



FEDERATION  
OF  
MANATEE COUNTY  
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS, INC.

***MARCH NEWSLETTER***

Next Meeting – **March 15, 2016 at 6:45 P.M.**

*LOCATION* – SYNOVUS BANK

2520 Manatee Avenue West, Bradenton, Florida

Conference/Meeting Room – Enter through side door on 26<sup>th</sup> Street side

Please mark your calendar and attend with a friend to show support for your community and quality of life.

**AGENDA**

- GUEST SPEAKER – Jimmy Crutchfield and Paul Diccico, Public Safety and Manatee County Emergency Medical Services
- Reports and requests for assistance by homeowners and items of interest
- Reading of Minutes and Treasurer’s Report
- Discussion on Public Comments
- Progress Report on Health Care Advisory Board – Sandy Marshall
- Updates on Actions Taken

**FEDERATION OF MANATEE COUNTY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS 1964 - 2016**

The mission of the Federation is to improve our quality of life and government efficiency through knowledge.

For over five decades the non-profit organization has provided a forum for Manatee Associations residents to bring forth issues and seek answers to their concerns and problems. Members attend meetings and provide leadership to our Community Associations for the betterment of all to live in harmony and unity in our great County.

The Federation has been involved with various community issues, topics, and problems. We provide input, support, opposition, and suggestions and submit written materials to substantiate our position on issues to our state and community leaders. Our membership serve on committees, advisory boards and attend meetings, hearing and workshops. Our goal is to make improvements, changes or modifications for the betterment of life for our communities and residents.

We have won many battles resulting in community and government improvements and changes; and a few battles were lost. However, as the wheel continues to turn some of our

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earliest proposed changes were won the second time around and decades later. The Federation takes pride in its service to our Community Associations and fulfills our Motto of being “THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE.”

Some of the issues that the Federation was involved in include:

- In 1970, we supported the increase in Homestead Exemption, which was defeated but later approved, with continued support.
- Successful in getting Tamiami Trail widened in Bowles Creek area.
- Won some concessions and improved regulations in Commercial Fishing Laws.
- Supported successful effort to obtain federal funding for part of our sewer system.
- Protested the location of a multi-story high rise low rental cost in a single story conventional subdivision (Holiday Heights) in Manatee County.
- Successful in getting changes to policy on Dredging and Dumping into Gulf of Mexico.
- Addressed changes to the County’s Comprehensive Plan in 1986 (currently under revision).
- Maintain attendance and provide input to the ongoing County Budget proceedings and workshops.
- Oppose the conversion of using Orimulsion fuel for creating power from the Manatee Power plant.
- Spearheaded establishing impact fees for the County and School board to help make growth pay its own way (a current issue).
- Support public comment at public meetings (a current issue at County meetings).
- Actively involved in health care funding for those that are medically needy (currently we hold membership on the County Health Care Advisory Board).
- Continue to provide information through speakers and discussion at our regular monthly meetings for our members through our monthly newsletter and website.

These and other issues continue to be discussed and acted upon by our board and membership. With the financial and growth issues that are prevalent in Manatee County the need is there for a watchdog group to maintain input and support for decisions that affect our quality of life. Become involved and help us guide the best decisions for our area.

### **SECRETARY’S CORNER**

Below is a brief synopsis of our most recent guest speaker and serves as a courtesy to our members and those on our newsletter mailing unable to attend our meetings.

Rob Coseo, Executive Director and Vice President at Tidewell Home Health, d/b/a Approved Home

Health, was the featured guest speaker at our February 16, 2016 meeting. Tidewell serves Sarasota, Manatee, Charlotte and DeSoto counties offering various medical and companion services to people in need as they age. Tidewell and Approved Home Health has 25 years' experience in the health care field and is dedicated to being a full-service agency providing various types of care.

A slide show was shown entitled "**The Financial Impact of Aging in Place**" and depicted various types of medical and custodial services available; detailed Medicare paid coverage; illustrated types of care that is or is not covered by insurances; and clarifies the difference between Medicare, Part A, Acute Care and Part B for Preventive Care; and Long Term Care which is not medical care but rather custodial care needed to assist persons with daily living needs (e.g. bath, dress, toilet, eating, etc.); and much more health and home care information.

Tidewell helps the family secure the care needed in any given situation. It is well advised to have a plan and be educated on how and what type of care is determined by your physician, what care will be paid for by insurance coverage, what care you may be responsible to pay for and do so before a situation arises. Certain types of care services are only available in a facility and other types can be arranged to be done in the patient's own home. Tidewell will assist and arrange for care when a person needs help to perform their daily living activities.

It became clear to our members at this Federation meeting it would be beneficial to share "Ageing in Place" and what Tidewell has to offer to our residents with their respective HOA. Those interested in hosting this same presentation in their community may do so by contacting Rob Coseo or his staff at (941) 870-8721, or by E-mail [rcoseo@tidewell.org](mailto:rcoseo@tidewell.org) and arrangements will be made for Rob Coseo to attend your HOA meeting. (KLD)

### **COUNTY HEALTH CARE ADVISORY BOARD (HAB) UPDATE**

The third meeting of HAB occurred on February 24, 2016. This meeting featured excellent power-point presentations by "Turning Points" and "We Care Manatee" organizations.

Turning Points is the Bill Galvano One Stop Center for the homeless and needy located at 701 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue West, near McKechnie Field. As of December 31, 2015, they have serviced 287,927 people since opening. This includes 164,722 homeless; 25,627 veterans; and 13,953 homeless veterans. The gender make-up is: 49.73% male, 49.55% female and .04% other. Race/ethnicity breaks down to: 17.36% Hispanic/Latino; 32.80% Black; 43.65% White; and 5.51% other.

Essentially, Turning Points is providing, facilitating and coordinating services to homeless and those at risk of becoming homeless in Manatee County. Through a transitional development program, it uses a holistic approach to providing an open door resource center with medical and dental clinics plus veteran services programs.

We Care Manatee is a not-for-profit corporation that was formed by local physicians including different specialties and volunteers and staff. This organization provides and coordinates free medical care

for low income, uninsured, under-insured and under-served residents of Manatee County.

We Care Manatee, Inc. was formed in 1999 and presently consists of 90 physicians and 19 different specialties and 16 primary clinic volunteers. Their spokesperson stresses they are diligently attempting to recruit additional volunteer physicians from in excess of 200 physicians and several hundred medical support staff throughout Manatee County.

Additionally, local citizen Mike Meehan presented through an HAB member, a typed statement regarding a new company known as MCR that was established in the county to provide walk-in medical clinics to our residents. He suggested that HAB should request that MCR and Rural Health Clinics and other for profit health clinics to post their prices on the Manatee County Health Services website and front desk locations, to help our needy citizens to obtain affordable health care.

The next meeting of HAB is on March 23 from 5 to 7 P.M. at the Manatee County Administration Building. (ESM)

**MEETING DATES AND SPEAKERS**

Come to our meetings. Be part of the solution, not the problem. Join the FMCCA. Here is the list of our 2016 scheduled meetings. Please mark your calendars accordingly.

- February 16 – Home Health - Rob Coseco, Tidewell
- March 15 – Public Safety - Jimmy Crutchfield & Paul Dicicco**
- April 19 – Angelina “Angel” Colonnese, Clerk of Circuit Court & Comptroller
- May 17 - TBA
- September 20 – TBA
- October 18 - TBA
- November 15 - TBA

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**Federation of Manatee County Community Associations, Inc. – 2016 APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**  
(Please Print)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Type of Application: (Check One) [ ] Individual [ ] Homeowners Association [ ] Neighborhood Organization

Name of Association or Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Alternate Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Households in your organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Federation Annual Dues are \$.50 (fifty cents) for each household. (Number of Households X \$.50 = Annual Dues.) Not to exceed \$100.00. Cost for independent or single membership is \$10.00. Please make your check payable to FMCCA and mail with this form to Victor I. Coveduck, Treasurer, 5203 Palmetto Point Drive, Palmetto, FL 34221.