

THE BIZ BUZZ | PROFESSIONAL HAPPENINGS IN YOUR AREA

DAYTONA BEACH

Dawn Jones is Southern Title's tenth closing officer to earn the Certified Land Closer (CLC) designation from the Florida Land Title Association. The CLC requires five years of title experience and successful completion of an exam covering all areas of title searching, regulations, and closing proficiency.

Robin Hanger's Car Shop Auto Repair hired **Geoff Thompson** as shop manager. In this position, Thompson will manage the automotive shop, perform wheel alignment, order parts, and assign repair jobs. Thompson is a wheel alignment specialist and has been in the automotive industry for 30 years.

Ashni Attri was promoted to director of banquets at the Hilton Daytona Beach Resort. Attri has been with Hilton Daytona Beach Resort for 10 years, starting as a restaurant server.

The Daytona Beach Regional Chamber of Commerce hired **Kaitlyn Bell-Neal** as the special events coordinator. In this position, Bell-Neal coordinates and manages all ongoing Chamber



Thompson



Bell-Neal

events and special events.

HOLLY HILL

Tyler Property Management added **Stephen Chicurel-Stein** as a sales associate. Chicurel-Stein specializes in architecture and design and has renovated homes across the United States and Europe.



Chicurel-Stein

ORMOND BEACH

Dawn Parent celebrated 10 years of employment as a sales associate with Mitchell Noel Insurance Agency.



Santiago

CO2Meter hired **Melyssia Santiago** as the global sales representative. In this position, Santiago is responsible for the company's planned growth in both foreign and domestic markets focusing on restaurants and bars, scientific, agricultural, and HVAC markets. Santiago is CO2Meter's first director of sales.

PALM COAST

Florida Hospital HospiceCare selected **Janice Moore** to serve as community liaison. In this role, Moore acts as an advocate



Moore

for Florida Hospital HospiceCare and educates the Volusia-Flagler communities on the program's mission and services. Moore has more than 10 years of experience in medical and pharmaceutical sales.

PORT ORANGE

All Aboard Properties hired **Rebecca Prucnal** as a property accountant. In this position, Prucnal oversees commercial properties and subsidiaries of All Aboard Properties.



Prucnal

Dr. Sameer N. Haté joined Cardinal Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Associates. Dr. Haté is a Diplomat of the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons, and is an aboard certified oral and maxillofacial surgeon.



Haté

Email announcements about your company's recent hires, staff promotions and industry and/or community awards to mybusinessnews@news-jrnl.com. Announcements should include a headshot (at 200 dpi), the name and title of the person, the company's name, and the city where that person works or will work. Please also include the person's previous company and title.

OPEN FOR BUSINESS



The Port Orange South Daytona Chamber hosted a ribbon-cutting for Salty Dawg Outfitters at their 6296 S. Ridgewood Ave. location in Port Orange. Salty Dawg Outfitters offers a variety of fun outdoor activities, including guided tours, and sells bait and tackle, beach and nautical decor and more. Hours of operation Monday through Friday are 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday through Sunday 5 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, call 386-763-3311. Pictured, from left: Joyce Williams, Mark Burger, Linda Miller, Jeremy Farlow, Ed Farlow, Brenda Farlow, Amanda Bishop, Dave Farlow and Michele Jordan. PHOTO COURTESY PORT ORANGE SOUTH DAYTONA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

— Businesses that have newly opened, changed ownership, celebrated a recent ribbon-cutting, or physically enlarged a location are invited to send details and a high-resolution photo to

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GEO

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Well, it's going into the third day on the job. I've been on this side from the standpoint of interacting with different leaders especially when I was president of the DeLand Chamber. I do believe there is this Palmetto Curtain that divides the east and the west, and I think a lot of it is more in people's heads than in real life. There is a sense sometimes that all the money and the power are here. But you'll find that I'll be engaged in this community as well as this hospital.

In the next 90 days, I plan to embark on what I call my "listening tour."

I'll be sitting one-on-one with key physicians, probably the doctors that sit on our medical executive committee; the community board, foundation board members and key business people in the community and all our leadership to get a feel and pulse of where they are in the organization.

Are there any challenges you've been made aware of prior to completing the listening tour?

As we start to move down this path of where health care is taking us, is really trying to understand where we're putting our energies. We're working on a Clinical Integrated Network, which formally got off the blocks in December 2015. Now we have to follow it to make sure the

physician base continues to grow.

We introduced an insurance product a couple of years ago. I want to keep my eyes on that and make sure that it's continuing to grow and understand what's the dynamic that comes out now having people that you're covering and how does that affect the way that you're caring for them.

The continuum of care is going to broaden. The hospital is not just worried about what happens within the hospital anymore. It's looking at that whole continuum of care. We want to have a more vested interest in making sure that the way that people can get their care and access their care makes sense to them.

BUSINESS EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday

DELAND AREA CHAMBER: FUEL Business Discussion Group, 7:30-8:30 a.m., Boston Coffee, 109 E. New York Ave., DeLand. Cost: Free. Information: Katie Mentor at 386-405-6506 or Katie@wsbbradio.com.

Tuesday

DAYTONA REGIONAL CHAMBER: Regional Business Connections "North" Group, 8-9 a.m., Peach Valley Café, 185 E. Granada Blvd., Ormond Beach. Information: Membership Director Jamie Barkley at 386-523-3680.

DAYTONA REGIONAL CHAMBER: Regional Business Connections "South" Group, 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m., Panhead's Pizzeria, 4085 S. Ridgewood Ave., Port Orange. Information: Membership Director Jamie Barkley at 386-523-3680.

DELAND AREA CHAMBER: Let's Do Lunch Chamber Networking, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Sinatra's Ristorante at the Artisan Inn, 215 S. Woodland Blvd., DeLand. Cost: Free, lunch available for purchase. Information: Robin French at robin@delandchamber.org.

PORT ORANGE SOUTH DAYTONA CHAMBER: Home Improvement Business Partners, 5:30 p.m., TGI Fridays, 3813 Nova Road, Suite 101, Port Orange. Registration: 386-761-1601.

PORT ORANGE SOUTH DAYTONA CHAMBER: Networking Group II, noon, Chili's Grill & Bar, 1148 Dunlawton Ave., Port Orange. Registration: 386-761-1601.

PORT ORANGE SOUTH DAYTONA CHAMBER: Networking Group III, 8 a.m., Hannah's Family Diner, 968 Reed Canal, South Daytona. Registration:

386-761-1601. **WEST VOLUSIA REGIONAL CHAMBER:** AM Connection "What Can a Budget Buy for Your Business", 7:30-9 a.m., Gateway Center for the Arts, 880 N.C.R. Beall Blvd., DeBary. Speaker: Michael G. Wright, CPA. Cost: Free. Information: ask@westvolusiaregionalchamber.org.

Wednesday

DAYTONA REGIONAL CHAMBER: Regional Business Connections Group, noon-1 p.m., Daytona Regional Chamber Board Room, 126 E. Orange Ave., Daytona Beach. Cost: Free. Information: Membership Director Jamie Barkley at 386-523-3680.

SOUTHEAST VOLUSIA CHAMBER: Network Leads Group, 8:30-9:30 a.m., Southeast Volusia Chamber, 115 Canal St., upstairs auditorium, New Smyrna Beach. Information: 386-428-2449. **EXECUTIVE ASSOCIATION OF DAYTONA BEACH:** Breakfast Meeting and Exchange of Business Leads, 7:15 a.m., Halifax River Yacht Club, 331 S. Beach St., Daytona Beach. Speaker: Bob Devereux, Ameriprise Financial. Call for invitation: 386-253-4539 or 386-673-3171.

Thursday

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ORMOND BEACH CHAMBER: Economic Prosperity Hour Breakfast, 7:30-9:30 a.m., Dunn's Attic & Auction House, 136 W. Granada Blvd., Ormond Beach. Cost: Free. Speaker: James

Russell, superintendent of Volusia County Schools. RSVP: info@ormondchamber.com. **ORMOND BEACH CHAMBER:** Leadership Steering Committee, 8-10:30 a.m., Ormond Beach Chamber Board Room, 165 W. Granada Blvd., Ormond Beach.

SOUTHEAST VOLUSIA CHAMBER: Network Leads Group II, noon-1 p.m., Best Western, 1401 S. Atlantic Ave., New Smyrna Beach. Information: 386-428-2449.

VOLUSIA-FLAGLER SCORE: How to Start Your Own Business in Florida, 6-8 p.m., Daytona State College, UCF Building 150, Room 100, 1200 W. International Speedway Blvd., Daytona Beach. Cost: Free. Registration: score87.org/workshop-events or 386-255-6889.

Friday

DAYTONA REGIONAL CHAMBER: Regional Business Connections "Southwest" Group, 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m., Venetian Bay Golf Club, 63 N. Airport Road, New Smyrna Beach. Information: Membership Director Jamie Barkley at 386-523-3680.

DELAND AREA CHAMBER: FAB Luncheon, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Oak Park at John Knox Village, 101 Northlake Drive, Orange City. Cost: \$15 for members, \$20 for non-members.

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BUSINESS SNAPSHOT



Cynthia Politis, Bank of America market president for Daytona Beach/Cocoa Beach, presented a check for \$5,000 to Food Brings Hope founder and chair Forough B. Hosseini to benefit the non-profit's weekend food bag program. Food Brings Hope's weekend grocery bag initiative involves the distribution of 40-pound bags of nonperishable food items and six pounds of frozen meats that can feed an economically disadvantaged family of four for a weekend. Pictured, from left: Pam Woods, Volusia County Schools Homeless Education liaison; Cynthia Politis, and Forough B. Hosseini. PHOTO COURTESY FOOD BRINGS HOPE

— Send us your business event photos: Volusia-Flagler area businesses celebrating a recent grand opening ribbon-cutting, anniversary milestone, or other notable event

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PARK

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of work — flights flown — to evaluate."

Case in point: When Brazil's TAM Airlines began offering daily service connecting Sao Paulo and Orlando in late 2008, those initial flights were only about half-sold, said Cassens, who prior to joining the staff at the Daytona

Beach airport worked at Orlando International Airport.

Eventually, the percentage of seats filled on those TAM flights began steadily rising, he said, adding, "Now, it's considered a huge success."

Promising sign?

Cassens said when Laurence told him at the Daytona 500 Club reception how impressed he was by

the welcome JetBlue received, "I said, if you add (nonstop flights to) Boston, we'll be doing this again."

Laurence, who has said the airline will consider adding flights here if its initial New York service does well, responded: "I hope so."

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