

## REIS CO-SPONSORS SEMINAR ON ESTERO'S COMMERCIAL GROWTH

"**Estero: Smart Growth**" is the title of this year's overview of Estero's commercial real estate market, to be presented November 11th at Hyatt Regency Coconut Point in Estero. The event begins at 5:30 with cocktails and hor d'oeuvres, followed at 6:30 by presentations by: Dr. William Merwin, President of FGCU; Don Eslick, Chairman of Estero Council of Community Leaders; Joe Pavich, Broker/Owner of Realty World Florida; and Tiffany Luongo and Greg Toth, both of Select Real Estate by Stephanie Miller.

Sponsored by Real Estate Investment Society, Florida Gulf Coast University, and Select Real Estate by Stephanie Miller. \$45 per person in advance, \$50 per person at event. Call 277-1515 for information and registration.

## LEE COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION MEETINGS DEC. 8TH

On December 8th, Lee County's state legislative delegation will conduct local business, including a public hearing and workshop on local bills and budget issues, along with a public hearing on other local issues.

The morning session is 8:30-11:30 at Cape Coral City Council Chambers at Cape Coral City Hall. Afternoon session is 1:30-5:00 in Lee County Commission Chambers in the Courthouse in downtown Fort Myers.

Meetings are open to the public. Information and forms for filing local bills or to register to speak are available by contacting Paige Anne Biagi, legislative assistant to Representative Kottkamp, at (239) 344-4900. The deadline for filing local bills and community budget issues is November 17.

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## 'TIS THE SEASON TO BE JOLLY ...

The Real Estate Investment Society's **Annual Party** will be November 4th at the Heitman House on the Caloosahatchee River in South Fort Myers. Members and special guests will be "Rollin' on the River" with a Southern-style buffet and dancing to the rhythms of Deb & The Dynamics. By invitation only, \$25 per person, reservations required.

Entertainment and other enhancements have been underwritten by Owen-Ames-Kimball Company, Stephan & Associates, Florida Gulf Bank, Lennar / US Home, Morris-Depew Associates, Laureate Capital, Pavese Law Firm, Maxwell & Hendry Valuation Services, CB Richard Ellis, Johnson Engineering, Old Florida Bank, VIP Commercial, and The Fowler Company.

The Real Estate Investment Society's bi-annual **Reception for Lee Board of County Commissioners** will be December 14th, at Edison National Bank on South Cleveland Avenue. The reception recognizes the commissioners for their service to the community and allows members to become acquainted with them in a social environment. The festive event is hosted by Edison National Bank and Henderson, Franklin, Starnes & Holt. By invitation only, reservations required.

## VOTE SMART

The November 2nd ballot includes 8 proposed amendments to Florida's Constitution, covering a wide range of issues. A brief, non-partisan review of the pros and cons of each amendment is available at [www.VoteSmartFlorida.org/voterguide.asp](http://www.VoteSmartFlorida.org/voterguide.asp).

VoteSmartFlorida.org is a non-profit organization committed to enduring and maintaining the integrity of Florida's constitution and the amendment process. Led by the Florida Chamber of Commerce, the organization includes the Lee County Economic Council, Florida Bankers Association, Florida Engineering Society, NAIOP, Assn. of Community Developers, and others.

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## REIS ELECTS OFFICERS AND BOARD TO SERVE IN 2005

The following officers and board members have been elected to lead the Real Estate Investment Society in 2005:

President Frank Mullins, Owen-Ames-Kimball Company  
Vice President Stan Stouder, CB Richard Ellis  
Treasurer Gerald Hendry, Maxwell & Hendry Valuation Services  
Secretary Steve Hartsell, Pavese Law Firm

Board of Governors:

Dick Anderson, Little Pine Island Wetland Mitigation Bank  
Helen Darby, Horizon Engineering  
Rob Fowler, The Fowler Company  
Jim Kinsey, Kinsey Associates  
Walter Serbon, Florida Community Bank  
Janet Watermeier, Florida Gulf Coast Group  
Kevin Winter, Johnson Engineering

Russell Schropp, Henderson Franklin, will join the board as immediate past president.

## LEE PLAN AMENDMENTS PROPOSED

The Lee County Division of Planning has completed the transmittal document for the Comprehensive Plan Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR). This is a review of the Comprehensive Plan that is mandated to be completed once every seven years. The 2004 review process will focus on the Lee Plan's effectiveness in dealing with major issues that face our county.

Complete information on the issues being discussed and the proposed amendments is available on the Lee County web site: [www.lee-county.com/dcd/ComprehensivePlanning/EAR/PubPart.htm](http://www.lee-county.com/dcd/ComprehensivePlanning/EAR/PubPart.htm)



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## STUDENT MEMBERSHIPS AVAILABLE

REIS Membership Chairman Rich McCormick announces the creation of five "Associate Student Memberships" in addition to the present membership of 235. The student members are entitled to a reduced admission of \$10 for monthly luncheon meetings. The program is intended to encourage participation by students interested in professions in the commercial real estate industry. Each student member will be assigned a mentor from the REIS membership.

Applicants must be full time undergraduate or graduate students pursuing degrees in accounting, financial planning, consulting, real estate investing, and affiliated professions. Applications are subject to approval of the REIS Board of Governors.

Applications are available from Membership Chairman Rich McCormick, 239-498-7711 extension 121, or Bill Burdette, 239-936-1404. Any member interested in being a mentor is encouraged to contact Rich McCormick.

## TIME TO RENEW MEMBERSHIP

The Real Estate Investment Society's membership campaign begins in November. Renewal notices will be mailed to current members in good standing. Memberships not renewed by the second week in January will be offered to the waiting list of others interested in joining.

Membership in the Society is limited to 235 and annual dues are \$125 per person for the calendar year. Membership information and applications for the waiting list are available from Membership Chairman Rich McCormick, 239-498-7711 extension 121, or Bill Burdette, 239-936-1404.



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