

Accolades

Boys & Girls Clubs of America presented **Meghan O. Serrano**, Sarasota partner at Shumaker,



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Loop & Kendrick, with the 2020 Southeast Board Member of the Year award in October.

This award recognizes Serrano's commitment to youth at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Sarasota County.

Serrano, who received the Florida Board Member of the Year Award in September, joined the Boys & Girls Clubs of Sarasota County Board of Directors in 2016. While she is currently chair-elect, Serrano's dedication to the organization goes far beyond the boardroom through youth mentorship, legal counseling, financial support and visionary leadership.

Serrano participates in programs that help youth get good grades, become leaders, adopt healthy habits and plan for success after high school graduation. Serrano has mentored teens who aspire to be lawyers; hosted job-shadow events for youth at Shumaker, Loop and Kendrick; connected students to networking opportunities; provided advice and guidance to help teens navigate their pathways to success; and more.

To learn more, visit bgcsarasota.com or call 941-366-3911.

JFCS of the Suncoast recognized its corps of more than 800 volunteers for their service during 2019 with a unique "drive-by" celebration in October. The organization's staff and Board of Directors distributed gifts, handed out awards, and treated attendees to made-to-order Polpos' Pizza. All this took place to an upbeat soundtrack that kept the masked participants dancing, smiling, and waving their "Thank You!" signs as attendees drove from station to station at the event.

In addition, to gifts for all its volunteers, JFCS gave special recognition to the following people and organizations that went above and beyond:

- Acts of Loving Kindness Award (Gemilut Hasadim) - **Norma Goldberg**
- Children's Services Award - **Laurence "Larry" Barnett**
- Community Outreach Award - **Sheila Birnbaum**
- Corporate Citizen Award - **Sunset Chevrolet**
- Gloria and Lois Flanzer Philanthropy Award - **Charles "Chuck" and Margery Barancik**
- Humanitarian Award - **Skip Sack**
- Jewish Life Education Award - **Chabad of Sarasota**
- Jewish Spirituality Award - **Jewish Federation**
- L'Dor V'Dor Legacy Award - **Frank Buffone and Carter Foundation**
- Management Services Award - **William "Bill" Sheridan**

- Organizational Impact Award - **Intake Team (Elinor Burstein, Jerome "Jerry" Fleischer, Sandra "Sandy" Gans, Michael Reed, Greta Roberts)**
- Rabbi E. Sanford and Leah Saperstein Hope and Healing Award - **Toby Deutsch**
- Senior Outreach Award - **Joan Gaberman**
- Sidney J. Berkowitz Building Community Award - **Marc and Ruthellen Rubin**
- Visionary Award - **Eric Kaplan.**

Lakewood Ranch resident **Sandy Moulin** has written a new book of essays. From "Sex After



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Seventy" to "Corona Closet" to "Men's Junk," there is a story that will make you chuckle, think, and even guffaw. Each short essay offers a snapshot of

the mundane events and musings of our everyday lives through a unique, humorous lens.

Sandra Moulin has come back from a devastating pedestrian accident last November to bring her readers the key to gratitude and resilience: humor. In just 161 pages, this local senior will make you forget politics and pandemics and yearn for more of her funny.

The book can be found at <http://www.amazon.com/Sandra-Moulin/e/B007XBGJJU>. Moulin is a four-year resident of Lakewood Ranch where she lives with her husband. A local entertainer and teacher, she also performs a one-woman show featuring the story of a classical composer as told by his muse.

Eleni Kouvatsos has earned her professional accreditation in public relations. In receiving the designation of **Accredited in Public Relations (APR)**, Kouvatso joins the more than 5,000 professionals nationally that represent an elite group of highly skilled public relations professionals committed to practicing with exemplary ethical standards.



Eleni Kouvatso

Kouvatso earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Public Relations from the University of Florida in 2014 and began working for First Watch Restaurants in 2015, where she is now the senior manager of communications. She leads public relations efforts for the brand, including its earned media strategy, social media strategy and crisis communication, in addition to overseeing a customer care team as well as other strategic public relations and marketing programs.

Kouvatso is also the current chapter president of the Central West Coast Chapter of the Florida

Public Relations Association (CWC-FPRA). She first joined CWC-FPRA in 2015 and began serving on the chapter's board in 2018. For more about CWC-FPRA, go to cwcfptra.com.

Appointments

The Punta Gorda/Englewood Beach Visitor & Convention Bureau has welcomed **Maureen Morgenthien** as the organization's Director of Marketing. Morgenthien's primary responsibility will be positioning Charlotte County as a tourism destination through marketing initiatives.



Maureen Morgenthien

She has a tourism marketing background including working in hotel and resort sales and marketing; serving as Deputy Director, Sales & Marketing with the Emerald Coast Convention & Visitors Bureau in Fort Walton Beach, Fla.; and as Director of Leisure Sales & Marketing with the Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention & Visitors Bureau.

The Florida Center for Early Childhood has promoted **Marina Bunch**, LMHC, to Chief Operating Officer. Bunch previously served as the Clinical Director of Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Service Bunch has worked with children and families since 2006. She specializes in the areas of infant/early childhood mental health and fetal alcohol spectrum disorder.

The School District of Manatee County has a new Director of Federal Programs and Grants. **Latrina Singleton**, the former Principal of Blackburn Elementary School in Palmetto, will replace Elena Garcia, who left the District to pursue another opportunity. Singleton has been with the school district for nine years.



Latrina Singleton

Danielle Delk will be Principal at Blackburn Elementary School in Palmetto for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year, upon approval from the School Board. Delk has been the Assistant Principal of Blackburn Elementary School since 2017. She has been with the District since 2006, serving in roles such as reading coach, classroom teacher and Assistant Principal of Manatee Elementary School from 2014-2017.

Tidewell Hospice and parent company **Stratum Health System** announced 2020-2021 officers of the **Board of Trustees** for each organization after an October board

retreat. **Jan Miller**, who completed her second term on the Tidewell Hospice board as its Chair, has been named the Chair of the Stratum Health System Board of Trustees. Other Stratum board officers for 2020-2021 are Vice Chair Steve Hall; Treasurer Thomas Stuhley; and Secretary Kevin Logan.

State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota (SCF) welcomes U.S. Navy Lieutenant Commander **Rolanda A. Findlay**, who will



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serve as a program coordinator at the Incubator/Accelerator which resides within the new Center for Advanced Technology & Innovation. Findlay will spend approximately six months at SCF as part of the Department of Defense (DOD) SkillBridge program, which provides opportunities for active-duty service members to gain civilian work experience through industry training, apprenticeships and internships.

During the internship Findlay will work with Director Matthew Harper to execute and oversee an initiative supporting veteran entrepreneurs. The Veterans Business Incubator (VBI) is a free, part-time, evening program helping veterans, transitioning service members or their spouses launch or grow their startup or existing technology business.

Findlay, who earned a doctorate in Industrial and Organizational Psychology from Virginia Tech, was subsequently commissioned as a U.S. Navy officer. She most recently served as the capabilities systems branch head supporting the Operational Medicine and Capabilities Development Directorate at the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery Headquarters in Washington D.C.

Her prior experience includes serving as the military deputy for research and technology programs at the Naval Air Warfare Center Training Systems Division, where she oversaw 40-plus science and technology projects and \$16 million in funding. She has also served as a full-time international aid worker and was forward deployed to Afghanistan as the director of research for Navy Mobile Care Team 6 in 2012.

Sarasota Memorial Healthcare Foundation has announced new officers and the appointment of two new members, **Barbara Rodkin** and **Eric Spiegel**, to its 2020-2021 board.

Philip Delaney, Jr., is the incoming board chair. In addition, other new officers are **William E. Chapman, II**, past chair, **Michael J. Valentino**, vice chair, **Richard J. Gerrity**, treasurer, and **Gwen Mackenzie**, secretary.

The current board also includes **Robert G. Bartner**; **Ariane M. Dart**, **Mary Evelyn Guyton**, **Deb Kabinoff**, **Eric Kaplan**; **Thomas F. Kelly**, M.D., **Robert P. Martin**, **Jonathan E.**

Mitchell, **Joel Morganroth**, M.D., **William A. Stanford**; **Kirk Voelker**, M.D., **David Verinder**, **Margaret Wise** and **Robert L. Wood**.

The Jewish Federation of Sarasota-Manatee has welcomed **Barbara Mazer** to its Development team as its Chief Development Strategist.



Barbara Mazer

Barbara has more than 20 years of experience working in the non-profit sector. Most recently, she served as the Chief Development Officer of The Florida Orchestra and Executive Director of The Studio@620. Prior, she was a consultant for The Tessitura Network, a global community of arts and cultural organizations, where she worked with development departments across North America to analyze donor data and communicate effectively with philanthropic supporters. Her arts experience also included stints as Director of Development for American Stage (St. Petersburg) and Ruth Eckerd Hall (Clearwater).

She began her career in Jewish communal service at the Leo Yassenoff JCC and Jewish Federation in Columbus, OH.

Board News

The University of South Florida welcomed **Lisa Carlton**, **Diana Michel** and **Ernie Withers** to the Sarasota-Manatee Campus Advisory Board during its fall meeting. Board member **Dr. Anila Jain**, an alumna and longtime USF supporter, also began a new four-year term.

The Campus Advisory Boards on the branch campuses consist of seven members appointed by the Board of Trustees for staggered four-year terms. The campus faculty Senate chair and Student Government campus governor also serve as ex officio members.

The campus board is responsible for submitting to the University of South Florida Board of Trustees, through the USF president, an approved annual operating plan, budget and legislative budget request for its respective branch campus.

Other Campus Advisory Board members include Chair and USF Trustee **Byron E. Shinn**, **Bill Mariotti** and **Rick Piccolo**.

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