, Inc.; Past Chairman Jody Bond, Just Gold Jewelers, Inc.; Stacy Ranieri, The Firefly Group; Laurie Gaylord, Martin County School Board. Back row from left: Michael Dadko, UBS Financial Services, Inc.; Peter Lashenka, TD Bank; Edmund Collins, Martin Memorial Health Systems; Rick Hartman, Hartman Real Estate; John O'Brien, Gulfstream Aluminum & Shutter Corp.; Doug Smith, Martin County Commissioner; Patty Smail, Shelter Structures Inc.; Vice Chair/Chair Elect Tom Vokoun, AECOM; Gordon Proctor, Proctor, Crook, Crowder & Fogal CPA's; President/CEO Joe Catrambone; Kevin Powers, Indiantown Realty; Don Mader, Southeastern Printing/Blue Water Graphics; Shaun Plymale, Chapman & Plymale Law, P.A.



**Ken Ferguson**  
*Director of Business Services*  
**Manufacturing Is Key  
 to Good Paying Jobs**

The following are excerpts from an article by Tom Donahue in a recent edition of Business Week, which addresses the impact of Aerospace manufacturing nationwide.

"For the naysayers who argue that American manufacturing is dead (it's not), let me suggest that they take a look at what is happening in the aerospace industry. Despite the recent economic downturn, the aerospace industry achieved \$215 billion in sales last year, all while providing 644,000

good-paying jobs.

This critical industry - which is essential to national defense, transportation, and technological innovation - is also a leader when it comes to exports. In 2009, American aerospace companies enjoyed a trade surplus of \$56 billion."

We have had "naysayers" in Martin County for years. In the 60's, 70's & 80's, they were touting that we would turn the area into a Ft. Lauderdale or Miami. That

didn't happen!!!! Look at our thriving downtown Stuart and our well-planned Palm City area. Indiantown, Hobe Sound, Jensen Beach and Port Salerno can also be proud of their areas of the county.

Martin County already has several aerospace oriented businesses, but we need to create more good paying jobs. We still have one of the highest unemployment rates in the State.

We don't know what affect the election will have. Most candidates agreed that we need to create more higher paying jobs and stimulate the economy by attracting high tech industry. However, our "naysayers" are still here. Now they are saying we are turning the county into an Industrial

Complex with smoking chimneys and congestion. One "doubting Thomas" candidate even suggested if the graduating students can't get a job here, tell them to move.

**CLOSING HUMOR:** Though he died in a plane crash in 1935, here are some comments from Will Rogers. (1.) Never miss a good chance to shut up. (2.) A mountain lion killed and ate an entire bull, and felt so good about it, he started roaring and kept it up until a hunter came along and shot him...the moral?...if you are full of bull, it is best to keep your mouth shut. (3.) I don't know how I got "over the hill" without ever reaching the top ... And ... (4.) Letting the cat out of the bag is a whole lot easier than putting it back.

Shop Local...  
 Shop With  
 Chamber Members

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