

LOCAL BUSINESS PEOPLE TO WATCH

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NEWSMAKERS

Banking

Carolyn Smith has joined **UBS Palm Beach Gardens** as vice president — investments. Previously, she worked for Merrill Lynch/Bank of America for 14 years.

Michael J. Melnyk has joined **UBS Palm Beach Gardens** as vice president — investments. He also worked for Merrill Lynch/Bank of America for five years before taking this position.

Construction

Miller Construction Co. has promoted shareholders **Brian Sudduth**, **Jeff Slade** and **Chris Hannaka** to senior leadership positions. Sudduth has been named senior vice president and leads the preconstruction team in budgeting and analysis of projects' site conditions and potential construction systems. Slade has been promoted to vice president — operations manager, responsible for managing client relations, strategic planning and recruiting talent. Hannaka has been promoted to project executive from project manager and has worked on projects in the areas of education, athletic arenas, government buildings, performing arts and digital broadcasting facilities.

Education

Ben Starling III is the director of philanthropy for **The Scripps Research Institute** in Jupiter. Starling, a graduate of Palm Beach Atlantic University in 1992, has been honored with the Alumnus Service Award by **Palm Beach Atlantic University**.

Hospitality

Amy Selby, director of sales for the **SpringHill Suites** in Vero Beach, has been awarded the **Hotel Equities** top performance sales award for her work during the past quarter. The award recognizes efforts to initiate sales and implement the marketing strategy for both corporate and leisure market sales.

Medical

Jeffrey M. McFarlane, advanced registered nurse practitioner at **South Coast Ear, Nose & Throat**



Smith



Melnyk



Sudduth



Slade



Hannaka



Starling



D'Elosua



Heeg



Gapstur

in Port St. Lucie, has successfully passed the board certification examination for otorhinolaryngology and head-neck nursing offered by the **National Certifying Board for Otorhinolaryngology and Head-Neck Nurses**.

Miscellaneous

James Applegate, director of Club Properties for **Penn-Florida Co.**, has been elected president of the **Florida State Golf Association**. Applegate is an experienced golf course development executive, having worked as president and co-founder of the Gary Player Group, as director of golf development of H. Wayne Huizenga's Boca Resorts Co. At Penn-Florida, Applegate oversees two private golf clubs: the **Santa Lucia River Club** in Port St. Lucie and **Via Mizner Golf & Country Club** in Boca Raton.

Nonprofits

Christina D'Elosua is the new executive director of **Leadership Palm Beach County Inc.**, an educational nonprofit organization designed to foster awareness of community issues and promote communications between existing and emerging community leaders.

Public relations

Scott LeBlanc and **Natalia Jara** have joined **The O'Donnell Agency**, a public relations agency in West Palm Beach. LeBlanc is responsible for managing the agency's design department, and he joins from The Art Institute of Fort Lauderdale, where he was an art director and adjunct faculty member in the graphic design, illustration and animation departments. Jara joins from Discount Mugs/Bel Inc., where she worked as a designer, and she will be a graphic designer at the agency.

Real estate

The real estate team of **Warren Heeg** and **Michael Mullin III** have joined **Lang Realty** in Palm Beach Gardens in the luxury residential market. The team specializes in multimillion-dollar waterfront properties throughout Delray Beach, Gulf Stream, Ocean Ridge and Malapan.

Christopher M. Gapstur has joined **Fischer Gaeta Corp.** in Palm Beach Gardens as a sales associate. Gapstur has been a licensed real estate professional in Florida since 2006 and a licensed engineer intern since 2007. He brings a background in design, real estate and construction to this job.

MOVING UP

Beatrice Williams' favorite
'Walk softly and carry a cross'
— President Theodore Roosevelt



Beatrice Williams created the Brizzly Bubble Blow line of soap for abused and bullied children. A portion of the proceeds will go to the National Children's Advocacy Center.

Beatrice Williams

Distinction: Founder/creator of Brizzly Bubble Blow
Place of business: Delray Beach.

Her volunteer work as a facilitator of women in abusive relationships prompted Beatrice Williams to start a new clothing line to inspire abused and bullied children.

Working with the women through her church, she has heard her share of stories. Those that made the biggest impact were the ones about children.

"It was always upsetting to me to hear about children being abused either at home or bullied in school," Williams said. "I knew there was something I could do to help

Finding inspiration

Age: 50.

Education: Studied nursing at Palm Beach Community College and received a Bachelor's degree in accounting from Fort Lauderdale State University.

Personal: Married to Charles Williams and has a 10-year-old grandchild.

Hobbies: "I like to draw and read."

Career highlight: "Working for the laundromat in Delray Beach. Also, working for the laundromat in Delray Beach. Also, working for the laundromat in Delray Beach."

FORECLOSURES

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