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## BOARDROOM REPORT

### News from recent REIS board meetings

**Luncheon Programs:**

The January 13th luncheon meeting will feature "New Initiatives for Economic Development" by James Moore, director of the Lee County Economic Development Office.

**Charitable Donations:**

REIS board has adopted a formal policy and criteria for charitable giving by the organization. The 2008 award will be presented to Builders Cares at the January luncheon meeting.

**Scholarship Programs:**

The REIS board approved an allocation of \$5 from each ticket purchased for the Annual Social Event to be contributed to the REIS Scholarship Foundation.

**Regulatory Update:**

Revised Florida Building Code will apply to all permit applications submitted March 1, 2009 or later. New master plans accommodating the code changes must be approved and on file for permits submitted March 1 or later. The new Code may be downloaded from [http://www2.iccsafe.org/states/florida\\_codes/](http://www2.iccsafe.org/states/florida_codes/).

Mining Permits - new application forms for Lee County mining permits are now available at <http://www.lee-county.com/dcd/DocsAppsMaps/DevelopmentReviewApplications.htm>:

Flood Hazard Ordinance: proposed amendment to have public hearing before Lee Commissioners at 5:05 pm January 13th in Commission Chambers.

**Membership Renewal:**

REIS memberships expire December 31 and those not renewed will be offered to the waiting list on January 6th. Membership must be renewed on the REIS web site. Annual dues remain at \$125 and may be paid online with VISA or MasterCard, or by check. Members are encouraged to verify their profiles on the web site to ensure they are represented correctly in the directory.

## KUDOS TO REIS 2008 BOARD

by REIS President Steven C. Hartsell, Esq.

A president can only be effective if he or she has an active and committed Board of Governors to assist during the year. Your Board bears a significant responsibility and each of them has carried out those responsibilities with hard work, energy, wisdom, enthusiasm, self-sacrifice, personal flair, and often with a great deal of humor. I offer my gratitude and great respect for the 2008 REIS officers and board:



Outgoing REIS President Steve Hartsell with retiring Governors Russ Ringland, Paul Sands, and Tom Woodyard.

**Tom Woodyard** has served as Chair of the Education / Scholarship Committee, spearheading fundraising efforts and coordinating awards. **Paul Sands** is the Sponsorship Chair, not only arranging luncheon sponsors but assisting with sponsors for social and educational events. **Russ Ringland** is the REIS REPORT Coordinator, arranging feature articles and assisting the editor. **Janie Hooker** and **Kim Donnelly** served as Annual Event Coordinators and Hosts this year and did a spectacular job! **Matt Rocco** and **Mary Gibbs** both did great jobs arranging our two major educational programs this year. **Treasurer Hal Tate** has kept us on the fiscal "straight and narrow." **Secretary Kevin M. Fitzgerald** has also served ably as



Membership Chairman, while **Vice President Sharon Jenkins-Owen** has also done double duty, serving as Speaker Chair and arranging great programs throughout the year. All deserve our sincere thanks!

REIS President Steve Hartsell accepts a plaque from Vice President and President-elect Sharon Jenkins-Owen.

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## LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Collier County Commissioners presented the Collier Legislative Delegation with priorities that support economic development initiatives as a way to build and create a sustainable economy, including: a more coordinated and streamlined regulatory process within state level agencies; supporting local governments and their ability and flexibility to make decisions; and develop sustainable sources of funding for economic diversification programs that allow Collier County to participate fully in state funding programs.

## REIS PRESENTS SCHOLARSHIPS

REIS presented scholarships and honorary REIS memberships to Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU) students Lidia Hernandez and Charles A. Shiels at the December luncheon meeting. The scholarships are each in the amount of \$1,000 and are part of an endowed fund established by REIS at FGCU in 1999.



From left: REIS President Steve Hartsell and Scholarship Chairman Tom Woodyard, scholars Lidia Hernandez and Charles Shiels, and FGCU Dean Howard Fisk.

## PLANNER OF THE YEAR

The Promised Lands Section of the Florida Chapter of the American Planning Association has honored Mary Gibbs as "Planner of the Year." Mary is Director of Lee County's Department of Community Development and a member of the REIS Board of Governors.



Mary Gibbs (center) with Wayne Daltry and Stephanie Keyes.

## LEE COMMISSIONERS FETED

REIS honored Lee County Commissioners at a festive holiday reception at Edison National Bank on December 10th. Commissioners Ray Judah, Bob Janes, and Tammy Hall thanked REIS for its role in guiding the County on the path of progress and recognized the importance of cooperation between the real estate community and local government.



The reception provided a relaxed environment for REIS members and their guests to become acquainted with the Commissioners on an informal basis. All were treated to scrumptious treats and live music, plus delicious chocolates bearing the logos of REIS and the sponsors, custom crafted by Norman Love Confections.

The popular event was sponsored by Edison National Bank and Henderson Franklin, Attorneys at Law.



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