

ON THE MOVE

Nonprofits

The **Edison Festival of Light Inc.** board of directors announced the newly elected 2009-2010 executive committee that includes: President **Laura Hamel-Jones**, Immediate Past President **John Clinger**, First V.P. **Bill Mankin**, Second V.P. **Emory Bottorff**, Treasurer **Karen Ryan**, Secretary **Cole Peacock** and at-large members **Steven Davis** and **John Taylor**. The board is now planning for an exceptional 72nd Edison Festival of Light in the continued tradition and mission of celebrating and Fort Myers' most famous resident, Thomas Edison.

The **Multicultural Centre of Southwest Florida** announced its 2009 board of directors. Members include: **Leonardo Garcia** of the Hispanic American Business Alliance; **Jack Pohlman** of Wiltshire, Whitley, Richardson & English, PA; **Connie Ramos-Williams** of CONRIC PR & Marketing; **Dr. Robert Brueck** of Associates in Cosmetic Surgery; **Evelyn Rivera** of Dunbar Middle School; and **Ronda Amaya** of Mariner High School. These new board members will promote diversity throughout Southwest Florida. They will also help the event committee raise funds and organize the annual Multicultural Back-To-School Festival & School Supply Giveaway.



SPRINGER

The "**Ding Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge** board of directors announced that **Jeff Springer** has joined the board. Mr. Springer has lived on Sanibel Island for five years.

A retired bank executive, he devotes his time to photography, darkroom developing, and outdoor pursuits such as golfing, fishing, and biking; serves on the Finance and Wildlife committees at The Sanctuary Golf Club; and is a cooperative member of the Hirdie-Girdie Art Gallery on Sanibel.



WATT

Emily Watt has been appointed as chair for the **Ronald McDonald Care Mobile Program Advisory Council**. She has been a member on the RCMC Advisory Council since 2005 and a past chair

of the Ronald McDonald Golf Classic Charity Tournament.

Architecture



HERNANDEZ

Noel Hernandez, project manager with **Gora/McGahay Architects**, has earned Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design accreditation from the U.S. Green Building Council.

LEED is the nationally accepted benchmark for sustainable building practices. Mr. Hernandez is responsible for project development and management for GMA. He recently served as project manager for fire station projects in Lehigh Acres, Fort Myers Beach, Big Corkscrew Island and Bonita Springs.

Higher Education



KING

Pamela King has recently accepted a promotion at **Southwest Florida College** as the program manager for arts and sciences/general education. Ms. King's new position will enable her to support the faculty in areas

such as math, science and English disciplines, in addition to supporting the educational growth of her students. Ms. King has been employed at Southwest Florida College for a little over a year and has held positions in financial aid and as a teacher for freshmen studies at the college before undertaking her new position as program manger.

Legal

Attorney **Brian A. Williams** of **Cohen & Grigsby** was recently elected president of the Isaac Anderson Jr. Bar Association. The Isaac Anderson Jr. Bar Association is the Southwest Florida chapter of the National Bar Association, an organization for African-American attorneys. Mr. Williams is an associate in the litigation group and practices in the Bonita Springs and Naples offices.

Real Estate



BANSON

Michael Banson has joined **The Marketing Directors LLC** as a condominium specialist for North Star Yacht Club. He brings to the organization his extensive experience in sales and an in-depth knowledge of

Lee County's waterfront condominium market. Mr. Banson is a 13-year resident of Florida. He has more than 12 years experience in the local condominium real estate market, having worked in

sales for Beau Rivage, St. Tropez and Riviera in downtown Fort Myers and for Gulf Harbour Yacht and Country Club in South Fort Myers.

The principals of **AMA Development LLC** have unveiled the new name of its Bonita Springs community, **Monaco**. Previously called Villages at Old Cypress, the new name better reflects the romance and tradition of the project. AMA's principals, Meir Alice and his brother Aviel, have been involved in Southwest Florida real estate for more than 20 years and have participated in the creation of many area neighborhoods.

Engineering



HAYES

Christopher Hayes, PE has joined **HSA Engineers & Scientists** as a civil project manager. Mr. Hayes has more than 10 years of professional experience in the design and permitting of projects involving stormwater

management, utilities, site development, and master planned communities.

Insurance

Glenn Black, a managing director with **Northwestern Mutual Financial Network** in Fort Myers, is being honored with the company's Outstanding Achievement in Recruiting and Sales Award. The award recognizes overall excellence of managing directors in the Northwestern Mutual system and requires managing directors to both achieve individual sales goals and office recruiting goals each year. A native of Fort Myers, Mr. Black became a managing director in 1996, and has earned the Outstanding Achievement in Recruiting and Sales Award for five years, the National Quality Award, the Dale Carnegie Highest Achievement Award and been named member of the Million Dollar Round Table since 1996. He has been with the company for 23 years. ■



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