As one walks into Downtown Fort Pierce they are captivated by the city’s natural beauty. Fort Pierce, known as the Sunrise City, is surrounded by the flowing Indian River, swaying palm trees, beautiful boats in the Marina, and the quaint, historical homes along Second Street. What a perfect backdrop for the 2nd Annual Souvenirs of Downtown, Plein Air Paint Out.

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Anne Satterlee Steps Down as President of Main Street Fort Pierce

by Britt Reynolds

For those of you who came out to support us this year at our annual board meeting, a resounding “Thank you!” For those who may not have realized it was open to the public, be sure to come next year. The food, music and camaraderie can’t be topped.

For me, personally, this year’s meeting was bittersweet. While I am honored and excited to take up the reins as president, it is hard to let past president, Anne Satterlee, go. She has done such a magnificent job as president that I’ll have to be at the top of my game just to follow her example.

I remember approaching Doris years ago on behalf of the Florida Cracker Trail Association to discuss bringing their annual ride into downtown Fort Pierce. Doris immediately tried to recruit me to join the Main Street board. My first response was to ask if this was a working board, or just a resume builder. She assured me that it was a working board. Well, that’s the only lie Doris ever told me. This isn’t a board of directors — it’s a board of laborers — but I’ve loved every minute of it!

And join I did. I’ve been with Main Street in the neighborhood of ten years now give or take. I’ve been privileged to watch the remarkable growth of our organization thanks to an amazingly supportive staff who has endured frequent changes in location. We were counting the other night and realized Main Street has called four different offices their temporary home. Looking around today it is heartwarming to realize that we finally have a permanent home here at the Platt/Bucks House. But we aren’t done yet. Come by and watch as we transform our yard into an eco-friendly retreat.

Main Street has accomplished so much for the downtown area and we are looking forward to even more exciting progress in the future. With new events on the horizon we are always looking for ways to draw people downtown, because we know that if they come just once, they won’t be able to stay away.

I was born and raised here, and am thrilled with the progress I’ve seen and been a part of in Fort Pierce. Both my wife and I truly believe that community service is a family affair and you will often see us at Main Street events with one or more of our four children in tow. We bring them with us because these are the values we want to pass on to our children. By involving them from a young age, we strengthen our family while making our community a stronger place for future generations. So come on out and join our family; volunteer in your community or just have a great time. You’re sure to feel right at home. Get involved!

June 2009
Friday, June 5: Friday Fest — 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Main Street Fort Pierce, 466-3880, www.mainstreetfortpierce.org

Wednesday, June 10: Artwalk — 5:00 p.m. — 8:00 p.m.; Downtown Business Assoc., 465-7080, www.fortpierce-fl.com

Friday, June 26: Classic Car Cruise-In — 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.; Downtown Business Association, 465-7080, www.fortpierce-fl.com

**WEEKLY EVENTS**

**Ft. Pierce Farmer’s Market** — Saturdays, 8:00 a.m. to Noon; Marina Square on Melody Lane; Market Manager, 940-1145.

**Arts and Crafts Show & Sale** — Saturdays, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.; north of downtown Fort Pierce Library, 460-5124.

**Fort Pierce Bike Night** — Thursdays, 6 to 9:30 p.m.; 2nd Street, Downtown Fort Pierce; Yellowtail Grill, 466-5474.

**Fort Pierce Jazz Jams** — 7:00 p.m.; Fort Pierce Community Center; $2 Admission; Fort Pierce Jazz & Blues Society, 460-5124.

**Downtown Fort Pierce Library**

For information, please call 462-2787 or visit www.sl-luce.lib.fl.us.

**Manatee Observation and Education Center**

For information, please call 466-1600, ex. 3333 or visit www.maneatecenter.com.

**St. Lucie County Historical Museum**

For information, please call 462-1795 or visit www.slt-museum.org.

**Sunrise Theatre**

For information, please call 461-4775 or visit www.sunrisetheatre.com.

**May Coffee with the Mayor**

Fourth Grade students from Samuel Gaines Academy presenting an overview from a trip they took around Fort Pierce titled “A Tourist in Our Own Town.”

Red row, left to right: Brenda Magana, Stephanie Sneed, Kenson Aristide, Mrs. Springsteen, Unique Avery, Tyaqueisha Davis, Adilene Mercado, Greg Stupinski. Front row, left to right: Jaime Hiloire, Danny Scheible, Alexis Langel, Daniela Hernandez.

Greg Stupinski is from CitiGroup/Smith Barney who funded the grant for “A Tourist in Our Own Town.”
Downtown Hero: Anne Satterlee
by Camille S. Yates

Her smile is infectious. Upon first meeting Anne Satterlee, you can tell that she is one upbeat, positive, dedicated person. That was my first impression of Anne when I met her a decade ago. How time flies!

Anne was raised in a small town, Norcross, Georgia, just north of Atlanta in Gwinnett County. The Norcross city web site states, “The City maintains a quiet, picturesque downtown district, while along its fringes are corporations doing millions of dollars of business on a daily basis.” Does that sound familiar? Possibly like Fort Pierce? Also on the Norcross web site – “Treasured by its citizens, Norcross has been restored and preserved for your enjoyment today.” I would say that Anne Satterlee, coming from the small town of Norcross, has been a perfect fit for Fort Pierce.

She has not always been attracted to small towns, though. After graduating from Georgia State University, Satterlee planned on studying law. But, her life took her elsewhere. Growing up, politics was a way of life for Satterlee. Her mother was Mayor of Norcross for more than 25 years and was also Chair of the Gwinnett County Commission for 8 years. As a result, Satterlee helped with political campaigns starting at age 19. Then, she moved on to work for U.S. Congressman Doug Barnhart for 4 years. Her next venture was with the statewide organization, Georgia Housing Finance Authority, where she served 4 years in statewide lobbying and marketing. She has spent lots of time in Washington, DC, definitely not a small town.

In 1990, Satterlee moved to Vero Beach, when her former husband, Mark took a job as a planner with the City of Vero Beach. She spent 3 years raising their son, Jack, and working at an art gallery. But in 1993, ready to get into real business, she began working for Harbor Federal Savings Bank in Fort Pierce as their Public and Investor Relations Representative. Shortly after starting her new job, she was recruited to be a volunteer for Main Street Fort Pierce, where she started out doing “grunt work,” picking up trash after events.

Satterlee worked hard for Fort Pierce, both as a Main Street volunteer and as an employee for Harbor Federal. In 1997, she accepted a job with the City of Fort Pierce to oversee their annexations of property near the city borders. “I knew that things (in the city) were on the cusp of going vertical.” When she came on, downtown was just about to experience a resurgence of growth and prosperity. Indeed, because of many people’s efforts, Fort Pierce has, once again, become a vibrant city. Twelve years later, Satterlee is still a big advocate of Fort Pierce. “I love what I do,” she says. “I have so much fun at my job.”

Satterlee has grown from “grunt” to leader. For the past 3 years, she has served as President of the Main Street Fort Pierce Board of Directors. Not only that, she served as Acting City Manager, while City Manager David Recor was out on medical leave. “It was nice that David felt confident that I could handle the job while he was out,” says Satterlee. Now, Satterlee wants her son, Jack, to become more involved in Fort Pierce. “Can’t he get community service hours working for Main Street?” she ponders. Because of her positive attitude and dedication to Fort Pierce, Anne Satterlee is our Downtown Hero! Don’t go any-where else, Anne!

Take Your Summer Vacation at Home!
by Mayor Bob Benton

I invite all locals to spend some time this summer, right here at home! With all of the wonderful activities Fort Pierce has to offer, summer vacation can be enjoyed locally!

Throughout the summer, we have various activities for the whole family. Beginning with the children, a fun filled summer camp at the Fort Pierce Community Center is always an option. Chances to learn to sail with the Fort Pierce Youth Sailing League located at Jaycey Park, or enroll in Vacation Bible School at many of our local churches are also appealing options. Jaycey Park, Rotary Park and our new Skateboard Park will help keep our children busy with fun activities and exercise.

For the family that enjoys fishing and water sports, May began a series of fishing tournaments which will continue throughout the summer. Many of these tournaments are hosted by the Fort Pierce City Marina South Beach Jetty Park is being re-nourished for your future enjoyment, though a great picnic or day of play is just moments south at several of our great city beach parks, or take the opportunity to visit North Beach, which made its way onto the list of the world’s top 20 beaches. Whether you choose south or north Hutchinson Island, both choices offer various pavilions, playgrounds, surfing, areas for jet skiing and water skiing. Or grab some gear and dive into one of the many area reefs and explore the intriguing water life which awaits you. You can even reserve one of the waterfront resorts for a few days, bring your boat, invite some family or friends, and enjoy our gorgeous waterfront.

Join us each month for Friday Fete, Bike Night, Art Walk, Jazz Jams, and the Classic Car Show. The Memorial Day ceremonies kicked off the beginning of our America the Beautiful light show at Marina Square. Stroll each night from dusk until 10 p.m., through July 5th, and listen to the music that makes America great. The 4th of July will bring great festivities which lead to a great fireworks display for adults and kids alike. Be sure to review the Main Street calendar for exact dates and times for all of these great events.

To make your local vacation special, bring home a souvenir from one of our fabulous specialty shops in downtown Fort Pierce and eat your way through our many wonderful restaurants located throughout our great city. There is a large variety to choose from. I invite you to enjoy a fun family vacation right here in Florida and to discover and all Fort Pierce has to offer, right here at home! See you around town!

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Then & Now: White’s Tackle Shop
a Fixture of Fort Pierce’s Fishing History

by John Culverhouse

Fort Pierce’s oldest bait and tackle shop, White’s Tackle, recently relocated to 1106 South U.S. 1 in Fort Pierce. Though it is now in a modern, state-of-the-art building, its roots go back a long way in Fort Pierce. The business is rich in history and has a competitive edge to make it one of South Florida’s premier full service tackle shops.

Buck White opened White’s Tackle for business in 1925. White ran the store at its first location, inside the P&P Cobb Building, until just after World War II. White moved the store to its next location on Second Street in 1945, where it operated until early 2009.

When White’s Tackle was located
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Megan Osteen – Her Passion is Riding

by Camille Yates

Chalk up another celebrity to Downtown Fort Pierce! Megan Osteen, daughter of Allen and Terry Osteen, the owners of East Coast Lumber, a downtown business that is over 100 years old, is the new nationally acclaimed Justin Boots Rookie of the Year. This 17-year-old horse aficionado has been riding since she was 4-years old. “She is so dedicated to horses,” says Mom Terry. “When she began riding her Welsh Pony at age 4, she fell off and broke her arm.” But, that did not stop her, nor did the tragic incident that occurred two years ago. Her beloved horse, Chicago, was struck by lightning and died.

Megan has been a persistent rider for 13 years, and it has paid off. Every year, since age 4, her equestrian skills have improved, and as a result, she has moved up in the horse show world. She was in the Hunter Circuit and showed “warm bloods” in Wellington. Now, she has a 7-year-old Quarter horse named Naturally Bionic, and they have both achieved great accolades this year. Not only has Megan won the American Quarter Horse Association Justin Boots Rookie of the Year, but she also placed 10th in the National Congress Show in Ohio. “It was a huge accomplishment and a lot of hard work,” says Megan. “But, I felt good about it.”

During the past year, Megan and her trainer, Alfred Hewitt from Wellington, have attended shows in Texas, Oklahoma, Illinois, Ohio, Georgia, and Florida. In addition to traveling the country showing her horse, Megan is a straight “A” 10th-grade student and is 20th in her class at Indian River Charter School. She enjoys activities with her family, including playing golf. When asked “Where do you see yourself going?” she replies, “I do this for fun. My goal is to win Youth World. I’ve already qualified!” The event is in August. We will be rooting for you, Megan!
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on Second Street, it continued to serve as a hot spot for the area’s fishing interests over the years. It survived recessions and weathered several hurricanes, including the 1949 Florida hurricane, Hurricanes Frances and Jeanne in 2004, and Hurricane Wilma in 2005.

Donald Raffensberger’s family bought the store from the White family in 1973, and continued to oversee the shop until 2007 when Scott Crippen purchased the business.

Crippen is taking White’s Tackle into the next phase of its history. Recently, Crippen moved the shop into a 5,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art facility on U.S. 1. The new shop offers an even wider range of products, including inshore, offshore, and fly-fishing gear. Clothing and accessories are also available. Various types of frozen bait will be stocked for purchase in walk-in coolers.

Crippen also launched a website for White’s Tackle. The site features merchandise, fishing reports, pictures, and weather and tide information.

Fort Pierce’s oldest tackle shop continues to be a focal point for area fishing interests, and intends to remain so in the years to come. For more information, call 772-461-6909, or visit: www.whitestackle.com.

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BenefitAbility Opens Downtown
by Camille S. Yates

You have seen him in Downtown Fort Pierce for many years as a banker, first with SunTrust Bank as City President of Indian River and St. Lucie Counties and then with Grand Bank & Trust of Florida as President of Treasure Coast region. Now, Stephen H. Watters has teamed up with BenefitAbility to develop and implement innovative strategies for the design, funding and administration of corporate and public sector employee benefit plans.

Steve joins Mary K. Sreenan, President of BenefitAbility, who has over 17 years’ experience in the insurance industry. “Steve’s twenty-plus years in the banking industry, along with his keen problem solving skills, gives him the expertise to support his client’s employee benefits needs,” says Sreenan. BenefitAbility’s south office is located in Lake Park, FL. The north office is in the Historic Fort Pierce Hotel Building at 200 South Indian River Drive. You can contact Steve at 812-9127 or swatters@benefitability.com.

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On Wednesday, May 6, 2009, Main Street Fort Pierce held their 21st Annual Board Meeting. The meeting was open to the public, Board of Directors, and Main Street Members and was held at the Platts/Backus House. The meeting was called to order by outgoing president Anne Satterlee and she introduced our special guests: Mayor Bob Benton, City Commissioner Eddie Becht and County Commissioner Chris Craft and then thanked the sponsors, volunteers, and the Main Street staff for another great year for Main Street Fort Pierce.

Pam Gillette announced the slate of officers and Board Members for the 2009-2010 Year.

The officers for Main Street Fort Pierce are: Britt Reynolds, President; Beth Williams, Vice President; Sue Dannahower, Secretary; and Dave Miller, Treasurer. The Board consists of the following: Pat Alley, Eddie Becht, Chris Craft, Pam Cully, Brenda Eaves, Nancy Ingle, Michelle Miller-Morris, Wanda Sapp, Anne Satterlee, and Gene Sereg. There was a motion to accept the slate of Officers and Board Members for the 2009–2010 year. The motion was seconded and approved by all.

Anne Satterlee completed her presidential duties by passing the gavel to the new president, Britt Reynolds. Britt Reynolds, a life long St. Lucie County resident, was happy to take the reins of the Main Street Board. He thanked Anne and presented her with a special plaque and flowers. He spoke about Main Street and what his time with the organization has meant to him. After a brief speech, Britt invited all in attendance to the reception and to enjoy the music provided by Mike Denes.

Main Street is happy to welcome the 2009–2010 Board of Directors. We share all of our successes with our community partners, city government and Downtown merchants. Main Street is very fortunate to have a terrific Board of Directors who understands and works hard to embrace the Main Street 4-Step Approach: Organization, Promotion, Design and Economic Restructuring.

These community people have been with Main Street throughout the past 20 years to support our goals and vision for Downtown Fort Pierce. As we begin our 21st year, we are confident that Downtown Fort Pierce will continue to improve and we are excited about the future.
Second-Time-Around Art Sale

Do you have art stored away at home that no longer thrills you or no longer goes with your decorating scheme? For the month of June, the Lafferandre Gallery will have a sale on previously owned art. They will be selling pieces on consignment. If you are interested, stop by the gallery and put your name on the list so that they may contact you when they are ready to put the sale together.

The Lafferandre Gallery is located at 205 North Second Street, Fort Pierce, FL 34950. For further information please call (772) 489-4255.

Here We Go Again, MOE and Friends are on the Go!

By Brandi Lanas

The Manatee Center is a non-profit education center specializing in educating residents and visitors about ecosystems of the Treasure Coast, their inhabitants, and of course the endangered manatee. The Center is located at 480 N. Indian River Drive in Downtown Fort Pierce.

The Manatee Center utilizes many resources for teaching, including MOE the Manatee. MOE is the official mascot of the Manatee Observation and Education Center. This lovable and huggable 6-foot+ mascot has been spotted throughout the year at many local events including the popular Santa Sails in December, the Fort Pierce Inlet’s Party in the Park in January and the Manatee Center’s annual NatureFest celebration in February. During his appearances MOE can be spotted posing for pictures with kids of all ages.

A miniature version of MOE, a plush hand puppet, is a mini replica of the Manatee Center’s mascot and he can be purchased in the Vanishing Mermaid Gift Shop. “Mini” MOE has traveled to places all over the world to teach others about manatees and his home, the nationally recognized Indian River Lagoon estuary. Members and visitors of the Manatee Center have sent in their pictures featuring “Mini” MOE in front of famous landmarks and “Welcome” signs. These pictures are featured in the Vanishing Mermaid Gift Shop and have the opportunity to be published in the Manatee Center’s periodical.

Both MOE and “Mini” MOE sport an inner tube which reads, “Don’t Teach Your Trash to Swim,” demonstrating their advocacy for clean water and safety. As advocates, they will be at upcoming events throughout the summer. Saturday, May 16th, “Mini” MOE will be at the Coast Guard’s Open House assisting volunteers in educating boaters on topics such as water clean-up and boating safety. Information will be handed out that pertains to helping with the Second Annual Treasure Coast Waterway Clean Up, scheduled for Saturday, July 25th. The Treasure Coast Waterway Clean Up is organized and run by volunteers responsible for picking up trash along various waterways. MOE will be present at this event to emphasize the importance of clean waterways for animals and people alike.

When traveling this summer, take “Mini” MOE with you for photo opportunities. Send your pictures to the Manatee Center and be featured on the MOE on the GO! poster in the Vanishing Mermaid Gift Shop. If you are a member of the Manatee Center, you may be featured in the Manatee Center’s periodical. Where else will “Mini” MOE be spotted this year? That is up to you!

Send in your pictures to: MOE on the GO!, Manatee Observation & Education Center, 480 N. Indian River Drive, Fort Pierce, FL 34950, or send a digital photo to manatee@manateecenter.com

MOE says:

“Take me with you wherever you go, Many interesting places we’ll see. Snap a photo of us as we travel along. Then send it to my family. At the Manatee Center, my beautiful home, They will proudly display with care. That photo of us as we journeyed afar Which may be published for all to share!”
Souvenirs of Downtown

by Pam Gillette

On April 22nd, 23rd, and 24th, Main Street Fort Pierce extended their southern hospitality to 7 new artists: Kay Braswell, Richard Kelly, Carol Kepp, Harry McVay, Diane Menagon, Dawn E. Miller, and Barbara Tiffany and 20 returning artists: Colleen Nash Becht, Judith Betfordorf, Gail Boardman, Sally Browning-Pearson, Petey Cox, RL Freeman Davenport, Charles Dickinson, Elisabeth C. Fiske, Ellen E. Fischer, Elaine Hahn, Dorothy Hudson, Barbara Landry, Michael V. LatCasa, Derren E. Lepore, Dawn K. Mill, Robin E. Popp, Jackie Schindehette, Lee G. Smith, Barbara Smyth, and Emily Trennl.

Each artist arrived bright and early on Wednesday and was ready to capture the downtown images we locals often take for granted. After checking in at the Platts/Backus House, headquarters for the event, the artists went in search of that place that would inspire their first piece of art.

So what makes an artist stop at a certain place? For Harry McVay, the inspiration for his first painting was a blooming cactus. His painting titled “One Day Only, Cactus Flower” was the Crain House at the corner of Orange Avenue and 7th Street. “One Day Only, Cactus Flower” is a gorgeous painting with extreme attention to detail. From the blooming cactus flower to the peacock in the tree, this striking painting was an easy choice for the committee to pick this work of art for next year’s poster painting. “One Day Only, Cactus Flower” was purchased by fellow Plein Air artist Ellen E. Fischer.

Stepping out of the box was artist Rick Kelly. Well known for his Indian River Lagoon landscapes, Rick a local artist who recently worked with Camille Yates on the book Treasured Waters, painted 4 pieces monochromatic. Monochromatic is having or consisting of 1 color or hue. All four pieces were immediately purchased and the new owners were excited about receiving these one-of-a-kind Rick Kelly pieces.

Back by popular demand to this year’s Plein Air, were Colleen Nash Becht and Jackie Schindehette. Colleen’s watercolors; “Nuts on Second Street,” “Mango Delight,” and “Lit Up,” a beautiful peach hibiscus, were sold upon completion. Jackie, former student of A.E. “Beanie” Backus, completed 6 oil pieces; 5 were purchased and went to homes on the Treasure Coast.

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Maria Creel from Alisari’s (downtown business) said “It was awesome to see the artist go from a sketch of a building to something fabulous … I was in awe that he could do this right in front of my eyes … Wow!”

Charles Dickinson was painting the Yellowtail Grill.

Leslie Maxson Lafferandre (Lafferandre Gallery) said “Great event! It brought people to Downtown to check out the works in process. Thanks!” Barbara Tiffany (artist) wrote, “I was thrilled to be invited to attend this ‘paint out’ and was even more thrilled at all the attention we received from the committee and the townpeople. I have never been in a more inviting and warm place.”

Main Street would like to thank each of the artists who captured these special moments in our town and thank you to the community for welcoming the artists so graciously. Each artist brought his or her own special image of Fort Pierce to the canvas and each piece touched us in a special way. These moments are now records of Fort Pierce history and those painted canvases will always be with us. Souvenirs of Downtown, Plein Air Paint Out, we can’t wait until next year!
Lazy Daze Grill Moves to Sabal Palm Plaza

By Beth Williams

In an effort to expand his business, Lazy Daze owner Kevin Nelson has relocated the local eatery to the Sabal Palm Plaza and now serves customers in a facility three times the size of the downtown location. “We did pretty good downtown but needed additional space to expand,” said Nelson of the move. Located in the southern end of the plaza between Urban Appeal and the Plaza Leasing Office, Lazy Daze Grill is now open for breakfast, lunch, and dinner, and has recently acquired a beer and wine license adding to the dining enjoyment of his customers.

For Nelson the move is bittersweet. “I’m a Fort Pierce native and spent a lot of time downtown while growing up. I remember going on a field trip to see Beanie Backus,” he said. “It was a big accomplishment for me to open a restaurant in downtown and I enjoyed being there.” While operating at his old location on 2nd Street, he became a member of the Downtown Business Association and feels those contacts were very valuable to him. “I met a lot of smart people that helped me grow as an individual and a businessman.”

Nelson feels there are a lot a good things happening downtown and credits the city, DBA and Main Street Fort Pierce for their leadership and flexibility in working with local businesses. “We got a lot of help from them,” he said. “The car show and other activities created to drive customers downtown is a great thing.”

And for Nelson, the move to Sabal Palm evokes memories of the past as well. “This location used to be a Dipper Dan’s when I was a kid. I used to come here for ice cream and now I come here to run my own Fort Pierce business.”
The Sunrise Theatre Foundation

By Sue Dannahower

By now, many people on the Treasure Coast and beyond are aware of and have attended performances at the Sunrise Theatre in historic downtown Fort Pierce since its re-opening in January of 2006. Varied artists and attractions have graced its stage, such as national touring Broadway shows such as Hairpray, The Producers, Movin' Out; country icons such as Willie Nelson, Kenny Rogers and Clint Black; comedy legends Bill Cosby and the Smothers Brothers; jazz greats Dave Brubeck, Dave Koz and Preservation Hall Jazz Band along with a host of almost every imaginable genre of the performing arts. They have thrilled and entertained tens of thousands of visitors and residents to our region over the past three years. However, did you know that the Sunrise Theatre has played an integral role in bringing thousands of students to the theatre and artists into our county schools in the region at no cost to the students? Were you aware that there is a separate, not-for-profit Sunrise Theatre Foundation whose mission is to support the theatre in the area of Arts, Education and Outreach?

The Sunrise Theatre Foundation was formed one-and-a-half years ago by Bruce Abernethy, Michael Horowitz and Dr. Maxwell King. The Foundation’s mission is to enrich the lives of children through the performing arts while supporting the needs of the region’s premier performing arts hall. The Foundation is committed to being the preeminent force behind providing the necessary resources that showcase the importance of the performing arts to children of the Treasure Coast.

Since its recent formation, the Foundation has already sponsored a number of community outreach and school time performances. Just over the past few months it has provided scholarships to the Missoula Children’s Theatre summer camps and partnered with the St. Lucie County school system to fund busing for performances of Zora Neale Hurston and the Afro-Cuban All Stars. The Sunrise Theatre Foundation also facilitated the purchase of a baby grand piano for the Sunrise Theatre last year to eliminate the need to rent one for each occasion one was required, therefore helping reduce the theatre’s operating expenses by approximately $17,000 over that period. In furtherance of its mission the Sunrise Theatre Foundation seeks to help promote a community where our young students can experience the power of live entertainment and...

• Where art and ideas can be brought directly into the classroom to educate and inspire children about the performing arts;

• Where artists and teachers can help shape an appreciation for the arts inside and outside of the classroom;

• Where children of all cultures, races and ethnic backgrounds can interact in meaningful ways through the performing arts;

• Where individuals, organizations and foundations can support their belief in the value, significance and vital worth of the performing arts in our local community by encouraging and providing arts-related education for all area students by supporting the Sunrise Theatre Foundation.

The Sunrise Theatre Foundation believes that the performing arts are a crucial form of communication that inspires a meaningful connection between artists and audience. We also believe that this connection helps deepen the understanding of cultural and societal differences for those students who are able to experience the arts on a first-hand basis. We believe that by offering students the opportunity to participate in the arts from a young age, they will pass this knowledge and appreciation on to the next generation, paving the way for future artists and audiences. Since the Sunrise Theatre is the premier cultural institution for the performing arts in the Treasure Coast area, we firmly believe that it is the Foundation’s responsibility to play a leadership role in demonstrating these values to the community. We hope that you might share that belief as well, and we ask you to consider supporting the Sunrise Theatre Foundation through individual donations, corporate or family foundation gifts and grants, living will/estate planning, specific gifts for capital needs, or any manner which you would deem appropriate as we take the organization and its plans to a greater level to serve our community.

Board members include Bruce Abernethy (Secretary/Treasurer), Pat Alley, Glynda Cavalcanti, Sue Dannahower (Chair), Joe DeRoss (Vice Chair), Richard (Dick) Hellstrom, Michael Horowitz, Maxwell King, Sydney Liebman, Sara Lloyd and Michelle Miller.

Are you interested in making a donation or learning more about our organization? If so, please contact Foundation Chair, Sue Dannahower, at (772) 618-0155 or Sunrise Theatre Executive Director, John Wilkes, (772) 461-4884, Ext. 308. The Sunrise Theatre Foundation is a 501 (c) (3) not-for-profit corporation. All donations, whatever the level, are tax deductible and are greatly appreciated.
Asian Bistro serves freshly prepared dishes that are representative of Thailand. Their unique lunch and dinner menus offer an enormous array of options, not only in taste, but in price as well. Choose from skewers, tempuras, stir-fries, curries, noodles and more. Every entree is made fresh to order and is served with miso soup or salad topped with peanut or ginger dressing.

My lunch group started with the Shrimp Tom Kha soup and Papaya Salad. The Tom Kha is a spicy coconut milk broth thick with shrimp and mushrooms. I took the advice from my friend Shirlee and ordered the Papaya Salad. You won't want to miss this one! The salad is a julienne of green papaya, roasted peanuts, string beans and tomatoes mixed with spicy lime dressing. I will order it again and again – it is both refreshing and healthy.

The entrees we tried during our visit were unforgettable. The homemade Drunken Noodle is heavenly. The wild rice noodles are stir-fried with chicken, pork, beef or shrimp and mixed with onion, snow peas, bell peppers all cooked in a basil sauce. The Stir-Fried Cashew Nut with Chicken is a sauté of chicken, cashew nuts, onion, scallion, carrot, bell pepper, pineapple, snow peas served in a light soy sauce. The Crispy Ginger Duck is succulent duck sautéed with fresh ginger, mushrooms and scallion topped with a black bean sauce. If you like duck you will love this dish. The Asian Beef is another of my favorites. The thinly sliced beef is stir fried with an authentic Thai "special" sauce and topped with fresh ginger. The "special" sauce is yummy deep, rich soy-style gravy! I could lick the plate clean!

The diner at the table next to us had the Crispy Roll Appetizer. The portion was huge — definitely enough for a hearty lunch. They were two deep fried rolls stuffed with carrots, onion, mushrooms, bean threads minced pork and shrimp. The rolls are served with a side of lettuce, bean sprouts, basil and a spicy sweet and sour sauce. That is on my radar for my next lunch.

Desserts include Mango & Sticky Rice, Fried Bananas, and Cheese Cake Tempura.

Asian Bistro is open for lunch from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Dinner is served from 5:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday.
Fixed Income's Role in Saving for Retirement

Submitted by Jim O’Connor, CFP®, CIMA®, Financial Advisor, Vice President

Every investor’s financial situation and investment goals are unique and evolve over time. As investors approach retirement, funding living expenses becomes an increasingly significant consideration. Many investors, maintaining a steady income stream is a focus for their retirement years. Customizing your portfolio to include fixed income securities may help achieve this goal.

**How are your Assets Allocated?**

Asset allocation is an important step in saving and planning for retirement. Asset allocation describes the distribution of an investor’s financial assets across different investment categories, or asset classes. The major financial asset classes are stocks (equity), bonds (fixed income) and cash. Your risk tolerance, financial goals, and time horizon are key inputs to determine what types of assets you allocate to fixed income securities. Many investors seeking to generate a steady income stream invest a proportion of their portfolio in bonds.

**What is a Bond?**

Bonds are debt obligations issued by governments, municipalities, agencies and corporations. The issuer promises to repay principal in full at the bond’s maturity, and to pay periodic interest income at a specified interest rate over the life of the bond. Typically, bond investors can anticipate regular cash flows from interest and principal payments. The variety of bond issuers and maturities available provides flexibility for investors to build a bond portfolio to match their investment needs.

Bonds are often used as an important component of a balanced portfolio. Through the diverse fixed income market, you can choose individual securities based on your specific investment needs and risk tolerance. For example, such as the U.S. government, municipalities and corporate entities allow diversification across industrial and geographic sectors and credit quality, while different maturity structures—from 1 year to 30 years—provide the ability to match securities to your financial circumstances and needs. Regardles of your individual financial goals, the wide variety of choices in the fixed income market allows a tailored strategy to help address your specific requirements. Your Financial Advisor can work with you to help determine the right fixed income investments for your portfolio.

**Structuring your Bond Portfolio**

If you are saving for retirement you may want to consider implementing a laddered portfolio strategy. A laddered strategy involves diversifying your holdings across short-, intermediate-, and long-term fixed income securities. This strategy takes advantage of the higher liquidity of shorter-term securities while alternating the higher returns typically available through longer-term securities. In addition, a laddered portfolio may provide a predictable flow of interest income and a level of price stability during turbulent interest rate cycles.

**Consider the Risks Involved**

Before you invest, remember that all fixed income securities are subject to risks that you should consider. In particular, bond prices are susceptible to interest rate fluctuations; generally, if interest rates fall, bond prices rise and, inversely, if interest rates rise, bond prices fall. Another point to remember: if you hold your bonds to maturity you receive your original principal back, but, if you sell your bonds prior to maturity the price you receive may be more or less than your original purchase price.

You should also consider the credit quality of the bond; if an issuer is unable to meet its financial obligations it may fail to make interest and principal repayments. Investment grade bonds (those rated ‘Aaa/AAA/AAA’ through ‘Baa/BBB/BBB’ by Moody’s Investors Service, Standard & Poor’s and Fitch, respectively) may be more suitable investments for conservative investors.

Reinvestment risk may impact your portfolio. This is the risk that the cash flows generated from a given investment will be reinvested at a lower rate of return. This is especially evident during periods of falling interest rates, when coupon and principal payments are often reinvested at a lower yield than the original instrument.

**Achieving your Investment Goals**

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**Structured Bond Portfolios**

Structured bond portfolios offer an avenue for investors to receive a steady stream of interest income, usually on a semi-annual basis, until the bond matures. Including fixed income securities in your portfolio as well as other asset classes such as equities can potentially provide greater diversification than concentration of assets within one asset class, potentially allowing you to reduce the risk in your portfolio without significantly sacrificing return. However, diversification does not ensure a profit or protect against a loss in declining markets.

**Ask a Professional**

**by DeDe Wilson**

**Question:** Has the new federal tax initiated on April 1st on tobacco products affected sales?

**Answer:** Not as much as we thought it would. So far, the smoker of premium, hand rolled cigars; the increase in price has not dramatically changed his or her buying habits. Cigarette smokers are trying out the “generics.” The “roll your own” tobacco and its components were hit the hardest with the price doubling in most instances. Some of these customers are now buying their cigarettes by the carton. I have heard of a few that are trying to quit smoking altogether.

**Question:** What is the “higher end” cigars, but my goal is to enable cigar smokers to continue their pursuit of the perfect cigar!

**Question:** What are the options? Cigar/beer basket, golf bag humidors, ash tray sets, Monte Cristo whole bean coffee, torch lighters, cutters and Hookah’s! Specialty items and gift basket orders need to be placed at least a week before Dad’s Day, and can be delivered personally by our Cigar Girl! (local delivery only).

**Cigar smokers, it is understandable the temptation to cut back — don’t.** Now is the time when your purchase decisions can keep retailers alive. Both retailers and manufacturers need your support. Keep tabs on your lawmakers — many of them look up to the so-called vices for new tax revenue. This approach usually ends up backfiring by reducing sales.

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Summer Season Kicks Off

by Dan Dannahower

Two big events the first weekend of May helped kick off the summer schedule of happenings around downtown Fort Pierce and our waterfront. Summer brings a number of fishing tournaments and other events that provide entertainment and activities for a wide variety of interests.

This year the Hibiscus Children’s Center Offshore Big 3 tournament and the Fort Pierce Boat Show coincided with Friday Fest (1st Friday each month) and the every Saturday Farmer’s Market and Art and Crafts show.

These four events occurring over the same weekend drew large crowds to the downtown marina area. Food and beverage, bands, boats of all sizes, fresh produce, and the tournament weigh-in: the list goes on and on. The huge crowds and smiling faces told the story of lots of folks having a great time.

The Offshore Big 3 Tournament has been around for a long time and raises funds to benefit the very worthy Hibiscus Children’s Center. Dolphin, Kingfish, and Wahoo along with some newly added inshore species are the primary targets. Some very nice cash prizes are paid for the biggest three in each category. A number of other categories also pay prizes. The list is too large to detail here. Go to www.offshorebig3.org to see all the winners and their prizes and also to view a large number of photos from the tournament with some very large fish!

The Fort Pierce Boat Show at the Fort Pierce City Marina was also a huge success. Many boats of all sizes were brought in. Everything from kayaks to offshore fishing boats to cruising yachts was on display along with related marine equipment and services. Dealers and vendors were on hand to provide information and recommendations. You could look and dream, shop for an upcoming purchase, or purchase your dream boat right on the spot!

Many other fun activities occur in and around our downtown and waterfront all summer long. Check with our local marinas, tackle shops or Main Street Fort Pierce to see what’s coming up.

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