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OWENS BEGINS TERM AS AIA FLORIDA PRESIDENT

Architect Joyce Owens has announced her term as president of AIA Florida, which began on Jan. 1. Based in Tallahassee, AIA Florida is a chapter of the American Institute of Architects (AIA) and ranks as one of the nation's largest state components. Owens is the third woman in the history of AIA Florida to be selected for this leadership position. One of her goals this year is to work with the members of AIA Florida to advocate the value of architecture and the profession to the public at-large. Owens graduated from Notre Dame University with a degree in architecture before winning a Rotary Foundation scholarship to study in London, where she decided to return to work. As co-founding partner at the London-based award-winning, globally recognized firm, Azman Owens Architects, she worked for clients such as recent London Mayor Boris Johnson, late British fashion designer Alexander McQueen, fashion guru Isabella Blow and Swiss luxury retailer TAGHeuer. Owens returned to the U.S in 2004 and opened her practice, Architecture Joyce Owens, LLC (www.architecturejoyceowens.com/) in 2007.



ATTORNEY BOLTREK ELECTED STOCKHOLDER AT HENDERSON, FRANKLIN

The law firm of Henderson, Franklin, Starnes & Holt, P.A., (www.henlaw.com) announced that Attorney William Boltrek has been elected a stockholder. Boltrek relocated from New York to join the firm in 2013. He focuses his insurance litigation practice on helping his clients minimize risk, damages and cost in the defense of personal injury cases based on early investigations and examination of the

evidence. Boltrek is a member of the Florida Association of Police Attorneys, Lee County Bar Association, Florida Defense Lawyers Association and Defense Research Institute. He is also an alumnus of the 2013 Greater Fort Myers Chamber Leadership Program. Boltrek received his undergraduate degree from the University at Buffalo and his law degree from Quinnipiac University.



GULFSHORE BUSINESS SOURCEBOOK— NEW EDITION

In April, *Gulfshore Business* will publish a new annual called *The Sourcebook*. This edition will be an important resource, especially for newcomers, about how to succeed at business in Southwest Florida. It will include comprehensive data and demographics, as well as extremely useful industry specific lists. Bonus distribution will include area business hotels, airports, and chambers of commerce. To advertise, contact Rob Wardlaw, rwardlaw@gulfshorebuisness.com (Collier); Debbie Coolman, dcoolman@gulfshorebuisness.com (Lee/Charlotte); Janet Choisnet, jchoisnet@gulfshorebusiness.com (Lee/Charlotte).

ABC SUPPLY OPENS PUNTA GORDA LOCATION

ABC Supply Co. Inc. (www.abcsupply.com) has opened a branch at 5445 Williamsburg Drive in Punta Gorda. James Jurkas has been named manager of the branch. Jurkas joined ABC Supply in 2014 as an inside sales representative at the company's Cape Coral location. ABC Supply has several locations throughout Southwest Florida.



PERRI NAMED A BRANCH MANAGER AT CHARLOTTE STATE BANK

Sara Perri has been named the branch manager of the Charlotte State Bank & Trust's (www.charlottestatebankandtrust.com) Charlotte Harbor office at 23112 Harborview Road in Port Charlotte. Perri, who has been with the bank for 14 years, previously served as teller operations manager at the Murdock office. Perri completed the Dynamics of Supervision Series I and II classes at the Florida Gulf Coast University Office of Continuing Education location in Punta Gorda. The series covers the roles and responsibilities of a supervisor, improving communication and coaching skills, time management, conflict resolution and more.

FACE AWARDS 2017 SPONSORSHIPS

The 2017 Face Awards, presented by *D'Latinos* and *Gulfshore Business* magazines will be held from 6-9 p.m. on March 24 at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort & Spa. Be part of this special evening and support the Face Awards' mission of celebrating diversity in Southwest Florida by being a sponsor of the event. There is a generous benefits package including free tickets, tables, recognition, advertising, and social media. For more information, contact Rob Wardlaw, associate publisher, rwardlaw@gulfshorebusiness.com (Collier); Debbie Coolman, dcoolman@gulfshorebuisness.com (Lee/Charlotte); Janet Choisnet, jchoisnet@gulfshorebuisness.com (Lee/Charlotte).

DONALDS TO HOST MARKET UPDATE SEMINAR

Wells Fargo Advisors (www.MoranEdwards.com), will host a market update seminar from 10 a.m. to noon on Friday at the Marco Island Historical Museum, 180 South Heathwood Drive in Marco Island. Donalds will discuss his outlook for the economy and the market. Prior to joining Moran Edwards Asset Management Group, he worked for CMG Surety, LLC and TIB Bank, both of Naples. He also serves as a trustee for Florida Southwestern State College. Donalds attended Florida State University, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in finance and marketing. Seating is limited. Make a reservation by calling (239) 513-2511.



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SKAZA-ACOSTA JOINS TEAM AT CONSERVANCY

The Conservancy of Southwest Florida (www.conservancy.org) has welcomed Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU) professor of environmental education Heather Skaza-Acosta to the conservancy team as the new FGCU assistant professor of environmental studies. Skaza-Acosta will serve as an environmental education liaison, providing support to the annual Environmental Education Alliance Conference, FGCU student internship programs and environmental education research efforts within the Southwest Florida community. Skaza-Acosta completed her doctorate in science education and her Master of Science in environmental policy and management at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, and earned her bachelor's degree in environmental biology at The Ohio State University.

CHARITABLE NOTES

- The Greater Fort Myers Chamber of Commerce announced its second annual “Casino Royale” will be held at 6 p.m. on March 31 at Pelican Preserve Country Club, 9802 Pelican Preserve Blvd., Fort Myers. The evening will include casino style gaming, silent auction, reverse raffle, heavy hors d’oeuvres, drinks, and entertainment to benefit the Greater Fort Myers Chamber of Commerce Education Foundation. Sponsorships are available, ranging from \$100 to \$2,500, and donations to the silent auction are welcomed. Admission is \$65 per person. More information can be found at www.fortmyers.org or by calling (239) 332-2930.
- The Naples Gulf Shore Sunset Rotary has donated \$5,000 from its Halloween Walk fundraiser event, held in October at Mercato, to Collier Child Care Resources (CCCR) (www.collierchildcare.org). The donation will help support the need for tuition assistance for the children of low-income working families and provide supplies and equipment for CCCR’s early childhood education programs.
- Celebrate the Edison Festival of Light and help feed the hungry by attending Mrs. Edison’s Hymn Sing on Feb. 7 at The First Presbyterian Church in downtown Fort Myers at the corner of Second and Lee streets. It’s the 28th anniversary of the hymn sing, which is organized and sponsored by the Galloway Family of Dealerships. Three performances are planned at 1, 4 and 7 p.m. The doors will open 30 minutes prior to each performance. Admission is free, but organizers are requesting that those who attend bring cans of non-perishable food and a voluntary cash donation, if possible, to benefit The Soup Kitchen of Community Cooperative. For more information or directions to the church, call (239) 334-2261 or visit www.fpcforymyers.org. For more information about Community Cooperative, call (239) 332-SOUP or visit <http://www.communitycooperative.com/>.