

Accolades

■ **Jean Juchnowicz** recently lent her expertise to the **United States Citizenship and Immigration Services** (USCIS), which is a component of the United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS) at training locations in Hialeah, Florida and Phoenix, Arizona, aiding in their professional workforce development program.

With over 20 years of training experience, Juchnowicz led a professional development 2-day management program on Critical Thinking and Problem Solving touching on making decisions more confidently, using critical thinking and problem solving strategies for real-world agency challenges, increasing use of alternative problem solving techniques, anticipating the impacts of decisions, identifying the tools for applying critical thinking strategies, understanding the four communications styles, and the five generations in the workplace.

Juchnowicz is the owner of Human Resources Simplified, a human resources consulting, training and facilitating company. She also does career services, as the owner of Career Advice Simplified, helping job hunters take their next step. Learn more about what she does at humanressourcessimplified.com.

■ **The Women's Council of Realtors Sarasota Network** President, **Maryellen Paterson**, presented the 2017 awards at the monthly business resource meeting on October 11th. *Award winners:* **Strategic Business Partner Rising Star** – Debbie Urban with Stock Developing; **Realtor Rising Star** – Ivan Gould with RE/MAX Alliance Group; **Strategic Business Partner Appreciation** – Rebecca Daulton with Lakewood Ranch Communities; **Strategic Business Partner Special Recognition** – CJ Coury with Movement Mortgage; **Strategic Business Partner of the Year** – Tina Darling of IAS Marketing and Realtor of the Year – Kimberlie MacDonald with Coldwell Banker.

The Women's Council of Realtor's Sarasota Network was established in 1957 to be the local source of education and business tools focused on the needs of women REALTOR entrepreneurs at all stages of development. "Educate, Encourage and Elevate is my motto for 2017. We are committed to developing Realtors into Leaders", said Maryellen Paterson 2017 Sarasota Network President. "Education through great programs and speakers, encouragement to build self-confidence and self-esteem, and participation at all levels to elevate yourself within this great industry."

Women's Council of REALTORS is a network of successful Realtors, advancing women as professionals and leaders in business, the industry and the communities where they service. WCR is a nationwide community of over 11,000 real estate professionals in 300 Networks who include many of the best and brightest in the business. WCR is an affiliate of the National Association of REALTORS and is headquartered in Chicago, IL. For more information on WCR, please visit WCR.org. For more information on the Sarasota Network, visit www.SarasotaWCR.com.

■ **Kristine Cerbone, a State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota** (SCF) alumna, took the research she did at SCF



and used it as a springboard for her undergraduate thesis to graduate from New College of Florida. Cerbone earned an Associate in Science in biotechnology in 2014 and went on to graduate from SCF with an Associate in Arts in 2015. She transferred to New College in the fall of 2015 where she studied biology. At SCF she worked with Dr. Matthew Kierle and team on a project aimed to identify southwest Florida fungi. Cerbone used techniques learned in the biotechnology program to extract DNA from mushrooms and which helped lead to the identification of the specimen. She involved the entire biotech class in working to isolate the DNA to a specific group or species of mushroom.

Her thesis defense at New College focused on the procedures she discovered that identified the fungi down to the family classification with a 90 percent accuracy rate. In successfully defending her undergraduate thesis, Cerbone showed that to identify the species she would need to refine some of her techniques. She said defending the thesis was a nerve-racking experience, but she felt well prepared. Her professors had critiqued her research all along and that taught her to stay calm during her defense. She also said Brad Oberle, a New College professor and botanist on her thesis committee, was particularly interested in fungi and said he had learned a lot from her research.

Cerbone worked at SCF while she was a student at New College. It was both rewarding and challenging, she said, especially because she was taking 16 credit hours per semester. She is working part time at SCF until she is ready to go to graduate school where she would like to get involved in cancer research. At SCF she works as a laboratory assistant, preparing material and agents for science classes, including biology and biotech. Cerbone said she loves the collaboration at SCF, from being a student here to working in the lab.

Appointments

■ **The State College of Florida Foundation** has hired a new director of development to lead fundraising for scholarships, equipment and capital campaigns at SCF. **Barbara Lewis Bourgoïn** has been working in fundraising for more than a decade in Manatee and Sarasota counties. She comes to the



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SCF Foundation after serving as chief development officer for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Manatee County. Bourgoïn, a certified fundraising executive, also has served as the development director for Safe Place and Rape Crisis Center (SPARCC) and USFSM. She is excited to be a part of the ongoing capital projects at the College, including the Studio for the Performing Arts, Health and Human Performance Center, and the newest project, SCF Parrish.

For more information, visit SCF-Foundation.org. To contact Bourgoïn, call 941-752-5398 or email bourgob@SCF.edu.

■ **Sarasota Memorial Health Care System** welcomed a new Internal Medicine/Pediatrics specialist to the health system's First Physicians Group (FPG) network and community.

Sarah Scarselletta, MD, began accepting new patients at



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FPG's Internal Medicine and Pediatrics office in Osprey, 929 S. Tamiami Trail, Ste. 101, in October. She joins Dr. Rachel Dahlborg, Dr. Karen Hamad, Dr. Alan King, Dr. Jack Rodman, Dr. John Wassenaar and Dr. Joseph Yeh in the internal medicine and pediatrics practice.

Board certified in Internal Medicine and Pediatrics, Dr. Scarselletta has worked as an inpatient hospital and urgent care physician in Northampton and Springfield, Mass., since 2013. She earned her medical degree at the University of Buffalo School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences in New York in 2009, and completed her residency in Internal Medicine and Pediatrics at Tufts University/Baystate Medical Center in 2013. She is proficient in Spanish and has volunteered in medical education programs in Costa Rica and Prague. For information or appointments, call 941-917-4700.

Good Deeds Dept.

■ **The Women's Council of Realtors**(WCR) Sarasota Chapter President, **Maryellen Paterson**, presented a check for \$2,396 to Mothers Helping



WCR check to Mothers Helping Mothers

Mothers President Madeline Brogan and Executive Director Terry Stottlemeyer at the WCR October business resource meeting. Mothers Helping Mothers was designated the beneficiary to a portion of the proceeds from Women's Council of Realtors annual Fashion Show held on September 6 at the Hyatt Regency Sarasota that had almost 500 registered guests.

Both WCR President Maryellen and committee Chair Tina Darling have been single mothers in this community and appreciate all the support Mothers Helping Mothers has provided. Since 1990, Mothers Helping Mothers has been an all-volunteer not-for-profit organization, providing basic necessities free of charge to families in need. All items are donated or purchased through grant funding or private contributions and the organization also offers emotional support and referrals to other agencies in the surrounding area.

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■ Back in October, **Hall of Fame ESPN Sports Anchor Dick Vitale** and his wife **Lorraine** visited the children at the Johns Hopkins All Children's Specialty Care facility off of Clark Road and Rand Blvd. in Sarasota to take part in the Mercedes-Benz Drive Pink event to raise awareness for breast cancer. Vitale, along with staff and supporters from the facility, passed out gifts to children present at the hospital receiving treatment for various diseases.

Parents and children posed for photos with Vitale as he passed out the pink bags filled with presents for the children. Vitale will be hosting his annual Gala on May 11, 2018 to raise money for the V Foundation

benefiting pediatric cancer research. The gala will take place at the Ritz-Carlton Sarasota. To learn more, visit DickVitaleGala.org or DickVitaleOnline.com.

Board News

■ **Renee Ryckman**, MBA recently joined the board of the **The Greater Sarasota Chamber of Commerce**. Ryckman is the owner of Escape Countdown, an escape game entertainment venture, with locations in Sarasota, Tampa and Fort Myers.

Real Estate News

■ **Kelly Gitt** of the Gitt Team has joined **RE/MAX Alliance Group** as a Broker Associate in



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the Anna Maria Island office. She is also an Associate Broker and team leader with RE/MAX Platinum in Omaha, Nebraska. Gitt has 13 years of experience in real estate sales and investing, and is a new construction expert. Gitt also served as the real estate expert for WOWT Channel 6 News in Omaha for three years and as a Women's Council of Realtors Top Producer Panel expert in Omaha for two years. In 2014, she was nominated Small Business Administration Entrepreneur of the Year.

The Anna Maria Island office of RE/MAX Alliance Group is located at 5316 Marina Drive, Holmes Beach. www.westcoastwoman.com

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