

ON THE MOVE

Medical



Eaton

Duke Eye Center has reappointed **Dr. Alexander M. Eaton** of **Retina Health Center** as an associate research consultant, a role he has served since 1999. The Duke Eye Center, part of the Duke University School of Medicine in Durham, N.C., is a world-class eye care and research center, which specializes in the treatment of blinding eye diseases such as macular degeneration. The Duke Eye Center was recently ranked one of the top 10 ophthalmology hospitals in the country by U.S. News and World Report. Eaton, an alumnus of Duke University School of Medicine, is a well-known macular degeneration expert. He has won numerous honors and awards for his research and service, holds a number of patents on surgical devices, and authored "See Again! Reversing and Preventing Macular Degeneration," published by Random House Company.

Capt. Art Garcia, a 24-year paramedic with **Lee County Emergency Medical Services**, was appointed to the **Florida Emergency Medical Review Committee**. The committee was recently created to develop a reporting system to analyze customer service, medical treatment and ethical issues for the purpose of statewide quality improvement. The committee, which meets for the first time in Cocoa Beach, hopes to develop a standard for care that can be met by all Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedics in the state.

Banking



Faber

William P. Valenti, president of **Florida Gulf Bank**, announced the appointment of **Talisha Faber** as assistant branch manager/branch officer of the bank's new Coconut Point banking center. She manages branch operations and business development while overseeing all aspects of client service. A Florida Gulf Bank employee since 2005, Faber was promoted to personal banker soon after being hired. The Coconut Point branch is located at 23250 Via Villagio at the southeast corner of Coconut Point mall.

The Arts

The Naples Art Association at The von Liebig Art Center announced that **Abigail Miles** has joined the staff as Man-

ager of Education. She will be responsible for overseeing the adult and youth studio art classes, children's summer education program, workshops, annual exhibition of work by high school students, youth scholarship program, "Nuts About The von Liebig" family day, and other education activities. Prior to joining the art association, Miles was membership services manager for the Girl Scout Council of Savannah, Ga. and a docent with the Owens-Thomas House Museum, also in Savannah. She held internships with the Barbara Archer Gallery in Savannah, Art Papers magazine in Atlanta, and the Atlanta College of Art Gallery, among other venues.

Real Estate



Collier

Pearl "Gigi" Collier has been named salesperson of the month for March at **Verandah**, the 1,456-acre master-planned community being developed by Bonita Bay Group along a 1.75-mile stretch of the Orange River in Fort Myers. After an award-winning career as a top producer in Southwest Florida and Indiana, Collier joined Bonita Bay Group to help launch sales at Verandah in February 2003.



Maher

Pamela Maher has been named sales leader for the month of March at **TwinEagles**, the master-planned community developed by Bonita Bay Group in North Naples. Maher is a veteran real estate professional with more than 20 years experience in the industry. For 2006 and 2007, she received a five-star designation from Gulfshore Life Magazine as Best in Client Satisfaction Real Estate Agent.

Edison Festival

The Edison Festival of Light, Inc. Board of Directors announced the addition of four new board members that will be instrumental in the planning and implementation of the annual event. New members **Angela Brant**, **Zack Gill**, **Christy Pritchett-Sarlo** and **Bill Turner** along with 30 other Board Members are already planning the 2009 Edison Festival of Light that celebrates the Man of the Millennium and Fort Myers' most famous resident - Thomas Edison. The newly elected 2008-2009 Executive Committee includes: President - **John Clinger**, Immediate Past President - **Steve Stage**, 1st V.P. - **Laura Hamel-Jones**, 2nd V.P. - **Bill Mankin**, Treasurer - **Emory Bottorff**, Secretary - **Karen Ryan** and at large members **Steven Davis** and **John Taylor**.

Broadcasting

Alpine Broadcasting Corp. Vice President Jeff Alpert announced that **Walt Tiburski** has been appointed to the position of Market General Manager of the company's highly rated WAVV 101.1. Tiburski has had a 39-year career in radio management and ownership and has worked in the Naples/Fort Myers market since 2004.

Financial

Alliance Financial Group announced that **Sandy Hertzler** and **Frank Sambrato** have joined its firm as financial associates. Hertzler brings a wealth of experience in nursing and medical office practice management to help her physician clients operate more efficiently. Sambrato, a Cape Coral native with a B.S. in business and finance from The University of South Florida, has directed major area construction projects and will specialize in helping business own-

ers develop strategies to help increase profits. Alliance Financial Group is a wealth management company located in Fort Myers.

Jewelry



Mercer

Kristi Mercer has joined **Congress Jewelers** as its jewelry appraiser. She trained with the Gemological Institute of America and is certified in both diamonds and colored stones. In addition to providing insurance appraisals, Mercer deals in estate and previously owned jewelry. She is available by appointment at the Congress Jewelers locations on Sanibel Island, on U.S. 41 in Bonita Springs, on Fifth Avenue South in Downtown Naples and in Coastland Center in Naples. Mercer previously designed and produced handbags under her own label, Tiger Lynn Handbags.

Speakers Assembly

The Speakers Assembly of Southwest Florida has elected the following officers for the 2008-2009 term: President, **Ross H. Roberts**; President-Elect and Program Chair, **Paul McGrath**; Vice President and Membership Chair, **Daniel Borgia, Ph.D.**; Secretary, **Karen Butler-Thompson**; Treasurer, **George Gilliland**; and Immediate Past President, **Richard E. Beightol**. Newly appointed board members include: **Vincent Modarelli**, Owner,

PRstore of Bonita Springs; **Richard Plowman**, President (retired), Bonita Bay Properties, Inc.; **John Risk**, President and Chief Operating Officer (retired) of MSX International, Inc., and director and manager (retired) of Ford Motor Company; and **Jaynie Whitcomb**, telecommunications executive (retired) with NextiraOne, **Williams Company**, Pan American World Airways, and current FGCU Board of Trustee. ■



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