

## Appointments

■ **Elizabeth Partridge** is the new **Manatee Libraries' Library Services Manager**. Partridge



Elizabeth Partridge

brings with her three Master's degrees in Teaching English as a Second Language, Spanish and Library Science a unique combination of experience, that includes serving as Literacy Coordinator.

Most recently Partridge was the Adult Services Librarian at Longview Public Library in Cowlitz County, Washington. For 15 years she was responsible for developing programs for adults and families in ESL, literacy, digital literacy, basic technology, arts and culture and more. She has accumulated 25 years of higher-education teaching experience.

One of Partridge's priorities will be leading Manatee Libraries' continued efforts to reach out to help Manatee County's displaced workers gain access to employment and training tools and children, teachers and parents/guardians find resources to supplement their e-learning.

Partridge specializes in Small Business and Workforce Development. She oversaw the creation of a Small Business Hub that served as a first-stop information center for reference and referral to County-wide small business development groups and a help center for job seekers.

Partridge hopes to collaborate with the other divisions/teams that make up Manatee County's Neighborhood Services' Department: Children's, Aging, Veterans, Neighborhood Connections, Underinsured Healthcare, Probation/Pretrial Release and Fee Assistance.

■ **The Manatee County Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller's Office** announce

that **Judy Powell**, Director, of the Child Support Program (CSP), retired on September 11, 2020.



Judy Powell

Powell has worked for the Clerk's office since August 1985. During her time at the Clerk's Office, she has held the titles of Secretary, Case Manager, Supervisor, Trainer, Deputy

Director and Director. For the past 10 years, Powell served as the Director of CSP.

Clerk of Court Angel Colonneso said, "Judy Powell was always creative and innovative in her approach with her team in Child Support. She always has a 'can do' attitude and along with her team, was a solid rock to count on, especially with the challenges that we have faced this year. She will be greatly missed."

Crystal Waiters, the current Deputy Director of CSP, has taken over as Director upon Powell's retirement. Waiters has been working side by side with Powell for the past year. Waiters is a Manatee County native and has worked for the Clerk's Office for 28 years. Brea Styles, the current Supervisor of CSP, is moving to Deputy Director. Styles, is also a Manatee County native and has been with CSP for 22 years.

The Child Support Program in Manatee County is unique in that it is the only child support office in the state administered by the Clerk of the Circuit Court. On average CSP, collects and disburses approximately 25-million dollars per year to families in Manatee County.

■ A twenty-three-year resident of Sarasota, **Georgina Clamage** first joined **Michael Saunders & Company** as a sales associate in 2000. With a focus on luxury homes, condominiums, and neighborhoods, Georgina emerged as a top producer. She then became the branch manager of Michael Saunders and Company's Longboat Key offices. For over 12 years Georgina oversaw hundreds of millions of dollars in real estate transactions. She has now transitioned back to sales at the company's Main Street office.

Georgina sat on the Board of Directors of the Realtor Association of Sarasota and Manatee Counties where she most recently served as Treasurer of the Board. She is also a Director of the Florida Association of Realtors. A past recipient of the association's "Humanitarian of the Year Award," Georgina has continued her real estate education by earning the GRI, e-PRO and ABR designations.

Georgina can be reached by calling 941-586-3789 or visiting the office at 1605 Main Street.

■ **Susie Porter** has joined **RE/MAX Alliance Group** as a Realtor in the Englewood office. She has been a Florida resident for nearly 40 years and an Englewood resident for



Susie Porter

the past two decades. "Charlotte County offers the best of both worlds," says Porter, who has horses in her backyard and lives a few miles from the beach.

She also has an in-depth knowledge of the homebuilding industry through her experience with Porter Contracting Inc., her husband's homebuilding company since 1978.

The Englewood Office is located at 2230 S. McCall Road, Unit A. Porter can be reached at (941) 468-4955.

## Accolades

■ **The Central West Coast Chapter of the Florida Public Relations Association (CWC-FPRA)** was recognized during FPRA's annual Golden Image Awards held for the first ever virtual event recognizing and celebrating excellence in outstanding public relations program in Florida and to encourage and promote the development of public relations in the state of Florida.

**Kim Livengood**, APR, CPRC received the Chapter President



Kim Livengood

of the Year Award for creating an environment where chapter members could make meaningful connections. She challenged her board to make mem-

bership purposeful, to make all members feel welcome and she found creative ways to get past presidents back involved, sharing their expertise and perspective. She implemented a new mentorship program and exceeded her our participation goal in the inaugural program.

CWC-FPRA won the President's Award for "Community Involvement," in recognition of the chapter's commitment to community service by creating and hosting an event called "Operation Gratitude" which not only gave financially to a great cause, but also generated strong media coverage in the region.

The event featured the showing of the full documentary highlighting the life of the board game Operation inventor, Mr. Spinello, a life-size Operation board game and an appearance by Spinello himself. The chapter set a goal to raise \$10,000 and surpassed that goal by \$576.

CWC-FPRA also won the President's Award for "Accreditation & Certification," in recognition of the most members receiving their accreditations and certifications.

The Central West Coast Chapter of the Florida Public Relations Association meets month-

ly for professional development luncheons and networking.

Visit [www.cwcfpra.com](http://www.cwcfpra.com) for the latest details. For more about CWC-FPRA, go to [cwcfpra.com](http://cwcfpra.com).

■ Also at CWC-FPRA, **Melanie Reda**, APR, of the Central West Coast chapter of The Florida Public Relations Association



Melanie Reda

(CWC-FPRA) recently earned professional certification in public relations, receiving the designation of Certified Public Relations Counselor (CPRC). Reda now joins an elite group of approximately 125 practitioners throughout the state who have demonstrated the highest level of professionalism and advanced consultation skills in the practice of public relations.

Having worked in agencies and corporate marketing departments for more than 25 years, Reda is currently an account executive at KSC, Inc., a strategic communications agency. Reda began her career in marketing and public relations by interning at Walt Disney World and at a PR agency that specialized in the comic book industry. Since then, her career has taken a decidedly more practical slant with employers and clients in retail, publishing, software development, medical management, commercial insurance, among other fields.

Reda has been a member of the Florida Public Relations Association since 2010 and has held multiple positions on the board of the Central West Coast chapter. Most recently, she began her term as president-elect of the chapter. In 2019, Reda was recognized with the Thomas Nunan Rising Star award and in 2020 she received the Presidents' Karma Award. Reda also serves as a board member for Habitat for Humanity Sarasota.

The CRPC credential was first developed in the 1960s by FPRA to recognize more seasoned professionals and provide a way to showcase their ability to counsel clients in any type of industry and situation. To be eligible, candidates must have already achieved professional Accreditation in public relations (APR) through the Universal Accreditation Board and have at least 10 years of experience in the field of public relations. The examination process to earn the CPRC credential is designed to be rigorous to ensure counselors are able to handle a variety of PR practices while demonstrating the highest degree of ethics and

processes. For more information, visit [FPRA.org/accreditation](http://FPRA.org/accreditation).

■ **Mayu Fielding**, Board President of the **Manatee Literacy Council (MLC)**, has announced the appointment of four new members to their Board of Directors.

**Julia Marcano** hails from Venezuela and has been living in Bradenton since December. Julia is a chef and a baker, introducing her native food to our area through her catering business. She came to MLC as a learner to improve her English.

**Alfredo 'Fred' Zayas** was born in Trinidad, Cuba, where he worked as a medical physicist in the National Oncology Institute. Fred moved to Bradenton two years ago to be closer to his children and was looking for a way to learn English. Both Fred and Julia will act as liaisons with the organization's learners.

**Carl Williams, Jr.** is currently assistant principal at Sarasota School of Arts and Sciences. Carl was born and raised in Sarasota and now lives in Manatee County. He has worked for the school system for the past 23 years and currently serves in the role of middle school administrator.

■ **Meagan Morales-Correa** was born in Puerto Rico, but has lived all over the United States



Meagan Morales-Correa

as an Army "brat." She holds two degrees from SUNY Purchase in New York and a Master's degree from USF. She currently teaches English at Bayshore High School.

**The Literacy Council of Manatee County, Inc.** (dba Manatee Literacy Council) is a volunteer-based nonprofit community organization dedicated to increasing the level of the functional literacy of adults in Manatee County through teaching the skills of reading, writing, understanding, and speaking English. Manatee Literacy Council has served the community since 1978.

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