

BUSINESS PEOPLE

ACCOUNTING

**J. Edward Grossman** has been reappointed to the Peer Review Acceptance Committee of the Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants. He is a shareholder and chief professional standards officer of Carter, Belcourt & Atkinson accounting firm.

ADVERTISING/  
MARKETING



**Cindy J. Ek** has joined the Imperial Polk Advertising Federation announced the 2004-2005 officers: president, **Cindy J. Ek**, Publix Super Markets Inc.; first vice president, **Mary Beth Scott**, Lakeland Center; second vice president, **Christina Lee**, Ridge Technical Center; treasurer, **Gus Palas**, Palas Group; and secretary, **Susan Needham**, Holiday Inn South.

**Lisa Crowell** has been promoted to senior account executive for Tucker/Hall Inc. in Tampa. She specializes in public affairs and strategic communications.

**Michelle Tacia** has joined Blue Reef Creative in St. Petersburg as director of business development. She worked in the special events department at the St. Petersburg Chamber of Commerce.

BANKING/FINANCE

**Catherine Pollard** has been named product manager of excess flood for

Bankers Insurance Company in St. Petersburg. She has 14 years of insurance industry experience.



**Jeff Sikorske** has opened Sikorske Mortgage at 238 E. Davis Blvd., Suite 214, Tampa.

**Ronald Funk** has joined Valrico State Bank as vice president and commercial loan officer in Valrico. He has 20 years of banking experience.



**John E. Trusheim** has joined Spencer International Advisors Inc. in Clearwater as chief strategist for fixed income and as a member of the firm's investment committee. He has 28 years of investment industry experience.

The Tampa Bay Chapter of the Society of Financial Service Professionals announced the 2004-2005 officers and directors: president,

**Jeff Dressel**, Ameritas Acacia Companies; first vice president, **Duffy Thaxton**, The Elan Group Inc.; second vice president, **Rob Coleman**, John Hancock Financial Service; and treasurer, **Bob Grieb**, Cohen & Grieb.

**Kathryn Pemble** has joined the Bank of St. Petersburg as chief oper-

ating officer and executive vice president. She was president of Bank of America's Pinellas County region.

**Sandy Stevenson** has been elected senior vice president of Marsh Inc. in Tampa. She joined the company in 1986 and specializes in public entity and higher education risk solutions.

**Lani Prilliman** has been named sales manager for Capstone Mortgage Funding, a partner of Prudential Tropical Realty in New Port Richey.

COMMUNICATIONS

**Clark Cofer** has been promoted to director of sales, and **Janet Sherer** has been promoted to national accounts manager at Tampa Digital Studios in Tampa. Both joined the company in 2000 as project managers.

**Jim Thornton** has joined Film Technologies International Inc. in St. Petersburg as quality and safety manager. He held the same position at Bekaert Specialty Films.

CONSULTING



**Dewey Caruthers** has received Process Management certification from the University of Florida. He is president of Dewey & Associates Inc. in Tampa.

DESIGN/  
ENGINEERING

**L. Dean Banks** in Tampa has been named territory general manager for ACI in Tampa.

He has more than 25 years of construction management experience.



**Wendy Andrus-Lowe** has joined The ADP Group in Sarasota as a project manager. She was a commissioner for Bradenton's Housing Authority.



**Greg Bassett** has joined Gray-Calhoun & Associates Inc. in Tampa as a senior ITS Technician. He has 18 years of traffic signal and ITS experience.

**Jonathan A. Dietrich** has joined Reiss Engineering Inc. He is responsible for the management and operations at the new Tampa office.

**Bernie Demuth** has been appointed senior project manager for Turner Construction in Tampa. He worked for Ellis Construction in Tampa.

**John Harter** has been appointed vice president of the TBE Group in Clearwater. He joined the firm in 1992 and is national engineering and operations manager for the firm's utilities division. **Joseph Fiorelli** has been promoted to assistant director of the firm. He continues as the national fleet manager.

**Robert Finnegan** has been named director of landscape architecture for AVID Engineering Inc. in Palm Harbor. He was senior landscape architect for WilsonMiller in Tampa.

**Walter Reigner** has been appointed board president for the Lakes Education/Action Drive 2004. He is executive vice president for BCI Engineers & Scientists Inc. in Lakeland.

HEALTH CARE

JSA Healthcare Corp. in St. Petersburg announced the following new hires:

**Brian Bradshaw**, pharmacy manager AmeriDrug Fountain Oaks; **Susan Bream**, care manager, St. Petersburg; **Jessica DeWolf**, Q1 coordinator, St. Petersburg; and **Mary Mingle**, case manager, St. Petersburg.

**Michael C. Tucker** has joined Life-Path Hospice and Palliative Care as director of communications.

**Bob C. Wolf** has joined SRI/Surgical Express Inc., in Tampa as vice president of sales for the east zone. He was president and founder of Sales Marketing and Research Trends Inc. in New York City.

HIGH TECH

**Patrick Dean** has been named senior vice president of global network solutions for WanForce Technologies in Clearwater.

HONORS

**David A. Bernstein** has been inducted as a fellow of the American College of Physicians. He is a primary care physician at Mortan Plant Mease Hospital in Clearwater.

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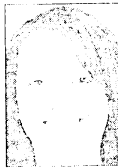
**Steve Cohen** has received the 2004 Stevie Award for the Best Human Resources Executive at the American Business Awards. He is senior vice president of human resources for Checkers Drive-In Restaurants Inc. in Tampa.

**Rick Blonshine** and **Muriel Tumbloo** have received AMI Leadership Awards at the 2004 AMI Leadership Symposium. Blonshine is the executive director of the Pinellas Marine Institute, and Tumbloo works for the institute.

**HOSPITALITY**

**Abel Bohorquez** has been named general manager of TownePlace Suites by Marriott in Tampa. He was operations manager at Residence Inn Tampa Westshore.

**LAW**



**Chuck-On**

**Jozette V. Chack-On** has been elected to the board of directors of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Tampa Bay Inc. She is an associate with the Saxon, Gilmore, Carraway, Gibbons, Lash & Wilcox law firm in Tampa.

**Lara J. Tibbals** has been elected president of the Young Lawyers Division of the Hillsborough County Bar Association. She is a senior associate in the Hill, Ward & Henderson law firm in Tampa. **Rocco Cafaro** has

been elected to the board of directors of the association. He is an associate with the firm.



**Billings**



**Evangelista**

**Kathy Billings** has joined the Fowler White Boggs Banker law firm in Tampa as an associate in the Securities, Financial Services and White Collar Practice Group. **James J. Evangelista** has been elected to the board of directors of SERVE that promotes educational opportunities in the Southeast. He is a shareholder with the firm in Tampa.

**Charles F. Weeks** has joined the Battaglia, Ross, Dicus & Wein law firm's personal injury department in St. Petersburg. He has been practicing for nine years.

**John R. Yoak** has joined the firm's commercial and civil litigation department.

**Judd Goodall** has joined the McCumber, Inclan, Daniels, Valdez, Buntz & Ferrera law firm in Tampa as an associate. He concentrates his practice in the areas of nursing home and medical malpractice.

**Jesse Michael Tilden** has joined the Carlton Fields law firm in Tampa as an associate in

the construction practice group. He specializes in contract and construction defect claims, toxic mold disputes and construction lien foreclosures.

**Lisa Allen** and **Cheryl Thompson** have joined the GrayRobinson law firm in Tampa as associates. Allen specializes in banking law and commercial litigation and Thompson in commercial litigation, bankruptcy and creditor's rights.

**Rob McFadden** has joined the Ruden, McClosky, Smith, Schuster & Russell law firm in Tampa in the real estate practice group. He was an associate with the Holland & Knight law firm in Orlando.

**REAL ESTATE**



**Rospendowski**

**Kim Rospendowski** has joined the Village Oaks in Temple Terrace as property manager. She was property manager for The Preserve at Mobbly Bay in Tampa.



**Southward**

**Michael F. Southward** has been promoted to division president of Lennar Homes, Tampa division. He has been with the company since 2001, most recently as vice president of the north Florida land division.

**Kimberly Gordon** and **Diane Taggart** have joined Bay Vista Realty and Investments Inc. in Tampa as sales associates specializing in residential real estate.

**Jennifer McCarthy** has joined Prudential Tropical Realty in Port Richey. She worked for Coldwell Banker.

**OTHER**



**Pawsat**

**Judi Ann Pawsat** has been appointed executive director of Camp Good Days and Special Times Inc., Central Florida, in Tampa. She was senior development officer at the Bethesda Foundation in Cincinnati.

**Thomas O'Brien** has been elected to the AAA National Board of Directors. He is president and CEO of AAA Auto Club South in Tampa. **Rose Ferland** has been promoted to vice president and **Dan Jiles** has been elected to the board of directors. Ferland has been with ACSIC since 1972 and Jiles since 1993.

**James S. Malek** has been appointed interim associate vice president of academic affairs at the University of South Florida's St. Petersburg campus for the 2004-2005

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academic year. He was chief academic officer at Rollins College in Winter Park.



**Hitchins**

**Nancy Hitchins** has been promoted to corporate safety director of TECO Energy Inc. She joined the company in 2000 as manager of safety and industrial health for the power generation division.



**Inman**

**Barbara Inman** has been named executive director of the Pinellas Habitat for Humanity in Largo. She was vice president for the Lee County division. **Scott Montjoy** has been named construction operations manager, **Cendi Engram**, volunteer and development coordinator, and **Barton Cobb**, resource development director.

**Jim Thornton** has joined Film Technologies in St. Petersburg as quality and safety manager. He owned a consulting business.