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Names and faces

HERALD STAFF REPORT

Dennis Murphy has been promoted to group vice president/commercial banking manager at Gateway Bank. Murphy joined Gateway Bank in January 2008 as vice president/commercial lender. In his new role, Murphy will be responsible for the bank's credit administration and commercial lending division and will report to the chief executive officer.

Murphy began his career in banking nine years ago and is the recipient of numerous awards including Gateway's "Top Performance Award" for Commercial Banking during 2010.

B. Bond Cort has been hired by GravityFree as an Internet marketing specialist. Cort's duties will include assisting clients' with achieving their business objectives through Internet solutions such as search engine optimization, pay-per-click marketing, email marketing, social media marketing and advertising. Her role will also include copywriting and public relations.

Mike Bryant has been elected president of the newly formed Alumni Association of Manatee Technical Institute. Other officers are president-elect Tim Hyden, East Manatee Fire Rescue and secretary Hilda Bravo Torres, Bravo Immigration Services.

J. Michael Mott, owner of Mott & Associates, recently attended a two-day workshop with Ed Slott's Elite IRA Advisor Group. Mott learned specifics about the 2011/2012 tax changes, retirement protection program, ROTH recharacterizations, IRA prohibited transactions and quadro case studies.

Tracee M. Bomberger, owner of Trade Mark Interiors, Inc., has been elected to serve as a board of trustee member for The Out-of-Door Academy. She also will co-chair the school's 2012 Banyan Ball, the largest fundraiser of the year, scheduled for March 17, 2012.

Jennifer Halverson has been promoted to customer service manager of First Bank's Mt. Vernon office, 9819 Cortez Road W. in Bradenton.

Halverson, who previously served as a financial services representative at First Bank, was the 2010 recipient of the Sales Excellence Award for the Florida region.

Bonnie Weideman, an agent in Wagner Realty's downtown Sarasota office, has joined the Longboat Key office to oversee property management services for Longboat, St. Armand's and Lido keys. Weideman earned Wagner's "Sales Excellence" award for her achievements in 2010. This month, she joined Wagner's rental team on Longboat Key.

Jane and Bob Waechter have gifted \$25,000 to Pines of Sarasota. The donation will support the renovation of the Pines entry way and facilities.

Merrill Lynch has promoted senior adviser Mark Gilluly to first vice president.

First Bank's Joann Baker, Arcelie Gadewoltz and Terry Lorenz were recently recognized for their outstanding performance for the first quarter of 2011 in helping multiple businesses save money with Merchant Services.

For their efforts, Baker and Gadewoltz were awarded Kindles. Lorenz received an I-Pad.

2011 Computer Animation graduates from Ringling College of Art and Design Avner Geller and Stevie Lewis were winners in the 38th Annual Student Academy Awards competition, capturing the bronze medal in the animation category.

Geller and Lewis were among only 15 students from colleges and universities around the world who were honored as winners in the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences' official awards ceremony held June 11 at the Academy's Samuel Goldwyn Theater in Beverly Hills.

Wagner Realty congratulates 17 of its Realtors as top producers in their offices for May 2011. Ron Ruegseger was recognized for top sales and listings honors at El Conquistador. Others recognized as tops in listings include Nancy Upp in the Greiner Group, Lynda Melnick at State Road 64 East, Alice Ohme at Manatee Avenue West, Debra Ibasfalean of

Longboat Key, Jerry Martinek in Anna Maria Island, Margo MacKenzie at First Street in Sarasota, and Debi Chaffee and Rick Mace at Lakewood Ranch. Others honored for tops in sales include Sandy Price in the Greiner Group, Larry Oczkowski and Louise Miller at S.R. 64 East, Donna Bucher at Manatee Avenue West, Carol Codella in Anna Maria Island, Maria Balaz at First Street in Sarasota, Margot Robinson at Longboat Key, Debi Chaffee and Rick Mace at Lakewood Ranch, and Ken Clanton in the commercial division.

Xena Vallone of Xena Vallone Realty has been appointed to the board of directors for My Florida Regional Multiple Listing Service. She is representing the Sarasota Association of Realtors, one of the listing service's 15 shareholder associations and boards.

Sarah Gaudette, owner of Paradise Therapy in Bradenton, has been named as the new president of the Bradenton chapter of the SWAT Networking group. SWAT -- Successful Women Aligning Together -- has three chapters in the Manatee-Sarasota area. Pam Hagan of Brighthouse Networks has been promoted to corporate vice president of human resources. She is responsible for the overall management of human resources throughout all of Bright House Networks' markets. She will report directly to Steve Miron, CEO of Bright House Networks.

Fred Moore, principal of Blalock Walters, P.A., was selected for inclusion on the 2011 Florida Rising Stars list of outstanding young attorneys by Super Lawyers magazine. Super Lawyers rates attorneys from more than 70 practice areas who have attained a high degree of peer recognition and professional achievement.

The selection process is multi-phased and includes independent research, peer nominations and peer evaluations.

Moore specializes in the area of litigation and appellate practice with a concentration on commercial, employment, estates and trusts, and real estate controversies.

Dr. Arthur Guilford, regional chancellor of the University of South Florida Sarasota-Manatee, is celebrating 35 years with USF.

Guilford began his career at USF Tampa in 1975 as an assistant professor of communications sciences and disorders; later was chair of the department for 15 years and became associate dean of faculty and program development for USF Tampa's College of Arts and Sciences in 2004. In 2007, Guilford was appointed regional chancellor.

Ross Alander, instructor of management in the College of Business at USF Sarasota-Manatee, was recently appointed to the Revitalization Task Force on Longboat Key where he is a resident.

The task force is made up of other residents and business professionals who will analyze how to bring more business to the key and what types of business to target as well as preserving the uniqueness and beauty of LBK.

Belinda Holmes of Coastal Orthopedics & Sports Medicine|Pain Management has been named chief administrative officer for the company.

Holmes' role chiefly leverages her extensive experience in revenue cycle management and healthcare administration, which among other responsibilities includes: contracting, coding, compliance with the full scope of diverse healthcare reform regulations, acquiring and communicating accurate patient information, and advocating for the patient and the practice so that insurance payments are made correctly and timely.

Cody Giltner has joined the team at EDGE Real Estate Transaction Management as a field services specialist. He will provide important services for clients such as measuring rooms, installing signs and lock boxes, attending inspections and providing vendor access. Giltner brings five years of experience in property management and real estate services.

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