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## BOARDROOM REPORT

### News from recent REIS board meetings

#### Luncheon Programs:

The January 8th luncheon will feature a program on the relationships between market economics, fiscal policy, and growth, presented by Dean Stansel, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Economics at FGCU and former researcher with the Cato Institute. Sponsored by [Pavese Law Firm](#).

The February 12th luncheon will be sponsored by [Forge Engineering, Inc.](#) and the March 12th luncheon will be sponsored by [Owen-Ames-Kimball Co.](#)

REIS welcomes suggestions for programs from members. Please convey your ideas to [Sean Ellis](#), 239.337.3850. Sponsorships for future luncheons, workshops and social events are available. Contact [Jean Gruss](#) for details. (239.275.2230).

#### Scholarship Programs:

Act soon if you wish to make a charitable contribution to the REIS Scholarship Foundation or the Paul Sands Memorial - REIS Scholarship Fund by year end. Students are also encouraged to apply for scholarships to be awarded in 2013. Details are on the [REIS website](#).

#### Membership:

All memberships expire December 31st and must be renewed by January 4th. Annual dues will remain \$125 and memberships may be renewed online 24/7.

#### Committee Chairs:

Members wishing to participate on any REIS committee are encouraged to contact the 2013 chairperson:

Education Workshop: Karen Miller & Steven P. Kushner

Social Events: Bev Larson

Legislative Issues: Charles Mann & Jean Gruss

Scholarships: Lisa Sands & Matt Simmons

Sponsorships: Jean Gruss

Speakers: Sean Ellis

Horizon Council: Kim Donnelly

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## REIS SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED

Anthony Mangione, a sophomore at Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU) was awarded the Paul Sands Memorial - REIS Scholarship at the December luncheon.

The scholarship award is \$1,000, with \$600 generated by interest on the endowed scholarship fund and the balance contributed by the Real Estate Investment Society (REIS). Anthony also becomes an honorary member of REIS for the coming year.



REIS President Kim Donnelly, Anthony Mangione, and REIS Scholarship co-chair Lisa Sands.

## LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION HEARING

The Lee County Legislative Delegation will convene in Fort Myers on January 29th to plan for the 2013 Legislative Session and conduct a public hearing on local bills, funding requests, and other local issues. Local bills and requests to speak at the hearing must be submitted by January 18 to Representative Matt Caldwell at 15191 Homestead Rd., Building A, Lehigh Acres, FL 33971 or by email to [Legislative Assistant Charlotte Gammie](#). The meeting takes place at Taeni Hall at Edison State College from 9am to 5pm. The Lee County Legislative Delegation includes Senators Lizbeth Benaquisto and Garrett Richter; and Representatives Matt Caldwell, Heather Fitzenhagen, Dane Eagle, and Raymond Rodrigues.

## REIS GOVERNORS CONTRIBUTE

The REIS governors who finish their terms at the end of 2012 opted to forego the customary awards honoring their service to the organization and donated the money budgeted for awards to the REIS Scholarship Foundation. The Scholarship Foundation thanks Roy Hyman, Robin Mixon, and Kevin M. Fitzgerald for their generosity.

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## LEE PLAN UPDATE

Lee County Commissioners will conduct a workshop to discuss the comprehensive update of the Lee Plan, the first major overhaul since 1984. The updated Plan is intended to guide the County through 2025. The 9am January 16th workshop is open to public observation but not public comment.

Proposed amendments may be viewed at Dept. of Community Development [website](#). Public input will be taken at the Local Planning Agency (LPA) meeting on January 28 and at Commissioners' meetings at a later date. Comments may be submitted at any time at the [Town Hall website](#).

The proposed amendments include substantial changes to the Transportation and Parks, Recreation & Open Space elements which may impose on development to provide additional bike paths, walkways and recreation or green space. The staff report on changes to the Future Land Use element is not available yet, but is scheduled for review at the LPA meeting on January 28.

## REIS ALLSTAR TAILGATE PARTY

Real Estate Investment Society members and their guests enjoyed live music, hearty ballpark style food, and good times at the REIS Gala Annual Party on November 15th at The Edison restaurant at Fort Myers Country Club. The party and raffle raised about \$300 for the REIS Scholarship Foundation.



The All Star Team of Sponsors included: [Henderson Franklin, Attorneys at Law](#); [Forge Engineering](#); [Pavese Law Firm](#); [Hans Wilson & Associates](#); and [Grandbridge Real Estate Capital](#).



Janie and Skip Hooker.



Ann Lefever, Christie Himes, and REIS Party Chair Robin Mixon.

## REIS HONORS LEE COMMISSIONERS

REIS honored Lee County Commissioners at a festive holiday reception at



Guests were greeted by REIS Presidents Steve Hurley and Kim Donnelly, REIS Governor Bev Larson, and former REIS Presidents and event sponsors Russell Schropp and Chuck Basinait.



Former REIS President and event host Robbie Roepstorff.

Edison National Bank on December 13th. The event provided a relaxed environment for REIS members and their guests to become acquainted with the Commissioners on an informal basis.



Lee County Commissioners Tammy Hall, Larry Kiker, Cecil Pendergrass, and Frank Mann.

All were treated to scrumptious treats and live music, sponsored by [Edison National Bank](#) and [Henderson Franklin, Attorneys at Law](#).

## CCIM OUTLOOK CONFERENCE

The CCIM District's annual Real Estate Outlook Conference takes place January 24 at the Harborside Event Center in Fort Myers. Details and registration at <http://chapters.ccim.com/floridasouthwest>

## MARKET WATCH 2013

The annual review and forecast for Southwest Florida real estate takes place February 26 at Harborside Event Center in Fort Myers. Former REIS President Stan Stouder, CCIM, will assess commercial market sectors; Realtor Denny Grimes will offer an overview of residential trends, and REIS member Randy Thibaut will report on land and development. [www.2013marketwatch.com](http://www.2013marketwatch.com)

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