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This exhibition has been organized by Kevin and Michele Rivoli in collaboration with International Arts & Artists, Washington D.C.



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February 9

Coffee Club Pittsburgh Pirate City

February 11

Manatee Young Professionals World of Beer

February 16

Business After Hours Tinsworth Orthodontics

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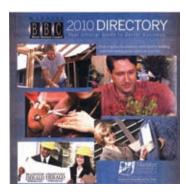
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BBC Consumer Guide to Better Business Now Available

The 2010 Consumer Guide to Better Business Directory was distributed to area residents in the January 29 edition of the Bradenton Herald. This important publication lists all members of the Manatee Chamber's Better Business Council, and provides important consumer information. Members listed have had their licenses and insurance requirements confirmed, and have formally pledged to uphold the BBC's "Code of Ethics".

The *Directory* is distributed through the Chamber's Downtown Bradenton and Lakewood Ranch offices, as well as many business locations. Consumers can also access the Directory through the Bradenton Herald's website, www.Bradenton.com. As an added benefit, newcomers to our community will receive a copy in the Chamber's Welcome Kits that are distributed through the offices of the Manatee County Tax Collector, allowing our members to be the first to reach new residents. If you would like additional copies of the *Directory*, or if you would like more information about the BBC, please contact Tina West at 941-748-4842 ext. 114 or TinaW@ManateeChamber.com.

Thank You Member Restaurants for Participating!

A special thank you to the following restaurants for providing appetizers at this year's Tri-Chamber event: Anna Maria Oyster Bar, Atlanta Bread Company, Orange Blossom Catering and Vertori's Pizza House. Your efforts are especially appreciated in making this year's Tri-Chamber event another great success.

Want to Show-Off Your Business and Have the Chamber Deliver Customers to Your Front Door?





The Chamber has several openings for members to host Business After Hours, Business After Business (locations East of Lockwood Ridge Road) and Coffee Clubs.

There is a sponsorship fee and your place of business must be able to manage 125 -150 guests and have safe, adequate parking. Sponsorship features include substantial exposure through the *Current*, our networking events, both the downtown Bradenton and Lakewood Ranch offices and on our website. Partnerships with fellow Chamber members are encouraged.

If you would like information on how your business can sponsor one of these popular networking events, please contact MarieP@ ManateeChamber.com for more information.



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Spring Fling Business Expo Reserve Your Booth Today!

Now, more than ever, exposure for your business is what pays dividends. The Chamber will again host the Spring Fling Business Expo to help you promote your products and services. Reserve your table now!



Spring Fling Business Expo The will feature Chamber members displaying their products/services, fantastic networking, entertainment, complimentary hors d'oeuvres, music and a cash bar. The event will be heavily promoted to Chamber members and the general public. Tables at the Expo are only \$175 and will sell-out quickly, so reserve yours early!

For more information, contact Jahna at 941-748-4842, ext. 172 or email at JahnaL@ManateeChamber.com.

Thank you to our sponsors:







Chamber Launches Monthly TV Show on METV Focusing on Business In Manatee County - "It's Your Business"

"It's Your Business" will air every week of the year on Sundays at 7:00 PM, Tuesdays at 7:00 PM and Wednesdays at 10:00 AM. We'll tape a new show each month... so be sure to tune in to METV on Brighthouse Channel 614, Comcast Channel 19 and Verizon FIOS Channel 31.

Congratulations Neil Spirtas on 25 Years with the Chamber!

25 Years and he hasn't changed a bit... but, the Chamber has! Thanks, Neil, for your 25 years of hard work, insight and integrity that have contributed so much to our success.

Thanks, also, for your friendship and for the loyalty you've shown to the Chamber, it's members and to all of us on staff who enjoy working with you. You have made a significant difference and we look forward to the next 25!





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31st Annual Manatee Small Business of the Year Awards



NOMINATIONS ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED

Criteria for Eligibility Include:

- Must have a minimum of three (3) years in business
- Must have no more than 80 employees
- A for profit company conducting a substantial amount of business in Manatee County
- Notable for entrepreneurial spirit and skill, productivity, customer service and contributions to the community

Please submit the following information to LisaR@ManateeChamber.com by March 17, 2010.

Business Name

Address

City

Zip Code

Phone Number

I nominated this business because?

The nominated business will be sent an application to fill out; after receipt of the application, they may be contacted for a possible interview. Judges will review your applications closely to determine who are the finalists. They will then interview and decide the winners. Five awards will be given at the awards luncheon on June 3, 2010 at the Renaissance on 9th.

Current employees, Small Business of the Year Taskforce members and officers of the Manatee Chamber of Commerce and Bradenton Herald are ineligible for a Small Business of the Year Award. Members of the Small Business Council of the Manatee Chamber of Commerce may apply, but are then ineligible to judge.



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The Chamber's Guest Luncheon Series Monday, February 22 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM John Osborne, Manatee County Planning Director

Join us for lunch and an update from the Manatee County Planning Department's John Osborne, Manatee County Planning Director at Stoneybrook Golf Club at Heritage Harbour, 7900 Stone Harbour Loop, Bradenton.

Cost \$25 for Manatee Chamber members; \$50 for non-members. Reservations required by February 16 to Lisa at 941-748-4842, ext. 123 or LisaR@ManateeChamber.com. Seating is limited, call today. A special thank you to our sponsors:



Annual Tampa Bay Rays Luncheon Wednesday, February 17 Polo Grill Fete Ballroom



Come on out and have lunch, mingle with management and meet some of the Tampa Bay Rays players.

Reserve Early - we expect this event to sell-out. Make your reservation by contacting Elba

at ElbaV@ManateeChamber.com. Sponsorships still available!

Thank You Retired Board Members!

Thank you to our retiring Chamber Board members who volunteered time and service to the Manatee Chamber of Commerce. Thank you for your leadership in making us a five-star Chamber!



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Chamber Promotes Recycling at Events

The Chamber, through our Green Business Initiative Committee has created a recycling "road show" for Chamber functions such as Business After Hours and Coffee Clubs. According to Marie Pender, Vice President, Membership Development & Services, "Our event sponsors for these functions will be encouraged to participate. The Chamber will provide guidelines and recommendations.

Waste Pro donated Chamber recycling bins with the "Green Logo" and Signs Now provided the artwork. Chamber members will now learn about the value of engaging in green business practices and preserving our landfill's utility by recycling items. According to Neil Spirtas, Vice President, Public Policy



& Small Business, "This was a direct result of a recommendation from our Green Business Initiative Committee and our membership to 'walk the walk.' Thank you Waste Pro and Signs Now."

Waste Pro's Andy Toller stated, "the company will also transport the Chamber's Green recycling bins/waste product to and from these sponsoring businesses." Look for the Chamber's green website to be launched in the next month to learn more about this program and other sustainable resources.





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In December we announced our new membership structure and exciting new value-addeds that will make your membership in MYP even better... and bring greater focus to programming for our target demographic - those 21-42 years old.

An annual membership in MYP is \$45 for young professionals (age 21-42) whose business is a member of the Chamber and \$65 for all other young professionals (age 21-42). While MYP membership has not had a fee associated with it in the 10 years the Chamber has offered the program, we have identified the need for financial support to continue to grow. These membership fees will support a program that is already extremely robust - and allow us to offer even greater benefits to our members.

One new feature of MYP is a *MYPerks* member "perks" program through which Chamber members can offer special "perks" to paid MYP members. In turn MYP will promote these businesses

Monday, Feb. 1 through Friday, Feb. 5 MYP Community Service Project Salvation Army

1204 14th Street W., Bradenton 4:45 - 6:30 PM

Join us as we serve dinner at the Salvation Army and help those in need in our community. Please volunteer and make a difference in the lives of men, women and children in Manatee County. RSVP: RSVP@MYPonline.com or 941-748-4842, ext. 133

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Thursday, February 11 Networking Social World of Beer 8217 Tourist Center Drive, Sarasota

5:00 - 7:00 PM

Join us for our monthly networking social with the Manatee Young Professionals from 5:00 - 7:00 PM. Enjoy great networking... bring your business cards and bring a friend! No RSVP necessary. No cost to attend for paid MYP members (or those who sign-up for membership on-the-spot), \$5 for all others.

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Wednesday, February 24 MYPower Networking Luncheon Via Italia 6777 Manatee Ave. W., Bradenton

11:45 AM - 1:00 PM

Limited to the first 45 RSVPs... MYPower Luncheons give you the opportunity to promote your business products and services and help MYP members find new customers for you! Cost: \$12 for paid MYP members, \$17 for all others RSVP: RSVP@MYPonline.com or 941-748-4842, ext. 133.

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to our members. Companies are already lining up to get involved in the program... please let us know if you are interested. *MYPerks* businesses already signed-up to offer specials to paid MYP members: Air & Energy, Best Buy, Bradenton Yacht Club, Digital Image Business Solutions, Fit2Run, MacAllister's Grill & Tavern, Manatee Players and the University of Miami.

BONUS for the First 150 paid MYP members of 2010: Return your membership application ASAP! The first 150 received will be given a special package of gifts/offers from Chamber members companies including Anna Maria Oyster Bar, Fit2Run, brick's Irish Pub & Martini Bar, Air & Energy, Digital Image Business Solutions, Bradenton Yacht Club and others!

We look forward to an exciting new year and look forward to seeing you at a MYP event! If you need further information, please call Jacki Dezelski at 941-748-4842, ext. 131.

MYP Networking Social in January at Mattison's Riverside































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Holiday Coffee Club in December





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SAVE THE DATE, February 26, The Transformation Decade! Are You Ready to Compete...Starting Today! Featuring David Houle, Nationally Renowned Futurist and Writer

This must see event is for all executives who are evaluating how to maximize their success in this rapidly changing environment. David Houle identifies and explains the new age we have entered and the dynamics that are shaping our world now and for the next 10-20 years. The Shift Age will be one of the most transformative and exciting times in the history of humanity. Houle leaves us with suggestions for how to prepare for and adapt to this new age. All Day VIP Session 8:00 AM - 1:30 PM \$125, Morning Session Only: 8:00 - 11:00 AM: \$75, Afternoon Session Only: 11:00 AM - 1:30 PM: \$75. Location: Fete Ballroom at the Polo Grill, Lakewood Ranch. For more information and to make reservations visit www.ManateeEDC.com

SAVE THE DATE, Thursday, March 18

Join us for a knee slappin, rip roarin' good time at the 22nd Annual Hob Nob Bar-B-Que! Enjoy delicious food prepared by our fantastic Grill Teams, kick up your heels to the tunes of the Billy Rice Band, network with more than 1,000 of your closest friends, and most of all have a good time! Thursday, March 18, 5:30-9:00 PM at the Sarasota Polo Club. EDC Investors: \$70, Chamber and MYP Members \$80. Need more information? Leave a message at 941-748-4842 ext. 650, and we'll get right back to you!

Marriage of Marine Manufacturers Spins Off New Green Jobs with Electric Cars

The marriage of once fierce competitors in the marine industry is spinning off a welcome benefit in Manatee County - new manufacturing jobs with a green twist. Bradentonbased Ameritex Fabric Systems, which became a division of the Taylor Made Group in 2009, will supply canvas doors for Chrysler Group Global Electric Motorcars LLC, according to Don Zirkelbach, Ameritex president. "Our relationship with Global Electric Motorcars is part of our plan to diversify at least 25 percent of our business beyond the marine industry," said Zirkelbach, whose company has 58 employees and plans to add 10 to 20 manufacturing jobs in the next year. "The combination of Taylor Made and Ameritex with our numerous patents opens up tremendous opportunities."

The global recession hit the marine industry hard, leading to job losses and plant closures across the industry, including in Manatee County. The entire industry "had to hit the reset button" and create new business models and ways of doing business, Zirkelbach said. In the case of Ameritex and Taylor Made, Ameritex moved into part of a Taylor Made facility and is focusing on fabric-related products while Taylor Made will concentrate on windshield design and manufacturing, he said. Taylor Made recently closed a fabric plant in Georgia and integrated the operation into Ameritex in Bradenton, bringing additional jobs to Manatee County.

The electric car industry is one diversity target for Ameritex. Global Electric Motorcars makes six different models of battery-powered GEM cars primarily suited for intracity use. GEM cars are used by local, state and national government agencies, resorts, master-planned communities, universities, medical and corporate campuses, as well as by sports teams, taxi-shuttle services and individual consumers. Ameritex is also looking at the resort, consumer, recreational vehicle and golf cart industries. "The Ameritex story exemplifies how companies in the marine industry are restructuring to survive and thrive," said Eric Basinger, executive director of the Economic Development Council (EDC), a division of the Manatee Chamber of Commerce. The EDC has assisted Ameritex over the years with employee recruitment and facilities permitting. "The focus on diversifying into other industries, in addition to marine products, is generating new jobs for local residents."

Robert E. Hunt Award

The Manatee Chamber of Commerce was pleased to award the annual Robert E. Hunt Award to **Tortuga Inn Beach Resort** at the 47th Annual Membership Dinner. The annual award is named after former Palmetto Mayer Robert E. Hunt who took great pride in his community.



Tortuga Inn Beach Resort is beachа to-bay luxury resort conveniently located on Anna Maria Island. It includes six unique buildings of hotel rooms and suites nestled within lush landscaping and swaying palms. With its tropical charm,

and scenic sunsets, Tortuga Inn truly embodies island vacationing.

The image of our community is often interpreted based on our visual environment and first impressions. Through their efforts of creative and attractive landscape design and maintenance, Tortuga Inn makes a positive impact on community pride and economic growth.

The Image Manatee Beautification Awards are judged and awarded to businesses and organizations in the community who have demonstrated their commitment to improving the appearance of Manatee County - one business at a time.

Each quarter, Image Committee members meet to vote on these awards and discuss current issues relating to beautification in our local community. From these quarterly winners, the committee selects one annual winner and awards this organization the Robert E. Hunt Award.

Member businesses and public locations are nominated based on criteria such as building design or renovations, appropriateness of the neighborhood, landscape attractiveness and maintenance along with the use of native drought-tolerant plant species.

Spotlight on Partners in Education

Each month, the *Current* highlights business partners who have made a difference in Manatee County schools through the Business and Education Partnership Program. The Business Partnership Program links businesses and organizations with schools in a relationship that enhances learning and promotes school involvement. For more information on this rewarding program, please contact Jahna Leinhauser at 941-748-4842, ext. 172.

Through the tireless commitment of five dedicated insurance agencies, students from Palmetto and Manatee High Schools received priceless opportunities through a unique program that focused on real-world business simulations.

In this program, appropriately named Project Invest, students created a simulated insurance business, developing their own advertising and marketing plan, recruiting other "employees," and providing actual online auto insurance quotes to customers. Through Project Invest, not only did students receive training on the "nuts and bolts" of the auto insurance industry, they received valuable work experiences that focus on professionalism and work ethic.

In addition to the simulated insurance business, these five agencies sponsored field trips to local agencies, provided an awards banquet breakfast and donated \$5,000 in scholarships to the students. These businesses truly went the extra mile in their partnership with their schools.

Congratulations to the 2009 Partners Together Award Winners Manatee County Independent Insurance Agents Association and



the following Insurance Agencies:

BB & T/Wyman, Green & Blalock, Boyd Insurance & Investment Services, Bradenton Insurance, Des Champs & Gregory, Inc., Oswald Trippe Insurance.



Spotlight on our Members

Asolo Repertory Theater Board of Directors announced the establishment of the Robert and Beverly Koski Production Center Campus. Through the combined gifts of Beverly Koski, Herman and Sharon Frankel, an anonymous donor and the Gulf Coast Community Foundation of Venice, Asolo Rep has purchased property located at 1009 Tallevast Road for \$1,650,000 to create the Robert and Beverly Koski Production Center Campus. The approximately 45,000 square foot building, will house scenery and production facilities and the theatre's vast costume and prop collection - both currently located in two separate offsite buildings. Consolidation of these facilities into one state of the art center offers the theatre more efficient operations, immediate cost savings and opportunities to better serve the cultural community here and throughout the nation.



L. to R. Susan Buck, Jim Chandler, Beverly Koski, Roz Goldberg, David Bavar, Scott Anderson, Herman Frankel, Alan Kurland, Warren Coville, Carl Meyer and Michael **Donald Edwards**

Blalock, Walters, Held & Johnson, P.A. announces the addition of two new practice groups - labor & employment law and immigration law. This expertise benefits the firm's existing clients, as well as supports the rapid growth in new clients the firm has



experienced in recent years. To support this expansion into these two practice areas, Matthew Westerman recently joined the firm

Westerman

as a principal. Westerman graduated magna cum laude with a Juris Doctor from the Stetson University

College of Law. He is a 1994 graduate of the University of Central Florida with a B.A. in psychology. Westerman is licensed to practice before all Florida State Courts, as well as the United States District Court and Middle and Southern Districts of Florida. For more information visit www. blalockwalters.com.



has earned two prestigious honors from Grady-White Boats. the Gradv-

White Boats' Admiral Circle and Service Excellence Awards for the 2009 model year. This is the 11th consecutive year Cannons Marina has been honored by Grady-White for their distinguished achievements in the areas of sales and customer satisfaction. The Admiral's Circle and Service Excellence Awards are reserved for those Grady-White Boats dealerships that have achieved the highest level of retail sales for the model year plus outstanding customer satisfaction index scores as rated in customer surveys. Visit Cannons.com for more information or call them at 941-383-1311.

CPA Associates announce David Cumberland has been appointed by the Gulf Coast Latin Chamber of Commerce board of directors as Treasurer for the organization in 2010. Cumberland is a



Cumberland



Stephen B. Parent



Carlson

staff accountant with CPA Associates in Bradenton. He earned his accounting degree from the University of South Florida, Sarasota where he is one of the founding members of USF's Accounting Advisory

Council. He is fluent in Spanish. Stephen B. Parent, CPA, ABV, CFF, has received accreditation by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) as being Certified in Financial Forensics. Parent serves as a Client Services Manager

and is also accredited in Business Valuation (ABV) by the AICPA. Elizabeth T. Carlson, CPA, CFP, CFF, CVA, of CPA Associates recently presented "Financial Accounting Principles for Attorneys and their Assistants" to the Sarasota-

Manatee Association of Legal Support Specialists members at Primo Restaurant. This group is organized to foster and enhance the role of legal specialists, and to provide educational programs related to the legal field. Carlson serves as a Client Services Manager with CPA Associates in Bradenton and is also a litigation support specialist, who is certified in financial planning, financial forensics and valuation analysis. For more information visit www. cpa-associates.com.

Ellenton Ice and Sports Complex announce Caydee Denney & Jeremy Barrett and Amanda Evora & Mark Ladwig made a





recent sweep of the US Figure Skating pairs teams for the upcoming Olympics, and are continuing their training in Spokane for the upcoming Olympic games in Vancouver and World Championships in Torino, Italy. For more information visit www. ellentonice.com.

Magee Signs announces that Benjamin



Bakker has joined the company as the new account executive for the Tampa Bay region. Bakker brings with him nine years of experience in the sign industry, and will be handling sales operations for clients from the Tampa

Ben Bakker

area as far south as Lee county. Ben's extensive community involvement includes appointments as Vice President for SOLVE maternity homes, Leadership Manatee (c/o 2010), Manatee Young Professionals planning committee, and the Bradenton Downtown Redevelopment committee. For more information, visit www.MageeSigns. com or call 941-722-5391.

Manatee County has begun plans on how to spend this year's \$2.1 million Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) within the eligible areas of Manatee County. **Ribbon Cuttings** Neighborhood Services officials are looking for more community input than ever. Manatee County will host four community meetings to ask residents how they would like to see the money spent to improve their neighborhoods. For more information, call Suzie Dobbs at 941-749.3029, or e-mail her at suzie.dobbs@mymanatee.org or visit online, www.mymanatee.org.

Pittsburgh Pirates announce a celebration of the arrival of spring training and the first ever minor league baseball season in Bradenton at the First Annual Pirates Pep Rally on Thursday, February 25. The exciting Pep Rally is being produced in collaboration with Realize Bradenton and the Pittsburgh Pirates. Players, coaches and front office members of the Pittsburgh



Pittsburgh Pirates aseball

Pirates and Bradenton Marauders will join Mayor Wayne Poston on stage at 6:00 PM on Old Main Street. The rally will last until 10:00 PM. For more information or to get involved, contact Rachelle Madrigal at 941-747-3031 or Rachelle.Madrigal@pirates. com or Anna Pohl at 941-704-4366 or AnnaP@RealizeBradenton.com.

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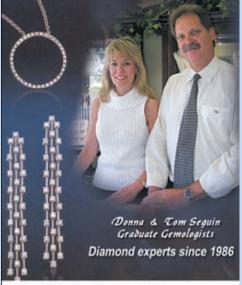
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1969 - 41 Years

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1971 – 39 Years

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1975 – 35 Years Tinsworth Orthodontics

1976 - 34 Years

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Baker's Paint and Body Shop Christopher, Smith, Leonard, Bristow, & Stanell PA Hernando De Soto Historical Society, Inc. Manatee Association of Realtors **1977 – 33 Years** *Continued* Manatee County Housing Authority State College of Florida Manatee-Sarasota USA Fence Company

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1981 – 29 Years Goodson Electric, Inc. 1981 – 29 Years Continued Manatee Glens Ponto's Auto Service Schofield & Spencer, P.A. Stewart Title Company Trailmate/HJB Properties William R. Lisch, Attorney at Law

1982 – 28 Years

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1990 - 20 Years

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1995 - 15 Years

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1996 - 14 Years

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1997 - 13 Years

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1998 - 12 Years

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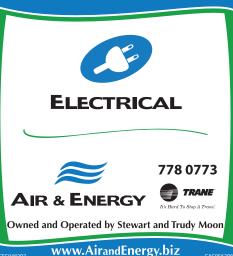
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MonFr. Tues. Wed.	i 1-5	MYP at Salvation Army		4:45 - 6:	30 PM	Salvation Army	
Tues.	2			8:00 AM		Bradenton Board Room	
		Better Business Council Meeting		4:00 PM		Bradenton Board Room	
Wed.	3	New Member Reception		7:45 AM		Bradenton Board Room	
		Power Connection Lunch	11:30 AM		N	Bradenton Country Club	
		Image Manatee Committee Meeti	ng	Noon - 1	:00 PM	Bradenton Board Room	
Fri.	5	MYP Committee Meeting	0	Noon - 1	:00 PM	Bradenton Board Room	
Thurs.	9	Coffee Club		7:45 - 9:0	00 AM	Pittsburgh Pirate City	
Wed.	10	Leadership Manatee, Human Nee	eds Day			,	
		Healthcare Alliance Meeting	· ·	3:00 - 4:0	00 PM	Bradenton Board Room	
Thurs.	11	Breakfast with the Chairman		7:30 - 9:	00 AM	Bradenton Board Room	
		MYP Networking Social		5:00 - 7:0	00 PM	World of Beer	
Fri.	12	Transportation Committee Meetin	ng	8:00 AM		Bradenton Board Room	
Tues.	16	Chamber Executive Committee Meeting		7:30 AM		Bradenton Board Room	
		MYP Ambassadors Sub-Committee Meeting		Noon - 1:00 PM		Bradenton Board Room	
		Green Business Initiative Commi		4:00 PM		Bradenton Board Room	
		Business After Hours		5:00 - 7:0	00 PM	Tinsworth Orthodontics	
Wed.	17	STARTUPS		8:30 AM		MPO Sarasota	
		Meet the Rays Luncheon		11:30 AM		Polo Grill	
Thurs.	18	Small Business Council Meeting		8:00 AM		Bradenton Board Room	
		Power Connection Lunch		11:30 AM		Bogey's Sports Pub	
		Education & Worforce Partnersh	ip Meeting	Noon - 1	:00 PM	Bradenton Board Room	
		EDC Advisory Board Meeting		3:30 - 5:	00 PM	Bradenton Board Room	
		Leadership Manatee Graduation		6:00 - 9:0	00 PM	Bradenton Country Club	
Fri.	19	Water Alternatives Committee M	eeting	8:00 AM		Bradenton Board Room	
Tues.	23	MYP New Member Reception		7:45 - 9:00 AM		Lakewood Ranch Board Room	
		Chamber Board of Directors Meeting		4:00 PM		Lakewood Ranch Board Room	
Wed.	Wed. 24 MYPower Lunch		11:45 AM		M - 1:00 PM	Via Italia	
Fri.	26	Downtown Redevelopment Com EDC Event: The Transformation		8:00 AM 8:00 AM	- 1:30 PM	Bradenton Board Room Fete Ballroom at Polo Grill	
Tues.	2	Patter Pusiness Council Meeting		4:00 PM		Bradenton Board Room	
Wed.	3	Better Business Council Meeting Power Connection Lunch		11:30 AN		Caddy Shanks	
Thurs.	4			4:00 - 7:0		Lakewood Ranch Office	
Fri.	5	Spring Fling MYP Committee Meeting				Bradenton Board Room	
	9	Chamber Technology Committee Meeting		Noon - 1:00 PM			
Tues.	9	Business After Hours	Meeting	8:00 AM 5:00 - 7:00 PM		Bradenton Board Room The Gallery and Farraro's	
Thurs.	11	Breakfast with the Chairman				Bradenton Board Room	
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Fri.		Transportation Committee Meetin		0.00 AM		brademon board Room	
Tues.	16	Legislative Trip for Commandos		Noon - 1:		Lakewood Ranch Board Room	
Wed.	17	MYP Ambassadors Sub-Committee Power Connection Lunch	Meeting	11:30 AN			
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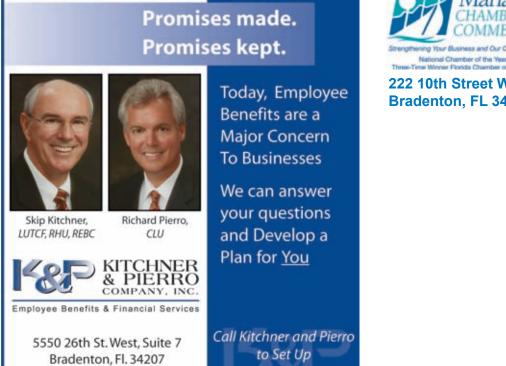
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