

TRUSTEE PROGRAM

Fourteen members help launch Chamber Trustee Program

The Palms West Chamber of Commerce Trustee Program was launched last month with 14 founding members. The program was created for community leaders and senior-level members of area businesses and other organizational entities.

This forum will enable its members to unite in a shared vision for the west central communities of Palm

Beach County. We are introducing Trustee Corner this month as a regular feature of *Palms West Perspective*.

Our goal is to keep you informed about the Trustee Program, while spotlighting its members.

To initiate this column, we



take this very visible opportunity to publicly thank all founding members: Boynton Financial Group Inc., Callery Judge Grove, Centex Construction, Florida Power & Light Company, Insurance For You Inc., *La Palma*, Palms West Hospital, PRINT-It Plus, Royal Inn Hotel Resort, *Sun-Sentinel*,

The Mall at Wellington Green, *The Palm Beach Post*, The South Florida Fair & Palm Beach County Expositions Inc. and Wellington Regional Medical Center.

For more information, please contact Vivian Palmer, Palms West Chamber CEO emeritus, at vivian@palmswest.com or (561) 790-6200.

TRUSTEE SPOTLIGHT

Founder Ben Boynton brings a fun-loving attitude to group

Ben Boynton opened his Raymond James Financial Services branch in 1997, offering a comprehensive range of investment, financial and insurance planning alternatives for individuals and businesses. Recognized by Raymond James for outstanding client service and exemplary professional growth, Boynton is a consecutive winner of their coveted Executive Council honor. He was also chosen by Northwood University as a finalist for its Entrepreneur of the Year award. A graduate of the University of Florida with a B.S. degree in business administration with emphasis in finance, Boynton is currently working toward his master's degree in financial planning from the College of Financial Planning.

In addition to building a successful financial-planning business, Boynton and his wife, Joanna, are highly committed to community service and have served numerous organizations, including the Palms West Chamber of Commerce for more than a decade.

Ben is a long-standing board member of Junior Achievement, recipient of the organization's Bronze Leadership award, and has taught high school classes since 1995.

He is also past president and current vice president of the Wellington Rotary Club, and has received Rotary International's Paul Harris Fellow.

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

Boynton's fun-loving personality has also made him a favorite choice as a live auctioneer for several local charities, including Glades Day School Annual Gala, The Stars Ball, Diabetes Ball, Palms West Chamber Annual Dinner, Boys & Girls Club Annual Gala, South Florida Opera Company Annual Gala

and more.

The Boyntons were recently awarded Man & Woman of the Year by the Wellington Chamber of Commerce, and the couple is currently co-chairing the Community Fitness Run to benefit Hospice. They have also served as co-chairs for four American Heart Association Heart Balls. Internationally, both Joanna and Ben are very involved with the Street Children's Assistant Network of Nakuru (SCANN) and visited this organization last year during their trip to Kenya.

A native Floridian, Ben enjoys reading about Florida history and names Patrick Smith's *A Land Remembered* as his favorite book.

He is an avid antique collector and owns an 1870 stock ticker tape machine handmade by Thomas Edison. His other hobbies include golf, hunting, scuba diving and barefoot waterskiing. The Boyntons live in Wellington with their two children, William and Catherine.



Ben Boynton

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY MEMBERS

20 years-plus

Ewing Optical Corp.
RE/MAX Direct — Wanda Smith

15 years-plus

Wellington Florist Inc.

10 years-plus

Coldwell Banker
— Harriet Offerman
Passport Publications & Media Corp.

Five years-plus

Binks Forest Elementary School
Golden Grove Community
Elementary School
Loxahatchee Country Preschool
Merchant Services Network
Okechee Middle School
Royal Palm Beach
Community High School
Natalie Sohn, MD PA
The UPS Store

One to four years

Aqua Pam's Swim Academy LLC
BSM Financial Group LLC
Cartridge World of Wellington
Coach Comp America
Diabetes & Nutrition Centers/
Diabetes Self Mgmt.
Evans Design Group
Florida Public Utilities
Florida Wise Magazine
Hoffman's Chocolates & Ice Cream

Keller Williams Realty

— Nancy Jennings
Keller Williams Realty
— Debbie Sanacore
RE/MAX Direct
— Joseph Fischer
Romano's Macaroni Grill
Royal Palm Beach Elementary School
Signs Express
Streets Finest Corp.
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