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**Upcoming Events:**

**Networking Breakfast**

Tuesday, October 13th  
 7:45 AM

*Sponsored & Hosted by  
 Habitat for Humanity  
 of Martin Co.  
 5570 SE Colee Ave.  
 Stuart*

**Holiday Trade Show &  
 Business After Hours**

Wednesday, October 21st  
 5:30 - 7:30 PM  
 Hutchinson Island Marriott  
 Beach Resort & Marina  
 555 NE Ocean Blvd.  
 Stuart

**YPMC Golf Tournament  
 & Poolside BBQ**

Thursday, October 15th  
 4:00 PM - Shotgun Start  
 6:00 - 8:00 PM - BBQ  
*Sponsored & Hosted by  
 Monarch Country Club  
 1801 SW Monarch Club Dr.  
 Palm City*



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**HOLIDAY  
 TRADESHOW**

**& BUSINESS AFTER HOURS**

- Community Wide Exposure
- High Visibility/Low Cost
- New Leads/Potential Customers
- Business to Business Networking

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*Contact Jayme at 287-1088 (Ext. 111) or  
 jaymeu@stuartmartinchamber.org for information.*

**It's Not Too Early to Shop For the Holidays!**

The Stuart/Martin County Chamber of Commerce will officially mark the start of the holiday season with its annual Holiday Trade Show and Business After Hours. The event, now in its 14th year, will be held from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, October 21st at Hutchinson Island Marriott Beach Resort & Marina, located at 555 N.E. Ocean Blvd. in Stuart.

In addition to sampling, eating, shopping and networking, the evening will feature more than 40 exhibitors showcasing their wares and businesses inside the hotel's Plantation Ballroom. Tickets to attend are \$10 for members, \$20 for non-members.

This price includes two drinks and light refreshments. Advance member tickets are \$7.

The 14th Annual Holiday Trade Show and Business After Hours is sponsored by The Law Office of Lesser, Lesser, Landy & Smith, PLLC; Hutchinson Island Marriott Beach Resort & Marina; chamber board members John Yardley, Massey-Yardley Inc.; Elliot Paul, Elliot Paul & Company; Patty Smail, Shelter Structures, Inc.; Michael Dadko, UBS Financial Services, Inc.; Melissa Corbett, The MilCor Group, Inc. and James Stedham, Costco Wholesale, Inc.



September's Business After Hours sponsor Marc Lemoine, Pirates Cove Resort & Marina.



September Networking Breakfast sponsors Kathy Brown and Jerilyn Gemberling with Equine Rescue & Adoption Foundation, Inc.



YPMC members Richie Martiniuk, Plastridge Insurance Agency; Jessica Allman, Mehlich, Roegiers, Goldin & Co, CPA and Alex Palas; Bridge Financial Inc., volunteering at September's MusicFest event to raise funds for the 2009 Next Leaders Survey launching in Martin County on October 19th.



September Networking Breakfast sponsors Charry Thacker, Suzanne Wentley, Renee Booth, Rob Ranieri, Anne McCormick and Karen Zub, Boys & Girls Clubs of Martin County (photo courtesy out2martincounty.com).



LEADERShip Martin County Class 20 members attended their Opening Retreat held at Indian River State College on September 11th & 12th. Shown at the networking social held afterwards with alumni are Tim McCreary, Employers Mutual, Inc; Krissy Simoneau, Global Design Web Design Studio; Taryn Kryzda, Martin County Administration and Tammy Calabria, Children's Museum of the Treasure Coast.



**Ken Ferguson**

*Director of Business Services*

**Government Totem Pole**

I always enjoyed watching jugglers at the circus and on TV. Especially when they used eggs or glass tumblers. You knew a mistake was going to be a splat on the floor. As a result, they limited themselves to 3 to 5 items in the air at a time, and generally did all right. Our government is trying to perform its' own version of the juggling act but with far too many items in the air. And

that means several splats on the floor. When they (the government) robbed Peter (that is we the taxpayers) to pay Paul (that is the banks, financial advisors and the auto industry) that still leaves too many items in the air.

Not prioritized, but here are a few examples that come to mind; unemployment, affordable health care (I prefer equi-

table...give us the same plan the Senate and Congress get), education, immigration, taxes, the wars, adopting English as the official language, wasteful spending, credit card abuse by federal employees. It goes on and on. I would like to see them take a "totem pole" approach. Pick the top 5, solve #1, then go to #2, solve it, and so on down the line.

Here are my five: (#1) English as the official language, (#2) Equitable health care, (#3) Taxes, eliminate the IRS and go to a national sales tax (#4) Wasteful government spending including credit card abuse by federal employees (#5) Immigration.

Send me a list of your five to: kferguson@stuartmartinchamber.org or FAX 220-3437 or mail to 1650 S Kanner Highway, Stuart, 34994.

**CLOSING HUMOR:**

Play on Words: (1.) Eclipse: What a barber does. (2.) Heroes: What a man does in a boat. (3.) Paradox: Two physicians. (4.) Parasites: What you see from the top of the Eiffel Tower. (5.) Pharmacist: A helper on a farm. (6.) Relief: What a tree does in the Spring. (7.) Selfish: What the owner of a seafood store does. (8.) And last, what we should all do to straighten out the government....Sudafed!!