



## *Holiday Cheer at Sailfish Sands*

Our Alumni After Hours Event was held December 8<sup>th</sup> at *Sailfish Sands Golf Club*. It was a beautiful night on the second floor of the club house overlooking the golf course. Alumni could sit in hitting bays watching guests practice hitting golf balls while eating drinking and networking. Thanks to our Sponsors **LaConte Engineering, A Team Logic IT and First Citizens Bank.**



Kevin Abbate, County Parks Director



Cindy Groover, Merritt Matheson, Nancy McCarthy



Chelsey Matheson, Debra Duvall, Frank Fender



Frank Fender, Cindy and Patrick LaConte

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## Happy New Year Fellow LEADERship Martin County Alumni!

I hope you had a great 2022 and I wish you a successful, healthy, and prosperous 2023.

To close 2022, LEADERship Alumni had an opportunity to visit the Hitting Bays at Sailfish Sands for an After-Hours event. A group of 37 alumni gathered to hit some golf balls, socialize, and eat some great food provided by the Sailfish Sands restaurant. Attendees were asked to bring unwrapped gifts for The United Way Holiday Project. Our alumni generously came through by bringing toys & cash donations. Elisabeth Glynn (Class 26) happily received our delivery at the United Way office and thanked the group for their kindhearted gesture. A number of our LEADERship Alumni volunteered for the Holiday Project gift distribution event on December 15<sup>th</sup>. It is amazing how much we accomplish when we work together for our community.



Please visit our website for upcoming events: [www.leadershipmcalumni.com](http://www.leadershipmcalumni.com)

Our goal is to host a breakfast, lunch, After-Hours, fundraiser, and leadership training event before our fiscal year ends in June. Watch LEADERlines, the website, your email box, and our social media accounts for more details as we plan our calendar for 2023.

Please visit our website to pay your 2022-2023 dues:

<https://www.leadershipmcalumni.com/pay-dues.html>

These funds finance the Martin Youth LEADERship program in addition to supporting the “Nancy Sailer Youth LEADERship Scholarship” fund.

We are always looking for volunteers for this program. Please email [info@leadershipmcalumni.com](mailto:info@leadershipmcalumni.com) if you would like to help Adult or Youth LEADERship.

The board of directors appreciates your support and dedication to this amazing program. We are doing great things for our community today and for the leaders of tomorrow.

Wishing you all the best in 2023,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sam Bruning".

Sam Bruning

President – LEADERship Martin County Alumni Foundation for Youth

## A DAY WITH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

On December 1, the LEADERship Government Day committee coordinated a great day encompassing county and city administration, constitutional officers, lunch with local officials and much more. A special thanks to all the Alumni volunteers:, George Stokus (25), Jordan Pastorius (31), Jennifer Manning (21), Frank Fender (29), Tom Campenni (25), George Dzama (30), Joe Connelly (28) and Tim Kinane (1)



Class 32 enjoying a Martin County Trivia Game



Class 32 group photo



The class participated in a “Why” exercise facilitated by Tim Kinane (1) and a special thanks to our Alumni volunteers:

Kate Cotner (30), Missi Campbell (30), Cindy Groover (30), Craig Perry (29), Chris Gavilanez (31), Sarah Baker (29), Eric Kiehn (29), Brian Powers (7), Lynda Murtagh (31), Brian Carney (28), Samantha Suffice (30), Doug Mustapick (31), Michelle Miller (31), George Dzama (30) and Elisabeth Glynn (26).

# Youth Law and Public Safety Day

**Class 24 Youth LEADERship Students** had their day in court at our county courthouse with speakers Chief Judge Charles Schwab, Judge Jennifer Waters and Nita Denton (class 16), Asst. State Attorney. They moved on to the County Fire Rescue station on Kanner Highway to see how the fire engines operate and the firemen prepare for emergencies. They meet Sheriff Snyder (class 7), toured the jail and saw the K-9 dogs perform. Thanks to our committee members, Robert Bruton (class 26) and Trisha Kukuvka (class 27). Pictures Robin Hall, Out2 News



**Sam Bruning** was the YMCA's guest drawer to pull the winning raffle ticket for their November Easter House cash prize of \$1,250.

Charlene Lyons (class 25), Sam Bruning (class 21), Elisha Stoecklin (31), Morgan Murphy (class 29).

**LEADERship Martin County Alumni** worked with United Way during the holiday season to help distribute toys to local families. The United Way Holiday Project collects toys from generous donors and Toys for Tots collection sites. On December 15 our volunteers worked in shift as sorters, baggers and runners. After the toys are categorized parents can “shop” for toys specific to their children’s age and interest during a two-day distribution event. Families are referred to the program through local schools and nonprofit organizations.



***A group of LEADERship Alumni & actives that toured U.S. Sugar***

with the Hobe Sound Chamber of Commerce on October 21, 2022. Stephen Owens (class 24), Blake Capps (class 17), Jon Pasqualone (class 15), Sam Bruning (class 21), Laura Barbone (class 32), Brittany Bearden (class 27), Amy Thornton (class 32).

**UPCOMING Stuart/Martin Chamber Events – 772-287-1088**

Jan 10, Tues., 7:45am, <b>Business Before Breakfast</b> , <i>Lesser, Lesser, Landy &amp; Smith, PLLC</i> , Chamber CC, 1650 S Kanner, Stuart
Jan 11, Wed., 11:45am, <b>Business At Lunch</b> , <i>US Liberty LLC</i> , <i>Bonefish Grill</i> , 2283 SE Federal Hwy., Stuart
Jan 18, Wed., 5:30-7:00pm, <b>Business After Hours</b> , <i>The Red Grill II</i> , 715 NW Federal Hwy., Stuart
Jan 24, Tues., 7:45am, <b>Networking Breakfast</b> , <i>The Pine School</i> , 12350 SE Federal Hwy., Hobe Sound
Jan 31, Tues., 7:45am, <b>Networking Breakfast</b> , <i>VNA</i> , 2400 SE Monterey Road, Suite 300, Stuart
<b>SAVE THE DATE - Feb. 23 - Golf Tournament - Banyan Creek Golf Club - Contact Debbi for info: 287-1088, ext. 112</b>

**LEADERship Alumni Board  
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# Bulletin Board

## POST YOUR NOTES



**Vicki Davis** (4) Martin County Supervisor of Elections was reappointed to the Indian River State College Board of Trustees. The nine member board serves staggered four-year terms.



**Tony George, Jr.** (2) Anthony George Law Firm in Stuart is now serving a four year term on the board. The IRSC District Board of Trustees sets policies to govern the college's operations.



**Lisa Teetor** (7) has returned to telecommunications after 12 years. She is now Business Development Manager for Level 4 Telcom, at 100 SW Albany Ave., Suite 110, Stuart, providing Hosted VoIP services & hardware. Specializing in Non-Profit & Branch Offices she loves helping other Alumni businesses, contact her at [LTeetor@Level4Telcom.com](mailto:LTeetor@Level4Telcom.com).



**Jennifer O'Brien** (24) has joined Re/Max of Stuart as a sales associate. As a lifelong resident of Stuart she attended Martin County High School and received her bachelor's degree in hospitality management from Johnson and Wales University. She can be reached at 772-631-1559 or [jrobien85@gmail.com](mailto:jrobien85@gmail.com).

## Alumni Purpose

*The purpose of LEADERship Martin County Alumni is to support the LEADERship Martin County Program; to provide education and networking opportunities for our members; and to enhance community awareness of our members by providing opportunities to evaluate and act on issues affecting the community.*

Note: Our monthly newsletter can now be viewed on our website [www.LeadershipMCalumni.com](http://www.LeadershipMCalumni.com)

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