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TRUSTEE CORNER

Benjamin G. Boynton, business and community leader

Anyone who has lived in the Western Communities for any length of time is more than likely familiar with Ben Boynton and his family. Native Floridians, the Boynton family is one of the founding families out in the Glades — specifically Pahokee.

Boynton began his business career in Wellington in 1994...and then in 1997 he and his wife, Joanna, opened Boynton Financial Group Inc., an independent office of Raymond James Financial Services Inc., offering a comprehensive range of investment, financial and insurance planning alternatives for individuals and businesses. Boynton has been recognized by Raymond James numerous times for his outstanding client service and exemplary professional growth – consecutively winning the company's coveted Executive Council award. The Boyntons' Wellington office has the distinction of being among the top 20 percent of Raymond James independent branches based on assets managed.

Boynton is a graduate of the University of Florida, with a B.S. degree in business administration and an emphasis in finance. He added to his credentials by earning his CFP (certified financial planner) designation from the College of Financial Planning and is currently



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working on his Masters degree.

In addition to building a successful financial planning business, community service has also been a personal priority for Boynton. He and Joanna

have been active in numerous civic organizations. Boynton has served the Palms West Chamber of Commerce and Joanna has served as the Chamber's board chairman. A Bronze Leadership award winner for Junior Achievement, Boynton has sat on its board for many years.

The Wellington Rotary Club has also benefited from Boynton's leadership while he served on its board for more than a decade including the role of board president. He has become a member of Rotary International's Paul Harris Fellowship.

This past spring, both Ben and Joanna were chosen as the Wellington Rotary Club's Frank T. Gladney Award recipients, which recognizes the people in the community who most exemplify the motto "Service Above Self."

Boynton is a founding board member of the Bink Glisson Historical Museum at Yesteryear Village, a founding member of the Western Communities Business Associates and the Wellington Chamber of Commerce, and a past board member of the South Florida Opera Company.

Boynton's charity work has a fun side, too. He often serves as the live auctioneer for the biggest events in town including the Glades Day School Annual Gala, The Stars Ball, Diabetes Ball, Palms West Chamber Annual Gala, the Boys and Girls Club Annual Gala and many more. Not only does he know how to grow the bid price for items, he can usually call the bidder by name!

This community involvement isn't limited to US boundaries, though. Internationally, the Boynton family is very involved with the Street Children's Assistant Network of Nakuru (SCANN).

Boynton is an avid antique collector and has an 1870 stock ticker-tape machine that was handmade by Thomas Edison. He also enjoys golf, hunting, scuba diving and barefoot waterskiing. The Boyntons live in Loxahatchee with their two children, William and Catherine, their Sheltie, Lassito, and a small herd of purebred Hereford beef cattle.

TRUSTEE PROGRAM BENEFITS

RECOGNITION

- Trustee photograph and profile of organization representative will appear with logo in the *Annual Palms West Chamber Community Resource Guide*;
- Trustee will receive distinctive name badge;
- Trustee will receive prestigious partner plaque for display in place of business;
- Trustee member included on Trustee plaque at the Palms West Chamber of Commerce headquarters;
- Trustee member will be listed each month in the *Palms West Perspective* and positioned prominently on the Chamber Web site;
- One feature story in the *Palms West Perspective* (Trustee Corner) accompanied by photograph of member representative and organization logo;
- Profile and photograph of the representative and logo on dedicated Trustee page of Chamber Web site;
- Trustee business listed on all Trustee letterhead;
- Trustee name prominently displayed at each Chamber event.

VIP STATUS

- Invitation to attend all Board of Directors meetings;
- Invitation to attend annual strategic planning session;
- Complimentary admission to all monthly Business After Hours events;
- Verbal recognition when in attendance at any Chamber event;
- Two complimentary tickets to VIP area at Palms WestFest, SalsaFest and Holiday Parade;
- Reserved table seating at Chamber functions.

TRUSTEE-ONLY EVENTS

- Invitation to all Forum Club luncheons with complimentary admission to two of these functions;
- Special speaker programs, tours or forums.

ADDITIONAL BENEFITS

- Networking opportunities with key business and community leaders;
- Program participation demonstrates leadership role and commitment to the Chamber and community;
- News releases recognizing Trustees at least twice a year to local media;
- Trustee Program will be limited to 50 participants.

TRUSTEE CONTRIBUTION

- Annual Trustee membership investment is \$2,000, including current Chamber dues;
- The benefits of the Trustee program exceed its costs.

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