

Wellington Chamber To Honor Boyntons

The Wellington Chamber of Commerce will honor Ben and Joanna Boynton as its 2006 Man and Woman of the Year. The annual event, scheduled for March 12, honors top Wellingtonians each year in conjunction with the installation of the new chamber president and board members. The Boyntons were chosen for their loyalty, dedication and undying support of the Wellington community over many years.

"The Boyntons are truly 'pioneers' of this community and one of the reasons we have grown and flourished into one of the most amazing communities in the country," said Chamber Executive Director Michela Perillo-Green. "You cannot think of Wellington without Ben and Joanna coming into your mind. I am extremely pleased to have the honor of announcing them as Man and Woman of the Year."

The Boyntons opened their Raymond James Financial Services branch in 1997 and have more than 20 years of combined experience in the financial services industry. They are consecutive winners of Raymond James' coveted Executive Council with recognition for outstanding client service and exemplary professional growth. Ben was also recognized by Northwood University as a finalist for their Entrepreneur of the Year Award. Both are graduates of the University of Florida with degrees in business administration.

In addition to building a successful financial planning business, the couple is highly committed to community service and has served numerous organizations for more than a decade. Ben is a longstanding board member of Junior Achievement and has taught high school classes since 1995. He is also



Joanna & Ben Boynton

past president and active member of the Wellington Rotary Club, founding board member and past treasurer of the Bink Glisson Historical Museum at Yester-year Village, former chairman of the Cultural Trust of the Palm Beaches, past board member of the South Florida Opera Company and founding member of the Wellington Chamber of Commerce.

Joanna is presently a board member for both the Boys & Girls Club of Wellington and the Palms West Chamber of Commerce. As past president of the American Heart Association's board of directors, Palms West Division, Joanna was nominated to that organization's Florida State Board.

As a couple, Ben and Joanna are the current chairpersons of the Wellington Community Fitness Run/Walk to benefit Hospice and have served as co-chairpersons for four American Heart Association Heart Balls. Internationally, both are very involved with the Street Children's Assistant Network of Nakuru (SCANN) and visited this organization last year during their trip to Kenya.

The Boyntons are native Floridians and live in Wellington with their two children, William and Catherine.

The Man and Woman of the Year installation brunch will be held on March 12 at the Aero Club Pilot House from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call (561) 792-6525 for ticket information.