

CHAMBER NEWS



The Greater Seminole Area Chamber of Commerce Newsletter

December 2017



Seminole's Holiday Illuminated Night Parade!

The Chamber of Commerce and City are co-sponsoring Seminole's annual Holiday Illuminated Night Parade on Sunday, Dec. 10, beginning at 6:30 p.m. If you would like to have a float, boat, vehicle or walking unit in the parade, **Registration form enclosed.**

It is so important to maintain safety. The staging area will again be at SPC, Seminole campus, with the parade route from the college south to 80th Ave., u-turn there and return to SPC. ***Deadline to register - Dec. 1**

***Mandatory parade entry meeting Tue., Dec. 5, 7:00 p.m. at the Chamber**

Seminole Chamber Board of Directors Installation Banquet Luncheon

The Seminole Chamber Board for 2018 will be installed on Wed., Jan. 10, 11:30 a.m. at the Library Conference Ctr., St. Petersburg College - Seminole Campus, 9200 113th Street N.

Please join us in thanking Paul King, Robert Castles, and Joseph Murphy, for their dedicated service to the Chamber, they will be missed.

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IT'S OFFICIAL! OUR GRETCHEN IS RETIRING!

After nearly 20 years of serving our business and civic community, Gretchen Wells has decided to pursue another chapter in her life. Please join us as we send her off with well wishes and love.

This special event will be catered by Orange Blossom Catering. The Chamber will provide beverages, music & entertainment. **PLEASE** Save the Date!

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 13

5 TO 7 p.m.

SEMINOLE CITY PARK

NEW COMMUNITY BUILDING

Parkview Room - 7464 Ridge Rd.

"Her dedication to this Chamber has excelled above and beyond the call of duty. I hope that our community can come out and show her just how much she has meant to us all!"

Donna Miller



PLEASE WELCOME DONNA PHELPS-LEYNSE, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR!

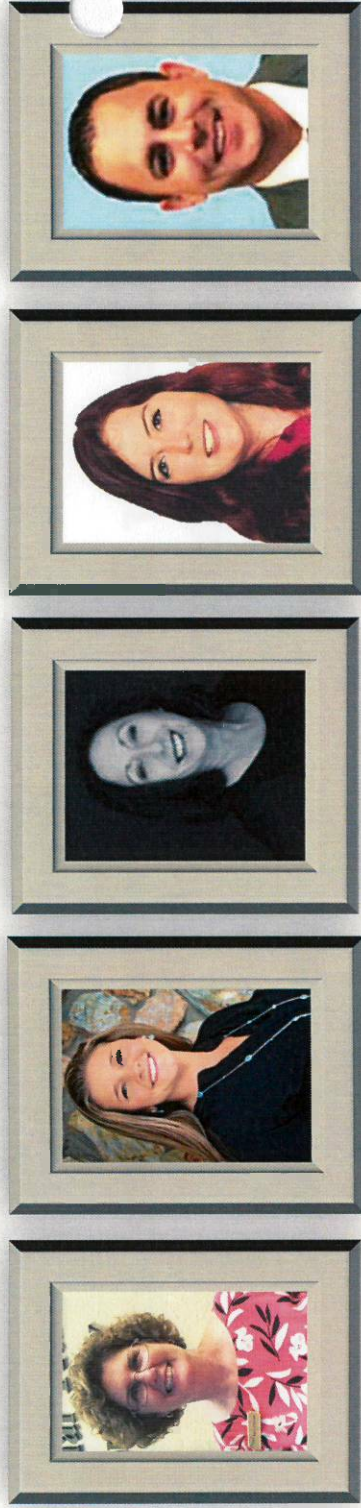
Donna Phelps-Leynse was recently hired as the Chamber's new Assistant Director. Donna comes to with "Chamber experience," having been one of our own members and served as an ambassador, when she worked for Silpada Jewelry from 2002-2006. "Belonging to the Chamber is still the best move a small business can make to promote their product or service," said Donna.



Donna's career, over the past 25 years, has been primarily in health care management and marketing for several facilities, including HealthSouth and Bon Secours Maria Manor. After raising her family, Donna went back to school to get a marketing degree from St. Leo University. Her earlier education comes from St. Petersburg College.

Donna is excited to be on staff and looks forward to meeting members at one of the Chamber's many upcoming events (see calendar page). "Or stop by the office and say hello," she invites.

A New Year Brings New Faces on the Board for 2018



Be sure to attend the Installation Banquet on Jan. 10, at which time the following will be inducted:

5 new members (pictured above) will serve a 2-year term: Perry Craven, Garden Sanctuary;

Amy Hartman, Realty Experts; Christine Mancini, Floors for Any Room; Christine O'Neil, DeLoach, Hofstra & Cavonis; and Mark Strickland, SPC Provost

6 members completing second year of 2-year term are: Pat Alexander, John Bunnell, Bob Holtzman, Richard Landon, Doc Kinsey and Jennifer Reynolds

Executive Board: Rick Griesheimer, Chair and Dr. Jim Oliver, Treasurer. A Chair-elect and Secretary will be elected from within the new Board. Special thanks to: Bob Castles, Paul King and Joe Murphy. We appreciate your past service on the Board.

*Happy Holidays from the Seminole Chamber Staff and Board of Directors
We have many exciting plans to help your business flourish in the New Year!*

UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER

Nov. 30, Thur.: Annual shoe & sock drive presented by Lake Seminole Square-Brookdale Senior Living & Councilor Jim Quinn. (flyer enclosed)

DECEMBER

Dec. 1, Fri. - Holiday Social at Barnhorn Financial, 4-8 p.m., 8383 Seminole Blvd., Suite C

Dec. 2, Sat. - Holiday Social at Lewis W. Mohn Funeral Home, 5-8 p.m. 9700 Seminole Blvd.

Dec. 5, Tue. - Chicken Salad Chick Ribbon Cutting, 10:45 a.m., 7839A 113th Street N., (Seminole City Ctr.) Diane Bell 319-2905

Dec. 7, Thur. - Holiday Open House and Toy Drive, 4-6 p.m. Seminole Financial Center, 8200 113th St. N. Presented by Hartselle Insurance, CPA Partners, Scarr Insurance Group and Schuett Law Group. Live music, food, drinks and holiday treats. Please bring an unwrapped gift for a child in need or a cash donation. (flyer enclosed)

Dec. 8, Fri. - Holiday Winter Fest & Tree Lighting, 6-9 p.m. Seminole Recreation Center. 9100 113th St. (flyer enclosed)

Dec. 8, Fri. - Seminole Lake Rotary Club's Red Party, 6-8 p.m. at Evans Hall, Chapel On the Hill, 12601 Park Blvd. www.seminolelakerotary.org

Dec. 10, Sun. - Seminole Illuminated Holiday Night Parade, lineup by 6 p.m. For more information call the Chamber at 392-3245 or visit <http://seminolechamber.net/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/Parade-Application-2017.pdf> (registration form enclosed)

Dec. 13, Wed. - Retirement party for Gretchen C. Wells, 5-7 p.m. at Community Building at Seminole City Park. (front page for details)

JANUARY

Jan. 3, Wed. - P.D.Q. Restaurant - Flag Raising Ceremony 9 a.m. at 7400 Seminole Blvd. (corner of Park Blvd. & Seminole Blvd.)

Jan. 6, Sat. - P.D.Q. Restaurant - Dedication of building, 7400 Seminole Blvd. Time of event TBA via our weekly e-blast.

Jan. 10, Wed. - Chamber Board Installation Banquet 11:30 a.m. St. Pete College-Seminole Campus. (front page for details)

Jan. 24, Wed. - Chamber Business Breakfast (Free Breakfast) 8 a.m. Chamber Conference Center. Guest Speaker, Yolanda Cowart. Sponsored by Pinellas County Economic Development

FEBRUARY

Feb. 1, Thur. - First Thursday of the month Business After Hours at Sign of the Dolphin. 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. 12999 Park Blvd. Come out & help us celebrate as they begin their 5th year here in Seminole!

Feb. 24, Sat. - Mr. & Ms. Seminole and Chamber Awards Banquet (see details on right) Nomination forms enclosed, deadline: 1/22/18

Feb. 28, Wed. - Chamber Business Breakfast (Free Breakfast) 8 a.m. Chamber Conference Center. Host & Speaker TBA.

Annual Awards Nomination Forms Are Enclosed!

Mr./Ms. Seminole Business of the Year Boss of the Year & Merit Award

Please take a moment, fill out your selections and return to the Chamber. See Awards Banquet Info Below

Save The Date!

GREATER SEMINOLE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 53rd ANNUAL

MR./MS. SEMINOLE & AWARDS BANQUET

SAT., FEB. 24, 2018, at 6 P.M. AT THE

SEMINOLE CITY PARK NEW COMMUNITY BUILDING PARKVIEW ROOM - 7464 RIDGE RD.

\$60 PER PERSON
RSVP: 392-3245

COMING IN MARCH St. Patrick's Day Seminole Stampede

5K & 1 Mile Fun Run Sat. Mar. 17, 2018 8 a.m.

Our theme this year: "Lean, Green, Running Machine" Shake your Shamrocks!

Please check out our website and weekly e-blasts as events may be added or some times changed throughout the upcoming months. www.SeminoleChamber.net



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