

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Entrepreneurs Law School Jan. 31

An opportunity for small business owners to interact in hour-long sessions with local attorneys will take place on Saturday, Jan. 31, during the 10th annual Entrepreneurs Law School.

"This is a not-to-be missed day-long event for small business owners who want to hone their knowledge of the legal issues pertaining to their businesses," said Dr. Beth Hagan, who has organized the Entrepreneurs Law School for a decade. "It is of utmost importance that business owners and managers to be informed about the legalities of issues that become even more important during challenging economic times."

The popular Entrepreneurs Law School is coordinated by the Small Business Development Center of Florida Gulf Coast University. The law firm of

Roetzel & Andress, KeyBank and Briers CPA are sponsoring this year's Law School for small business owners and managers.

Tim Cartwright, Managing Director of Compass Advisory Group and president of the Gulf Coast Venture Forum will present a keynote Address: "The Stress and Frustration of 'Maybe' - Why is raising capital so difficult?"

The Entrepreneur's Law School tuition including lunch with the lawyers is \$75 for the morning or afternoon sessions and \$95 for the full day, if purchased in advance. At the door, half-day tuition is \$95 and full day is \$105. Interested businesses or individuals may register online at: <http://cli.fgcu.edu/sbdc>, or call 745-3700 for more information. ■

Country Inn earns green award

The Country Inn & Suites, on Summerlin Road, just before Sanibel Island, has been awarded the 1-Palm Green Lodging Certificate. This designation is only awarded to hotels which are showing a concerted effort to be environmentally conscious. Country Inn & Suites, which is owned by Shell Point Retirement Community, has been in operation at this location since 2001.

"We want to show our guests that we are taking every effort to ensure their comfort and enjoyment at our estab-

lishment, while also making sure to do our part in helping the environment," said Brian J. French, general manager for the hotel. "Even upon receiving this award, we are continuing our efforts to 'go green' even further by looking into other ways to help conserve our natural resources while operating a midscale hotel." The hotel maintains a public record of its Green Lodging information and is available for inspection at the front desk. ■

Builders Care honors Colonial Bank's Bassett for years of service

Builders Care, the nonprofit charitable arm of the Lee Building Industry Association, recently honored Colonial Bank's Robert B. Bassett for three years of dedicated service to the organization. Mr. Bassett, who serves as Colonial Bank's area president for Lee and Collier counties, also was sworn in as a member of the 2009 BIA board of directors at the event.

Builders Care provides emergency repairs and construction services to elderly, disabled and economically disadvantaged people who are unable to obtain home repairs through traditional means.

"I am so grateful for Bob's unwavering commitment to Builders Care," said Heidi

Taulman, the nonprofit's executive director. "Bob has been personally involved with many renovation projects over the years. He has gone above and beyond his role as a board member, and we are so fortunate to have his expertise and guidance."

Builders Care enlists the volunteer services of Lee BIA members and leverages grants and donated materials to provide construction and remodeling services to qualified homeowners throughout Lee County. Donations can be made online at www.LeeBuildersCare.org or to the Builders Care general fund at any Colonial Bank. More information is available by calling 938-0056. ■



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