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I have been a Realtor with Coldwell Banker Paradise/Ed Schlitt Realtors in Sebastian for fourteen years, representing both buyers and sellers in residential and commercial real estate transactions. My financial background includes ten years of mortgage lending preceded by twenty years of banking, specializing in business loans, commercial loans and bank management.

My business related education includes graduation from the Southwestern Graduate School of Banking at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas. I routinely participate in continuing education classes to stay knowledgeable of the newest industry trends and best opportunities available for my Dan Duffell, Realtor clients. I am a current member of the Realtors’ Association of Indian River County and past member, director and president of the Exchange Club of Sebastian.

My family and I moved to Sebastian in 1990 and I have been actively involved in this pristine and beautiful community. We are here for the duration. We enjoy fishing, boating and golfing at a leisurely pace and at modest prices. It could be worse.

I am committed to providing the best real estate service available and would sincerely appreciate your real estate business.
June 2015
Beth L. Mitchell, President & CEO

It is extremely gratifying to have so many Chamber members contribute to the Pelican Porch Visitor Center, and to show up for our groundbreaking ceremony! It’s great when businesses come together to make positive changes in the community, and this project will serve as an example of that, in a big way. The pictures taken by Greg Hills provide a glimpse of smiling happy faces, and business people and community leaders taking a moment to celebrate a Chamber milestone. Thanks to all of our many partners.

Some of you have called inquiring about Grill Out Night, usually scheduled in August. We are not happy to report that this event will not be scheduled this year, because of events beyond our control. After last year’s event and prior to Light Up Night, we were contacted by State Food Inspectors, and to make a long story short, due to regulations, permitting and inspection requirements it is no longer feasible to hold an event that focuses on food, in an inexpensive and simple way. Did you know there are six state agencies that have jurisdiction over food service. Need I say more? The days of being able to cook up a batch of cookies for your customers are a thing of the past. It’s a shame, Grill Out Night was fun and enjoyed by our community and the business. We are contemplating a replacement for the event, but for now, please let people know we did our best at solving this problem. We do plan on holding Light Up Night in December, it is a twenty six year tradition in Sebastian. Because it is more about the holidays, customer appreciation and Christmas decorations and not totally focused on food, we hope we will not run into the same problem with the Food Gods in December!

Chamber board elections are upon us, and in this newsletter you will see six Chamber members who have graciously volunteered to serve on the Board of Directors for three years, if elected by the general membership. You play a part in the process, by casting your vote for three of the candidates. Our nominating committee, led by Sandi Gehrke of TD Bank, selected six members who represent different industries in our business community. Our goal is to have a diverse and representative board who can represent the membership, and guide the Chamber through policy decisions for the betterment of the entire business community. We thank the “chosen six” for their willingness to share their time and talents with the Chamber!

While we are under construction Chamber staff will continue to provide all the services that come with your Chamber membership. This is a digital world after all, and if we are challenged with construction and demolition activities during normal business hours, please know that Chamber staff will be working remotely, electronically, or off sight, to keep things going. While we do not intend to close the Chamber for extended periods of time, there may be days when it is just not possible to be physically present in the building. We are so excited to see the final results!

LOVJuice will provide us with a healthy breakfast to start the month of June off when we will visit with them in their Barefoot Bay location. Lunch is at Marsh Landing Restaurant, with Casey Lunceford, Provost of the Mueller Campus of Indian River State College, and sponsored by Pizza Pie & Wing Company. We also have the pleasure of welcoming a new member, True Value Hardware, by combining a ribbon cutting with our Business in Pleasure. There is a lot of exciting business going on!

Have a profitable month!
Candidates for Chamber Board of Directors Elections

**Joe Coakley** – Business Manager, Quality Healthcare: Joe was born and raised in Connecticut. He attended Washington State College in the state of Maine. He and his wife of forty-eight years have raised their two boys Patrick and Sean. Joe has spent a good portion of his life working in the automobile and banking industries. He moved to Vero Beach in 1988 and immediately became involved with the Exchange Club of Vero Beach, ultimately becoming the President of Exchange for the State of Florida. After ten years of service he then began working with Healthy Start Coalition. While working with Healthy Start he started his own executive search business and worked closely with corporations placing people in jobs throughout the State of Florida. Joe ultimately decided to find a way to help seniors live out the rest of their lives in dignity. He was introduced to By the River and joined forces with them. While employed by By the River Joe met Dr. Deepti Sadwani and he then went to work for Quality Health Care and is presently helping Dr. Sadwani to expand and grow her business. He is seeking his first term as a Chamber board member.

**Kim Ellis** – Owner and Principal Agent, Kim Ellis Insurance Services, has been in the insurance industry for over twenty years. Originally from the Pittsburgh area, Kim has had an impressive business background, owning her own bakery and catering business, and an automotive repair and towing shop as well. Looking for a change when she relocated to Florida, Kim received her degree in business management at IRCC and became a licensed agent. Kim Ellis Insurance Services opened its Sebastian office in March, 2008. Kim stays active in the local business community and civic and church organizations. She is a member of the Sebastian River Area Chamber, where she has served on its board since 2013, and as Chairman of the Board in 2014/2015. She is a member of the Sebastian Exchange Club and the Sebastian Lion’s Club where she is serving as vice president. Kim received the Melvin Jones award for her volunteerism in the community. She was a board member of the By the River, as well as an active member and treasurer of the Bayside Lakes Networking Group. She also served as a trustee for Christ United Methodist Church. She is seeking a second term on the Chamber Board.

**Bob Morgan** – Marine Bank and Trust - began his banking career in 1994 as a branch manager at First Union. In 1999, he became a partner at Advantage Home Mortgage Corporation with Clay Collins, now the Vice President of Residential Lending at Marine Bank & Trust. While with Advantage Home Mortgage, Bob opened and managed the company’s Sebastian operations for ten years. He received his B.A. in Finance from Florida Atlantic University and has lived in Vero Beach with his wife and three sons since 1985.

Bob Morgan joined Marine Bank and Trust as Assistant Vice President, Residential/Commercial Lending in 2014. Mr. Morgan serves all of Indian River County in addition to southern Brevard County with focus on Sebastian. He brings more than 20 years of lending experience to the Bank. Most recently, he was a commercial lender for another local bank in Indian River County. He is seeking his first term on the Chamber board.
Sue Skirvin – Tupperware – Sue is a native Floridian, born and raised in West Palm Beach. She and her husband, Rick, have been married for 33 years and have 4 children and 4 grand children; two daughters live in Florida, one in Arizona with their youngest grand daughter and their son lives in New Hampshire. Sue began her Tupperware career before she & Rick were married. They relocated to Orlando for ten years and then were asked to come back to the coast to build a Tupperware franchise, which they did in 1998, moving to Sebastian. Her passion for helping people to become entrepreneurs as well as to help her customers save time and money at her parties is what drives her business. She will tell you she “parties for a living”! She became a chamber member shortly after moving to Sebastian and has been an ambassador the past several years. This is her first time seeking a board position with the Chamber.

Anna Valencia Tillery – White Glove Moving, Storage and Delivery – With an enthusiastic outlook on life and a skilled weaver of words, Anna can take the boring and make it brilliant; offering a fun filled view of the community for those looking to move to the area and even more importantly for those who have been here for a while. As Vice President of Marketing for White Glove since 2013, Anna and her team of full time moving and packing professionals move families and businesses into the area affordably and reliably providing peace of mind every time. Skilled in sales and marketing along with radio and television media, Anna is able to promote amazing local businesses that make Indian River County so great. Dedicated to making our community the best it can be Anna has been an active member of the Sebastian Chamber for nearly three years and as a member of two other chambers, she has wonderful insight and suggestions to bring to the table offering suggestions for where to go what to try and how to give back in Indian River County. “I truly believe in the power of giving back to one’s local community and the good karma it will bring!” She is thrilled to be nominated as a candidate for a Board position.

Theresa Tolle – Pharmacist/Owner – Bay Street Pharmacy – is a native Floridian raised in the Panhandle. She moved to Brevard in 1988 upon graduation from Pharmacy School at University of Florida. She worked for chain, nursing home and independent pharmacy before coming to Bay Street Pharmacy in 1997, first as an employee, then as a co-owner in 1999 and finally as full owner in 2005. She has previously served the chamber as Chair, board member for 6 years, Chair of the Legislative/Government Affairs Committee and is currently serving as the Chair of the Fundraising Committee for the Pelican Porch Project. She is also active locally serving on the Sebastian River Medical Center Board of Trustees and on the American Cancer Society Volunteer Leadership Board of the Treasure Coast. Her professional involvement includes her current position as Speaker of the House of Delegates for the American Pharmacists Association and previous positions at the local, state and national association level. Theresa and husband Joe have 3 children and are active members of their church, First Baptist of Melbourne, serving as Sunday School teachers to first graders each week. Theresa believes in the philosophy of servant leadership and considers it an honor to serve the business community of Sebastian via the Chamber of Commerce board.
Listed below are the proposed candidate’s names as provided by the Nominating Committee for Election 2015. Please vote for three candidates only. You must be a bona fide Chamber member to cast your vote. Ballots will be counted on September 1\textsuperscript{st} and the results will be announced at the September Chamber luncheon.

Candidates

_____ Joe Coakley, Quality Health Care

_____ Kim Ellis, Kim Ellis Insurance Services

_____ Bob Morgan, Marine Bank and Trust

_____ Sue Skirvin, Tupperware

_____ Anna Valencia Tillery, White Glove Moving

_____ Theresa Tolle, Bay Street Pharmacy

Mail your ballot in, or drop it off at the Chamber offices, 700 Main St., Sebastian, 32958, fax it to 772-589-5993 or email it to info@sebastianchamber.com

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Signature of Chamber Contract, Name of Business
Chamber Breakfast
Held at the Sebastian Chamber

It was a full house at the Chamber for a very informative breakfast. Thank you, Greg McGee, Community Free Wi-Fi, for sponsoring the event.

Chamber Luncheon
Capt Hiram’s Tiffany Room

Lunch Sponsor Winn Dixie
Store Director, Scott Finke
and Assistant Store Director
Tony Matis

Lunch Speaker
Mayor Susan Adams,
City of Fellsmere

Beth Mitchell accepts a Duck Derby award from Vicki Soule

Chamber Business and Pleasure
The Blue Lion

We all enjoyed the Chamber Business and Pleasure at The Blue Lion.
Pelican Porch Groundbreaking Ceremony May 15, 2015
Monthly Networking Events

Friday, June 5th
8:00AM — 9:00AM

Sponsored by:
LovJuice
935 Barefoot Blvd.
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(Take Micco Rd west to Midway.
Go right on Midway)

Tuesday, June 9th
Noon — 1:00PM

Sponsored by:
Pizza Pie & Wing Company

Lunch Speaker:
Casey Lunceford
Indian River State College

Held at Marsh Landing
44 N Broadway St. Fellsmere

Reservations requested, $15.00 with reservation, $20 at the door

Ribbon Cutting/Business and Pleasure
Thursday, June 18th
5:30PM — 7:00PM
Riverside Hardware & Marine True Value
712 Cleveland St.
Sebastian, Fl 32958

Committee Meetings

Executive Committee Meeting
Thursday, June 4th
8:00AM — 9:00AM
Chamber Office
700 Main St., Sebastian

Treasure Coast SCORE Chapter 308 is holding a series of free small business workshops to be presented with the Sebastian River Area Chamber of Commerce and to be held at Captain Hiram's Inn in Sebastian.

May 26 - An Excellent Business Plan
June 9 - Marketing Your Small Business
June 23 - Understanding Florida's Sales & Use Taxes
July 7 - Managing the Cash of Your Small Business

You do not have to be a chamber member to attend. Capt. Hiram's is at 1606 Indian River Drive, Sebastian

All workshops start at 10:00 am and each is about 2 hours.

Please register by going to www.treasurecoast.score.org and click on Free and Low Cost Workshops which will take you to our workshop listing which is in chronological order
Sebastian River Area Chamber of Commerce  
Monthly Networking Opportunities  
Fill out this form and fax it to 772-589-5993

Check the networking activities you will be attending and tell us how many will be joining you.

Chamber Breakfast—Friday, June 5th at 8AM
Hosted at: LovJuice  
935 Barefoot Blvd.  
Barefoot Bay, FL 32976  
(Take Micco Rd west to Midway. Go right on Midway)

Sponsored by: LOVJuice

Chamber Luncheon — Tuesday, June 9th at Noon
Hosted at: Marsh Landings

Sponsored by: Pizza Pie & Wing Company
Guest Speaker: Casey Lunceford, Indian River State College
Reservations Requested! $15.00 with reservations, $20.00 at the door

Business & Pleasure — Thursday, June 18th, 5:30pm—7pm
Hosted at: Riverside Hardware & Marine True Value  
712 Cleveland St., Sebastian

Business Name: ________________________________________________

Contact Person: ________________________________________________

Contact Number: ________________________________________________

Phone: 772-589-5969
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Twenty four hours in advance of all functions the Chamber must notify the host of the number of reservations, and must guarantee that number. We can accept calls or faxes for reservations up until 24 hours prior to the event. If, for some reason, you are not able to attend a function for which you have made reservations, please call us at 772-589-5969. Your reservation for any function or event is considered a commitment to pay.
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At FPL, we know the impact that a major storm can have on your business. We have a plan and urge you to prepare as well so you and your employees can get back to business safely and as quickly as possible. Below is a guide that we hope will help get you started:

**Plan ahead:**
- Ensure your employees’ contact information is up-to-date and that you have a plan in place to communicate after the storm passes.
- Determine if your business is in a flood and/or evacuation zone and review evacuation routes; identify an emergency temporary site.
- Identify what you need to secure your building or office.

**Before a storm:**
- Gather supplies to secure the exterior of your office and protect interior furniture.
- Fully charge all portable electronics.
- Make multiple back-ups of computer files and data, and store records off premises.
- Record a special voice message informing employees and customers the status of company operations.
- Close your offices with sufficient time to allow employees to secure their own homes; inform clients that you’re closing early and when you plan to reopen.

**After a storm:**
- Watch for downed power lines. Call 911 or FPL at 1-800-4OUTAGE to report fallen power lines that present a clear and imminent danger to you or others. Do not attempt to touch any power lines. Always assume that every power line is energized.
- Stay connected with us, report an outage and get updates at FPL.com, which is also accessible on mobile devices.
- In case of interior water damage, immediately turn off your circuit breakers, disconnect all electrical appliances and turn off all wall switches. Remember, never stand in water while operating switches or unplugging any electrical device.
- If you use a portable generator, read and follow all the manufacturer’s instructions and safety guidelines.

For more storm and safety tips, visit us at FPL.com/storm.
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Member News
By Vicki Wild

I’VE JOINED THE CHAMBER… now what?
No worries, we have a check a check list available for you to help jump start your membership. Whether you’re an old or new member, we can help you get re-acquainted with the Chamber to help you make business connections.

- Have you liked us on Facebook?
- Are you going onto our website for current news www.sebastianchamber.com?
- Do we have your business cards and pamphlets to give out to the public?
- Are you using your Business to Business Discount cards?
- Are you sending us your media outreach and continuing to send business updates including job postings, economic news, and events?

Did you know that we promote all of these things for you, all we need is for you to send it to the Chamber? Other ways to get involved are attending our networking functions, even if you can’t attend you can still participate by donating raffle items for breakfast, lunches, business & pleasures, concerts, golf tournaments, and media auction. This is a great way to have your business mentioned even if you’re unable to attend. We are here for you and your business. Please feel free to contact Vicki Wild, your Membership Director, as I am happy to meet with you and help you get back involved in our wonderful Sebastian River Area Chamber of Commerce.

My email is membership@sebastianchamber.com

Welcome New Members!

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Communication Corner
By Britney Melchiori

What’s Your Mission

Do you know the Chamber’s Mission Statement? You may have heard or read it before, it’s a little long, but simply broken down: The Sebastian River Area Chamber of Commerce’s Mission Statement is to work to support a healthy business environment, encourage the growth of tourism and enhance the quality of life in our community. Everything we do as a Chamber involves at least one of those three elements. It’s our purpose, the reason we exist as a Chamber.

A mission statement tells your clients, customers, patients, your target audience what your stand for. It’s the basic element that drives your marketing message. It can help you define your business and establish your brand, and it can help your employees focus their efforts and suggest ideas that fit with what you’re trying to do.

What are the building blocks to a good mission statement? Start by defining who you are. Who are your customers? What service do you offer them, and where and how do you offer it? What sets you apart from your competitors? Then craft your mission statement. Keep it short, simple and specific; avoid boring generalities and overused buzzwords.
Tourism Tidbits
By Nicole Capp Holbrook

Thank you to all of our tourism businesses that attended the April Tourism Committee Meeting. Here’s a re-cap for those of you that missed it:

- Our new Co-Chairs are Capt. Christy Lenz of Capt Christy’s Casual Cruisin’ and Dawn Biehl of Tiki Bar & Grill. We are so excited to have this duo chair our committee.
- Tim Ford, President of the Indian River Lagoon National Scenic Byway gave a great presentation about the IRLNSB and some of the projects they are working on. In the future, there will be advertising opportunities available on their website for attractions, shops, dining and lodging along the byway. If you are interested in getting involved or would like more information, please let us know or visit www.indianriverlagoonbyway.com.
- Treasure Coast Sports Commission had two big softball tournaments in early May. They have lots of events coming up and a few in North County. They also just launched a new logo. Check out the events coming up on their website: www.treasurecoastsports.org.
- We are wrapping up the 2015 Visitor’s Guide. Some improvements this year include: adding categories, page numbers, kid friendly icons, historic districts, an advertisers index, and numbers by ads to correspond with the map. The new guides will be available in late June/early July and we’ll be sure to deliver them to our tourism businesses.
- We have submitted our 2015-2016 TDC Budget Request along with a Special Project: The Pelican Porch Visitor’s Center. We are request funds to enhance the inside of our Visitor’s Center which includes: a Viewfinder/Spotting Scope on the Front Porch, Map Displays (the entire IRLNSB and Indian River County), 6 Webcams at various area attractions, and 3 Monitors to view them, a TV to display several videos, an Electronic Kiosk for visitors to search local accommodations, events, restaurants, attractions, etc. and updating the outside kiosks. We will be presenting this project to the TDC Board at the end of May. Stay tuned for more info.

Upcoming Events:
- May 29th – Concert in the Park featuring the Bobby Owen Band
- July 4th – Sebastian’s 4th of July Festival
- July 26th-August 2nd – 1715 Fleet Society 300th Anniversary Commemoration Week

Co-Op Advertising Opportunities:
- A few of our tourism businesses have expressed interest in participating in co-op advertising with the Chamber to promote the Sebastian River Area. Co-op advertising is a great way to highlight several attractions in our destination and get more bang for our buck! We have a few opportunities available that we would love for our tourism businesses to partner with us on:
  - CBS 12 Road Trippin’ - the Sebastian River Area will be featured in CBS 12’s Road Trippin’ Series. It includes 5 segments on our area including: Where to Eat, Where to Stay, and 3 Activities & Attractions. A big thank you to Marsh Landing Restaurant, Capt Hiram’s Resort, Mel Fisher’s Treasure Museum, Skydive Sebastian and Sebastian Watercraft Rentals for working with us to make this project possible. It is scheduled to air June 27th and 28th during the morning news. Make sure you check it out!
  - Coastal Angler - We are doing a summer campaign to promote the diverse fishing in the Sebastian River Area. If you would like to participate, please let me know ASAP!

Open Discussion/Networking:
- Nichole from Mel Fisher’s Treasure Museum was not able to attend but she had some information to share:
  - The 1715 Commemoration week (300th Anniversary) is at the end of July and we will be hosting a “Treasure Talks” presentation on the opening day which is Monday July 27th. It’s from 1-4pm and will feature my mother Taffi Fisher, conservator Bill Moore, and new 1715 Fleet sites owner/manager Brent Brisben. There is a $20.00 fee with reserved seating for that; however, following that from 5-7 is a meet and greet that is open to the public.
  - Our annual “Mel Fisher Days” is July 9-12, and it’s our 30th anniversary of finding the mother lode so it should be a great time as usual. Calendar on Website www.melfisher.com.
  - Have a Heart foundation, my families non-profit organization in memory of Little Michael who died of SCA at school, will have a booth at the 4th of July Festival with a table full of raffle items as well as information on awareness of SCA (sudden cardiac arrest) in youths. If any of the business are interested in donating anything for our cause let me know. Gift certificates, goody bags, gift baskets, money are all greatly appreciated. For more information, you can contact Nichole Abt at 772-589-0435.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 28th at 4 p.m. at the Chamber! Hope to see you then!
Welcome Aboard! My name is Capt Christy Lenz, proud owner/operator of Capt Christy's "Casual Cruisin" located at Mulligan's Beachhouse Bar & Grill in Sebastian. Yes, I am a "Native" of IR County and now reside in Sebastian (since 1991), in which Gary and I call "Paradise". We are USAF Veterans who have been married for 29 plus years and have a blended family of 4 children and 2 grandbabies.

After working many years in the "Corporate World" and becoming too familiar with the term "downsizing", I decided to do something fun on the water. After all, I grew up on the Indian River Lagoon, fishing, boating, and swimming. So, I decided to go to school and get my 6-Pak License and immediately upgraded to a USCG Master Captain License. Then, in 2006, I opened the doors to Capt Christy Lenz "Casual Cruisin" and I haven't looked back. I am truly blessed and thankful for the opportunity to show people our beautiful, pristine waterways and our fantastic wildlife. It is by far the best job I have ever had.

Capt Christy's "Casual Cruisin" provides a wide variety of services such as Private Pontoon Boat Tours, Kayak, Stand-up Paddle Board Rentals and Guided Tours, Birthday Parties, Family Reunions and more. When you book a Private Tour on my comfortable 24ft Pontoon Boat, not only will you get local knowledge of the area and wildlife, but you will get "Up Close and Personal". The boat has a Bimini top that will help to protect you from the sun.

I offer 6 fantastic Private Sightseeing boat tours which range from 1.5 to 3hrs long and accommodate up to 6 passengers. We visit the Sebastian Inlet & Long Point area, the St Sebastian River ("Jungle Cruise"), Pelican Island (our 1st National Wildlife Refuge), my southern trip to John's Island, and a fabulous Sunset Cruise. Our newest and 6th Tour is our Spoil Island Tour where we stop off, explore and take a swim if you want. On all tours you will have the chance to see dolphins, manatees, a variety of beautiful birds, turtles, alligators, raccoons, stingrays and other wildlife "Up Close and Personal".

I also provide Kayak and Stand-up Paddle Board Tours for small groups. My tours are approximately 2 to 2.5hrs long and we paddle to Pelican Island, the south fork of the pristine St Sebastian River, the Indian River Lagoon and the Wabasso area. For those of you who would like to venture out on your own, Rent our Kayaks and Stand-up Paddle Boards. I offer Free delivery in the local area whether you want them for 2hrs, 1/2 day, full day, fishing or just to get over to our Spoil Islands. If you are fishing and need fishing gear, not to worry as I have fishing equipment available.

My Motto is "If you can think of it......we will do it." Come out with me and explore the beautiful waterways we have right here in our backyard. A day with your family or friends......memorable! For more information visit my website at www.captchristylenz.com or call me at 772-633-0987 to book your reservation. By the way, some people call me the "Dolphin Whisper". See you on the water!
Sebastian River Area Chamber of Commerce
Board of Directors, 2014-2015

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Sandi Gerhke – TD Bank—Treasurer

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