

I N S I D E VOLUSIA BUSINESS

Chamber leadership announced for 2016

At the November meeting of the Board of Directors, the Board ratified the membership election of its board of directors for 2016.

Joining as new board members are, Cheryl Coxwell, **ISC/Daytona International Speedway**; Randy Dye, **Daytona Dodge Chrysler Jeep RAM**; David James, **The ARC of Volusia**; David MacKenzie, **Wells Fargo**; Samir Naran, **Hilton Garden Inn, Daytona Beach**; Julie Rand, **Florida Hospital Memorial Medical Center**; and Allan Ziffra, **Rue & Ziffra Law Firm**.

Returning to the Board to complete another three year term are, John Anthony, **JTA Financial Services, Inc.**; Tad Durrance, **Halifax Paving**; Kelly Parsons Kwiatek, **Cobb Cole**; Alin Jacobs, **Daytona Fine Homes**; Dr. Edison Jackson, **Bethune Cookman University**; Skip Lilly, **Vision HR, Inc.**; Tom LoBasso, **Daytona State College**; Mike Mitchner, **Sam's Club**; Frank Molnar, **LPL Financial**; Melissa Penland, **Hot Action Sportswear**; Teresa Rand, **Volusia Flagler Family YMCA**; Larry Volenec, **Florida Power & Light**; and Jim Weite, **TD Bank**.

Continuing to serve on the Board of Directors, completing terms are, Chris Bowler, **Daytona Beverages, LLC**; Bo Brewer, **The People Business**; Linda Bradley Thacker, **UCF, Daytona Beach**; Lori Catron, **Halifax Media Group**; Rodney Cruise, **Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University**; Suzanne Forbes, **James Moore & Co., P.L., CPA's & Consultants**; Ken Gaines, **Advanced Fire Extinguishers & Safety Equipment**; Todd Huffstickler, **Vann Data Services, Inc.**; Rufus Johnson, **GEICO Insurance-Johnson Agency, Inc.**; Bart Leek, **DBL Surety**; Tom Leek, **Cobb Cole**; Ann Luke, **SunTrust Bank**; Charlie Lydecker, **Brown & Brown, Inc.**; Phil Maroney, **The Root Company**; Len Marinaccio, **Bomar Construction, Inc.**; Kathy Milthorpe, **Ladies Professional Golf Association**; Bill Offill, **The Daytona Beach News Journal**; Mark Patten, **Consolidated Tomoka Land Co.**; Eric Peburn, **Halifax Health**; Cindy Politis, **Bank of America**; Jim Rose, **Rice & Rose Law Firm**; Tim Stockman, **Blue Dog Video**; Bobby Thigpen, **GT Daytona**; Daryl Tol, **Florida Hospital Memorial Medical Center**; Roseann Tornatore, **Wholesale Lighting, Inc.**; and Bob Williams, **Halifax Health**.

The Chamber's Executive Board is elected by the Board of Directors and will be announced soon.

Chamber recognizes business and leadership

Nearly 300 people attended the Chamber's Annual Awards luncheon on November 4 at the Shores Resort and Spa, presented by **Florida Hospital**.

Two Small Business Awards were presented at the event. Recognized at the Small Business of the Year with 1-10 employees, was **Markey's Rental and Staging**. The employee owned company was established in 1989 and has seen continual growth over the last 26 years. Their growth required them to double their warehouse space and fleet vehicles to service their clients. They were noted for continuing to embrace new technology allowing them to bring their clients vision to life.

Recognized as the Small Business of the Year with 11-50



Small Business Committee Chair Skip Lilly, Vision H.R. (left), congratulates Small Business of the Year Winner (1-10 employee category) Markey's Rental & Staging, with John Freimann (right, standing in behalf of owner Billy Neilson). PHOTOS BY DAYTONA REGIONAL CHAMBER/CLAIRE BRUBAKER

employees was **QuantumFlo, Inc.** Established in 2007, this manufacturing company, located in DeBary specializes in



Kahlin Grant of Synergy Billing stands with fellow Volusia Young Professionals Group members as the 2015 Young Professional of the Year. From left: Matthew Shapiro, Melissa Murphy, Doug Gillikin, Kahlin Grant, Priscilla Chanfrau, Tyler Grant, Matt Smith and Vinny Sagrani.

the development of packaged pumping systems and electronic controls for commercial plumbing, HVAC, turf, irrigation and industrial markets.

Now housed in \$16,000 square feet of space in Springview Office Park, the company has

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GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS:

Chamber recommends 2016 priorities for the City of Daytona Beach and County of Volusia

Each year part of the Advocacy work of the Chamber, and its Local Government Committee Chaired by Phil Maroney, **Root Organization**, is to develop a list of priority recommendations with the input of member businesses for presentation to both the Daytona Beach City Commission and Volusia County Council. This list is also presented and approved by the Board of Directors for implementation.

In 2016 these recommendations pertain to both the

Volusia County Council and Daytona Beach City Commission who each further conduct strategic planning sessions where Committee members and staff attend to ensure that these items are addressed while continuing to lobby on behalf of the business community.

Below is an abbreviated list of these recommendations for 2016:

■ The Chamber supports the enhancement of the core tourist/resort section of

Daytona Beach (from University Blvd to Silver Beach Ave).

■ The Chamber supports the pursuit of public funding, with the intent of leveraging state and federal dollars, for Volusia County's transportation infrastructure, including roadway maintenance and expansion and public transportation.

■ The Chamber encourages City and County cooperative involvement in the redevelopment of East

International Speedway Blvd (Halifax River to A1A) to bring about needed improvements.

■ The Chamber supports a proactive, community-wide approach to assisting homeless people in Volusia County, such as Safe Harbor, rapid rehousing and other plans that utilize the combined financial participation and resources of the county, cities and private sector

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