

## Appointments

■ Long time community business and philanthropic leader and connector, **Sally Schule**, has been



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named to the newly created position of Director of Community Engagement for **Sarasota Memorial Healthcare Foundation, Inc.** (SMHF).

Sally will be responsible for all of the Healthcare Foundation events, from development of a strategic plan to managing the events; coordination of annual corporate giving programs and fostering the organization's external relationships.

Prior to joining the Healthcare Foundation, Sallye had a 20-year career with Saks Fifth Avenue in Sarasota from 1996 to 2016, serving in multiple capacities, most recently as its marketing director. While at Saks, she served on more than 100 committees for community events and managed the execution of more than 250 charity events, including Key to the Cure, a signature event for the Healthcare Foundation.

Sally's volunteer experience includes supporting such organizations as Girls Inc. of Sarasota, the Sarasota Cuban Ballet School, Child Protection Center, Art Center Sarasota, Forty Carrots Family Center and the Brian Bill Foundation, as well as the Healthcare Foundation's Women & Medicine Luncheon and Key to the Cure events.

■ **The Loveland Village**, a nonprofit that provides educational, vocational and residential programs for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, recently welcomed **Rebecca Cross** as its marketing manager and **Kelley Jacob** in the newly created position of database manager.

Cross has 15 years of experience in nonprofit management, development and marketing. She will be responsible for creating, implementing and measuring the success of the marketing, communications and public relations programs and facilitate internal and external communications. Prior to joining Loveland, she was the editor of the weekly dining and entertainment publication, "Let's Go!" with the Sun Coast Media Group in southwest Florida.

As the database manager, Jacob will be responsible for working with the development staff to create, update and maintain a management system. Previously, she worked in the development department for the Ringling College of Art + Design and Jewish Family and Children's Service of the Suncoast, Inc. For more information, visit [www.LovelandCenter.org](http://www.LovelandCenter.org).

■ **Selah Freedom** has announced that **Lisa Rowe** has been promoted to Vice President of Programming and Operations. Rowe joined Selah in 2014. Lisa will provide direction and clinical oversight to her teams working with survivors in the prevention, outreach and residential client ser-

vice arms of Selah.

Prior to Selah, she worked with at-risk youth and families as the Teen Parent Program Director for the Sarasota County School District and as a social worker for the Department of Children and Families. Lisa is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker.

Kimberly Manooshian is the new Director of Events and Volunteers. Manooshian has more than 10 years of experience as an Executive Director for an Assisted Living Facility and later became the #1 Sales Representative of a Nationwide Medical Supply company. She also created Events by Kimberly that offered events in Virginia and Florida. She will connect volunteers to where they will thrive within Selah Freedom. Selah Freedom is a nonprofit organization with the mission to end sex trafficking and bring freedom to the exploited. To learn more, visit [www.SelahFreedom.com](http://www.SelahFreedom.com).

■ **State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota** (SCF) has named **Daisy Vulovich** its dean for SCF Lakewood Ranch. Vulovich, who took over the dean position in July, has been with the



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College since 2001 when she began as an executive director. During her time in that position, enrollment topped 13,000 in noncredit courses, the Professional Development Center in Bradenton was designed and opened, the Traffic Safety Institute expanded its operations in downtown Sarasota and she led the College's campus expansion efforts with the design, opening and daily operation of the Center for Innovation and Technology at Lakewood Ranch in 2003.

Her role expanded as the Associate Vice President of Corporate & Community Development, working closely with the region's economic development organizations to help companies expand and develop their workforce. During her time as associate vice president the College received awards from local chambers as well as regional economic development organizations for community responsiveness, customer service and economic development. For the past three years she also has also provided direction for SCF's Career and Technical Education academic programs, working to grow our region's continuing workforce education efforts and to develop new certificate and associate in science degree programs in professional and technical areas.

As dean, Vulovich will continue to promote lifelong learning and workforce development in our region and continue to build partnerships in the community.

■ Sarasota-based investment advisory firm **Path Financial**, founded Raul Elizalde, has named **Oxana Saunders** as vice president.

Saunders will focus on business development, client relations, and portfolio management. She holds a NASAA Series 66 Investment

Advisor Representative license and joined Path in early January 2017. Together, the two senior executives provide clients with 47 years of investment expertise on Wall Street.

## Nonprofit News

■ **Designing Daughters** of Sarasota, a charitable society of young professional women dedicated to cultivating the next generation of philanthropists through strategic granting, is teaming up with **The Roskamp Foundation** to allow Designing Daughters to focus on the fundraising goals of 2017 and beyond. With no overhead, nearly 100% of funds raised by Designing Daughters will go to selected local nonprofits.



Leadership DD and RF seated, DD membership standing. Photo credit Cliff Roles

As of March 1, Designing Daughters of Sarasota (DD) will be working alongside the Roskamp Foundation to raise funds for local charities. This partnership is something that has been long contemplated as DD of Sarasota was originally conceived by Foundation Co-Trustee Diane Roskamp and DD Founder Shelley Lister.

This past year alone Designing Daughters raised over \$70,000 for area nonprofits, with grants ranging from \$2,000 to \$5,000. During November, a formal grants ceremony was held at The Community Foundation of Sarasota County and more than 15 grants were announced.

This year's grants given totaled over \$61,000 and the recipients were as follows: Florida Rescue Farm, Muscular Dystrophy Association, Easter Seals Southwest Florida, Pines of Sarasota, Neuro-Challenge Foundation, Take Stock in Children of Sarasota County, Inc., Children First, Inc., Everyday Blessings, InStride Therapy, Inc., Mote Marine Laboratory & Aquarium, More Too Life, Inc, The Sarasota Ballet's Dance the Next Generation Program, The Mark Wandall Foundation, and several more. For more information, visit [DesigningDaughtersSarasota.com](http://DesigningDaughtersSarasota.com).

## Accolades

■ **MBJ Group**, a talent management company, has marked its **17th anniversary** in 2017. Sarasota residents and co-owners **Jim and Mary Beth Bos** founded MBJ Group in 2000 as a way to help business owners build their companies through executive coaching, staff development and strategic services, among other innovative tools.

Over the past 17 years, the Bos', who balance nearly 20 corporate and career transition clients at any given time, have expanded their service offerings based on feedback they've received from their customers and clients.

Whether it's a client forging a new career path or an established company searching for an executive, the Bos' provide each of their

clients with a similar focus and attention to detail. Having graduated from Corporate Coach U, the couple utilizes its business coaching designation and Jim's four-year coach teaching experience in all aspects of their business.

MBJ Group focuses on four areas, including facilitating searches for nonprofit and for-profit organizations, working with professionals in career transition, utilizing career assessments to assist organizations in the hiring process and coaching senior-level executives.

Prior to starting MBJ Group, Mary Beth spent more than 25 years working in the nonprofit sector as a CEO of two foundations, executive director of several organizations, including United Way,

and in various marketing, communications and development officer roles. Jim's leadership background includes 30 years of experience in senior executive management in banking and insurance. His management/marketing experience includes operational management, sales, executive level presentations, corporate communication, advertising, media spokesperson and community relations advocate. For more information, visit [www.MBJGroup.com](http://www.MBJGroup.com).

## Board News

■ Celebrating the **20th anniversary** of the **Lemur Conservation Foundation** (LCF), the foundation seeks to raise \$2.2 million in the next three years. "I am delighted to announce" said LCF's Executive Director Alison Grand, "that we have secured \$1.1 million in commitments and have attained half of our goal. This is due largely to the spectacular sustained support of our trustees."

Chief campaign priorities include: increasing forest habitats and shelters for LCF's growing population of endangered animals; providing a new veterinary clinic and quarantine shelter; building a maintenance shop and underwriting expanding research and education programs and operations in Myakka City and Madagascar.

Previously, LCF's trustees conducted increasingly successful campaigns. In addition, conservation foundations have been highly supportive. One trustee is funding the new on-site maintenance shop. Another board member, Elizabeth Moore, is providing funds needed to add an additional lemur forest habitat and supporting a guest suite in the staff/researcher residence.

While Moore is engaged in a few select conservation organizations, the lemur reserve interests her because the animals are important regarding research and education in direct connection to humans. She is also dedicated to preserving Florida habitat and the lemur reserve's 130 acres.

In the past 15 years, the lemur reserve has tripled in size, growing from 40 acres to 130. As a conservation breeding facility, the lemur population has quadrupled to 56 animals on the reserve with additional animals transferred to other Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) facilities to preserve the genetic diversity of these endangered primates. The number of on-site facilities has also tripled and the "campus" is being re-configured to enable the lemurs to "free-range" more readily.

"While we are not generally open to the public", says Dr Grand, "we do host a few special events, including an open house and patrons' tours that can be arranged."

■ **Rose Chapman** has been elected chair of **JoshProvides**. She has worked in the nonprofit world for more than 40 years. Chapman's nonprofit career began in 1973, four years prior to obtaining her Master's in Social Work. She has been a member of the JoshProvides Board of Directors for four years and was nominated as Board Chair at this month's annual meeting.

"What JoshProvides is so important to our community," Chapman states. "It offers support to people who do not have the necessary capacity to have their needs met and survive life with epilepsy." The resources Chapman is referring to come in the form of epilepsy education; support groups for those living with epilepsy and their family and/or caregivers; and financial assistance to help purchase seizure alert monitors, seizure response dogs, anti-seizure medication, and transportation. To learn more about JoshProvides, visit [www.JoshProvides.org](http://www.JoshProvides.org).

## Real Estate News

■ **Michelle Crabtree** of **Premier Sotheby's International Realty** has been selected as a 2016 Five Star Real Estate Agent. This is the 10th year that she has been a winner for providing exceptional service and overall satisfaction by clients, peers and industry experts, a distinction only held by the top 6% of Realtors.

Crabtree is a third generation Sarasotan and has been a licensed Florida Real Estate Broker Sale Associate for over 30 years. She is a graduate of the 2014 Florida Realtors Leadership Academy and in 2013, she was awarded Meritorious Service winner by the Sarasota Association of Realtors and Entrepreneur of the Year Award by the Sarasota Chapter of the Women's Council of Realtors. Crabtree also has the designations/certifications of CRS-Certified Sales Professional, CIPS-Certified International Property Specialist, GRI -Graduate Realtor, ABR- Accredited Buyer Representative; PMN-Performance Management Network, TRC-Transnational Referral Certification, RSPS-Resort and Second-Home Property Specialist and SFR (Short Sale and Foreclosure Certification) AHWD (At Home with Diversity and GREEN). 🌿

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