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BOARDROOM REPORT

News from recent REIS board meetings

Luncheon Programs:

There will be no luncheon in November, in favor of the annual social event.

The December 12th luncheon will feature a timely program of particular interest to the real estate investment and development industry, sponsored by [Krise Commercial Group](#).

REIS welcomes your suggestions for programs. Please share your ideas with [Bev Larson](#), 239.281.1290.

Sponsorships:

Contact [Chris Pacitto](#), 239.689.1474, for information and availability of opportunities to sponsor REIS events.

Annual Social Event:

The popular event takes place on November 16th at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center in the Fort Myers River District. Reservations are required by November 13th.

Real Estate Symposium:

Annual event is rescheduled for November 28th at FGCU. Education Committee Chairs Noel Davies, Arleen Hunter, and Bill Morris have planned an outstanding program.

Scholarship Program:

Donations are needed to support future scholarship awards and may be made on the [REIS website](#). The REIS Scholarship Foundation is a not-for-profit, registered 501(c)3 corporation that provides an opportunity to make charitable donations for local college scholarships.

Membership:

Renewal notices for 2018 will be emailed in November, so please check the [REIS membership directory](#) to verify that your contact information is up to date. Membership reached the 250 person cap this year so please renew your membership when you receive the notice, as any memberships not renewed by the deadline will be offered to applicants on the waiting list.

PARTY! PARTY!

The annual REIS Holiday Social is fast approaching. Join fellow REIS members and their guests for continuous live music with the popular band "After Hours," an incredible array of hors d'oeuvres, a full bar, and a rousing good time on November 16th, at Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center in Fort Myers' River District.

The party is exclusively for REIS members, who may each bring one guest. Admission is \$35 per person. Make your reservations now on the [REIS web site](#). Remember to log in on the home page in order to register.

The party is generously sponsored by:

- [Henderson Franklin, Attorneys at Law](#)
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REIS 2018 BOARD NOMINATIONS

Nominations for the REIS 2018 officers and board of governors have been announced. The election will be conducted at the Annual Social on November 16th.

President: Bev Larson, CCIM, Lahaina Realty

Vice President: Alexis Crespo, AICP, Waldrop Engineering

Treasurer: Mary Gentile, CRX, CSM, LandQwest Property Management, LLC

Secretary: Bill Morris, PE, Morris-Depew Associates

Board of Governors: Jason Brewer, BB&T; Tim Hancock, AICP, Stantec; Travis Merrick, GFA International; and Lori Moore; Roetzel & Andress; nominated to 2-year terms.

Returning board members are: David Fry, The Place On First; Mark Morris, VIP Realty - Commercial; and Kent Poli, Busey Bank. 2017 President Karen Miller, GHD Services, will also remain on the board.



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REAL ESTATE SYMPOSIUM

David Dixon, one of the nation's leading authorities on community planning and designing commercial centers, will headline the annual REIS Real Estate Symposium on November 28th at Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU).



Dixon is a leader in planning new suburban downtowns and building livable, resilient communities and has received national acclaim for leading the planning of post-Katrina New Orleans.

David Dixon, FAIA, Senior Principal and Urban Design Group Leader, Stantec

The program will also include commentary from **FGCU President Dr. Michael Martin**. An interactive panel discussion of regional trends will be moderated by **Sean Ellis** and include the keynote speaker with a blue ribbon panel of

authorities on local development trends.

The half-day program is presented in partnership with the Lutgert College of Business at Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU) and the Florida Planning and Zoning Association (FPZA). It takes place at FGCU on November 28th. AICP credits are available. Details and registration are on the [REIS website](#).

The title sponsor of the Symposium is **Roetzel & Andress**. Gold sponsors are **Morris-Depew Associates** and **Sitti Engineering Group**. Silver sponsors include **VIP Commercial, LandQwest Commercial Property Management, Crown Roofing, IWG Advisors, and Office Furniture & Design Concepts**.

CITY ELECTIONS NOVEMBER 7TH

Cape Coral will elect a mayor and 2 council members and voting is citywide for all offices. Fort Myers will elect council members for Ward 3 and Ward 5, to be decided by voters residing in those wards. All races are nonpartisan.

SW FLORIDA MARKET TRENDS

The Collier Building Industry Association (CBIA) and Lee Building Industry Association (BIA) will host the annual Market Trends program on November 7th at Miromar Design Center in Estero. REIS member Randy Thibaut will present facts and insight on the land development and home building industry. Register with [cbia.net](#) or [bia.net](#).

REIS AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS

The Real Estate Investment Society (REIS) presented the Paul Sands Memorial – REIS Scholarship to Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU) students Chezanne McLeod, Randy Lopez, and Kyle McClimans at the October 10th luncheon. Each scholar receives \$2500 toward tuition and books and is also an honorary member of REIS for the coming year.



(from left) FGCU Professor Dr. Tim Allen; REIS Scholarship Chair Mark Morris; scholars Chezanne McLeod, Randy Lopez and Kyle McClimans; REIS member Lisa Sands, and FGCU Professor Dr. Shelton Weeks. .

REIS WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

Please join in welcoming our new members:

Blake Bartholomew, real estate associate with Bartholomew Realty, Inc.

Steven Belden, community development director for the City of Fort Myers.

Lane Boy, director with Cushman & Wakefield | Commercial Property SWFL.

Brooke Gabrielsen, business development specialist with Office Furniture & Design Concepts.

Mo Hamzian, investor/developer at Kid Gold Capital, Inc.


Tom Holmlund, president of Acarte' Technology Services

Mike Liggins, project manager, engineer, and partner with ComTerra Development.

Patrick Neale, attorney and owner of Patrick Neale & Associates.

Carl Pukin, vice president and business banking manager of IBERIABANK for Lee County.

Jeff Wright, attorney with Henderson Franklin law firm.



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