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BOARDROOM REPORT

News from recent REIS board meetings

Luncheon Programs:

There will not be a luncheon meeting in November, in favor of the Annual Party on November 20th.

The December 9th luncheon meeting will be sponsored by [Krise Commercial Group](#). The January 13th luncheon meeting will be sponsored by [Velocity Engineering](#).

REIS welcomes your suggestions on programs and speakers you would like to see at the luncheons. Please share your ideas with [Matt Simmons](#), 239.337.0555. See [Randy Krise](#), 239.690.4100, for sponsorship opportunities.

Scholarship Programs:

The annual Paul Sands Memorial Slaw Dog Invitational Golf Tournament takes place Dec. 18, with the major portion of proceeds going to the Paul Sands Memorial - REIS Scholarship. Scholarship Chairman [Mark Morris](#), (239.671.2266) reminds all to include the REIS Scholarship Foundation in year-end tax plans. The Foundation is a registered 501(c)3 corporation, qualified to accept tax-deductible donations, which may be made on the [REIS website](#) or by contacting Mark.

Membership:

Membership renewal notices will be emailed in November. Members are urged to review their contact information on the [REIS website](#) to assure that all is up to date.

Annual Social Event:

Festive party will rock Bratta's Piano Bar & Ristorante from 5:30 - 8:30 pm November 20th. RSVP by November 17. Contact [Bev Larson](#), (239) 281-1290 to reserve a sponsorship position.

Reception for Lee Commissioners:

The popular bi-annual reception for the Lee County Board of Commissioners will take place from 5:30 - 7 pm at Edison National Bank on December 11th. The event is hosted by [Edison National Bank](#) and [Henderson Franklin, Attorneys at Law](#).

GOOD TIMES AHEAD

Join fellow REIS members and their guests for continuous live music, an incredible array of hors d'oeuvres, and a rousing good time on November 20th, at Bratta's Piano Bar & Ristorante in Fort Myers. The party is \$30 for a REIS member and you may bring one guest for \$20.

The party is generously sponsored by:

[Grandbridge Real Estate Capital](#)
[Conestoga - Rovers & Associates](#)
[Pavese Law Firm](#)
[Hans Wilson & Associates](#)
[Biovation Environmental Services](#)

and our event partners:

Bratta's Piano Bar & Ristorante
Daniel Melvin, "most romantic voice in SW Florida"
Jennifer "Golden Note" Gilmore

Additional sponsorships are available. Contact Social Chair [Bev Larson](#) for details.

REIS 2015 BOARD NOMINATIONS

Nominations for the REIS 2015 officers and board of governors were announced at the October Luncheon Meeting. The election will be conducted at the Annual Social Event on November 20th.

President: Matt Simmons, Maxwell & Hendry Valuation Services, Inc.
Vice President: Amanda Brock, Esq., Henderson Franklin Starnes & Holt, P.A.
Treasurer: Karen Miller, Conestoga-Rovers & Associates
Secretary: Bev Larson, Lahaina Realty

Board of Governors: Alexis Crespo, Waldrop Engineering; Bob Bassett, Branch Banking & Trust Company; Mary Gentile, Landqwest Property Management; Mark Morris, VIP Realty - Commercial; John Nicola, Grandbridge Real Estate Capital; Peter Rossi, Forge Engineering; and Nikole Wesley, Chris-Tel Construction. Sean Ellis, Esq.; Roetzel & Andress, LPA, joins the Board as the immediate past president.



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MARKET INTELLIGENCE

"Market Trends," the annual overview of the residential development market, will be presented by Lee and Collier Counties Building Industry Associations on November 11. REIS member Randy Thibeaut will analyze trends. Details at [Lee BIA](#) and [Collier BIA](#) websites.

"Catch The Vision," an annual market report offering trends, tips, and forecasts for Cape Coral residential real estate, will take place November 18. Details at www.CatchTheVisionCapeCoral.com

WELCOMING LEE COMMISSIONERS

The Real Estate Investment Society (REIS) will host the newly elected Lee County Board of Commissioners at a reception at Edison National Bank on December 11th. The festive holiday event provides a relaxed environment for REIS members and their guests to become acquainted with the Commissioners on an informal basis. The popular reception is sponsored by Edison National Bank and Henderson Franklin, Attorneys at Law. Invitations will be sent to REIS members after the November election.

ANNUAL SLAW DOG INVITATIONAL

The 18th annual Paul Sands Memorial Slaw Dog Invitational Golf Tournament, benefitting the Paul Sands Memorial - REIS Scholarship Fund will be December 18th at Cypress Lake Country Club. Registration and sponsorship information for the popular event is on the [REIS event calendar](#) or [Cia Sherman](#), (239) 690-4648.

REIS WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

Please join in welcoming our new members:

Eric Borgia, Borgia Law
Len Strickler, Krise Commercial Group
Matt Seluk, First America Bank
Kevin Brown, Toll Brothers, Inc.
Brent Addison, GradyMinor

This is the ideal time to get your clients and colleagues to join REIS and take advantage of member rates at luncheon meetings, and to join the fun at exclusive member events - the annual party in November and Lee Commissioners Reception in December. Membership is limited, but a few remain available. The membership application is on the [REIS website](#).

REIS SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED



From left: Florida Gulf Coast University professors Shelton Weeks and Tim Allen, scholars Courtney Klepfer, Andres Boral, and Brandon Barnes, Ave Maria Registrar Stephanie Negip, with Lisa Sands and Sean Ellis of the Real Estate Investment Society.

The Real Estate Investment Society (REIS) proudly announces the award of the annual Paul Sands Memorial – REIS Scholarship to Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU) students Alex Vercheski and Courtney Klepfer. Each scholarship provides \$2,500 toward tuition and books. In addition, the REIS Scholarship Foundation awarded \$2,000 scholarships to FGCU student Andres Boral and Ave Maria student Brandon Barnes.

These outstanding scholars also receive honorary membership in REIS for one year and may attend meetings on a complimentary basis. "We welcome outstanding scholars to join us, to learn about the area's commercial real estate industry, and develop relationships with members of the business community," explained REIS President Sean Ellis. "The REIS scholarship programs represent our commitment to our professions and our community. We support student interest in business by providing financial assistance for their higher education and welcoming them to participate in our meetings and educational programs. Our goal is to promote the professionalism of our future business leaders and thereby the economic vitality of our community." Find information on contributing to the REIS scholarship programs, qualifying criteria, school contacts, and other information on the [REIS web site](#).

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