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Local business people to watch

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Banking

Seacoast National Bank in Stuart announced the following new appointees to the bank's **Martin County Community Board**: **Arden Doss**, president of **Renar Fine Homes**; **Marc Gaylord**, an attorney in Martin County; **Toby Overdorf**, president and founder of **Crossroads Environmental Consultants Inc.**; **John O'Brien**, owner of **Gulf Stream Aluminum and Shutter Corp.**; **Kevin Powers**, an associate, principal for **Indiantown Realty Corp.**; and **Lorenzo Williams**, a lawyer and partner in the law firm of **Gary, Williams, Finney, Lewis, Watson and Sperando P.L.**



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Karen Delaney has been hired as vice president and private banker for **National City Corp.**'s Private Client Group in Palm Beach. Delaney brings 25 years of financial services experience to this position, most recently at Comerica Bank's Wealth Management division in Sarasota. In addition, National City has hired **Kathleen Strother** as vice president and client adviser in the Private Client Group. Strother joins from Comerica in Palm Beach Gardens.

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Malcolm S. Butters has been inducted into the **Florida International University Entrepreneurship Hall of Fame**. Butters received his degree from the university and is the president of **Butters Construction & Development Inc.** in Pompano Beach.

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Education

Merrill Eastman has been appointed to the **Palm Beach Atlantic University** Board of Trustees. Eastman is past chairman of the American Institute of Baking and, prior to retirement, served as the president and chief executive officer of Bestfoods Baking.

Engineering

Jon Murray has been selected by the **Florida Engineering Society**, Treasure Coast chapter, as its 2008 Young Engineer of the Year. Murray works for **Boyle Engineering** in Palm City.

Finance

Doug Wiles has joined **Fidelity Reverse Mortgage** in Boynton Beach as a reverse mortgage associate. Wiles has worked as a financial planner for 18 years, the past five in senior financial consulting and reverse mortgages.

Scott Tennell has earned the Lending Integrity Seal of Approval from the **National Association of Mortgage Brokers**. Tennell is a mortgage broker at **Continental Capital Funding Corp.** in Royal Palm Beach.

Kurt Silvia has been ranked by **Barron's** magazine as one of the Top 100 Financial Advisers. Silvia is the managing director of **Wachovia Securities** in Palm Beach. In addition, Wachovia Securities promoted **Tim Smith** to vice president for investments.

Interior design

Chad Renfro has received the Product Design of the Year award from the **Building Industry Association** for his interpretation of a model residence. Renfro, of **Chad Renfro Designs** in Palm Beach, designed the interior of a 2,400-square-foot model residence at West Bay Club on Southwest Florida's Gold Coast.

Legal

Scott D. Devore has been named a Florida Super Lawyer for the second consecutive year. Devore is a shareholder in **Devore & Devore P.A.** in Palm Beach Gardens.

Maureen Martinez-Schwab has been elected to the board of directors of the **Palm Beach County Bar Association** for a two-year term. Martinez-Schwab is a partner at the **Romano Law Group** in West Palm Beach.

Medical

Michael Power has been hired as the director of information services at **Bethesda Healthcare System** in Boynton Beach. Power has worked in the health care industry for 23 years, most recently as the manager of health information services for GeoCare South Florida State Hospital in Pembroke Pines.

Edwin Brown, president and chief executive officer of **Florida Community Health Centers Inc.** in West Palm Beach, has received the **National Association of Community Health Centers'** Lifetime Achievement Award in migrant health. Brown has led Florida Community Health Centers for 24 years, serving the Treasure Coast and communities surrounding Lake Okeechobee.

Miscellaneous

Peter C. Fedor has joined **InvoStar** in West Palm Beach as the director of sales for luxury home automation and home theater systems. Fedor founded Adtel Communications Inc. and, before taking this job, served as president of Achieva Telecom Services and vice president of sales and marketing at Coral Telecom.

Steve Lieber has been promoted to director of operations for **GR Restaurant Management LLC**, parent company of **Coal Mine Pizza** in the Royal Palm Plaza in Boca Raton. Lieber will be involved in two new dining concepts being planned by the company.

Theresa Bertram has been named executive director of **Harbour's Edge**, a **Life Care Retirement Communities** facility in Delray Beach. Bertram brings 26 years of experience in the long-term care industry, most recently as chief executive officer of the Cathedral Foundation of Jacksonville.

Nonprofit

Betsy Silverfine has been appointed the communications and marketing manager for **Gift of Life Foundation**, which facilitates bone-marrow, blood stem-cell and cord-blood transplants for patients suffering life-threatening illnesses, in Boca Raton.

Peggy Blackwood has joined the **Business Development Board of Martin County** as research and marketing manager. Blackwood joins from the Business Development Board of Palm Beach County.

Real estate

Dianne Fox-Jacob, a broker-associate of **Prudential Florida WCI Realty** in Palm Beach Gardens, has earned the EcoBroker Certified designation from the **Association of Energy & Environmental Real Estate Professionals**, completing a program on the energy and environmental issues that affect real estate.


Pete Muller has joined the sales team at **Century 21 Coastline Realty Inc.** in Lake Worth. Muller brings several years of marketing and sales experience as one of the top agents in the area to this position.

Diane Lombardino and **Leonor Sardinha Pifer** have joined **Bluffs Real Estate and Investment Properties** in Jupiter as Realtors from Realty International, also in Jupiter.

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