

# MEET OUR BOARD MEMBERS





# Jordan Barletta

## *Chairman*

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Kasmat Risk Management LLC

Graduated from Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania in 2002, with a degree in Finance. I started my first job at the age of 14 as a bus boy, then waiter and later on bartender. I moved to Florida in 2004 and my bartending experience helped me land my first job in the area at Don Carter's (now Sawgrass Lanes), right here in Tamarac.

I started in the life and health insurance business in 2002 as a representative for Mutual of Omaha. I began working in Property and Casualty Insurance through a contact I made at Don Carter's, which is how I eventually met my wife Maria.

Maria and I have two boys, Gianfranco and Massimo, ages 5 and 3. My hobbies include golfing with my chamber friends, traveling, trying foods from different cultures, coaching my sons' soccer teams and making some noise with my bass guitar.....which I guess leads into the question of my favorite band: the Grateful Dead.

As far as celebrities, I have met many professional baseball players, through my Uncle John who was a minor league catcher and scout for the LA Dodgers. Joe Maddon, the current coach of the Chicago Cubs, is from my hometown and a close family friend.



# Ilene Simmons

## *Chair Elect*



Born and raised in Florida I have raised and continue to raise five children. I have been a room Mother, Thespian Mom, Cub scout leader, and the first lady coach for recreational sports in the city of sunrise. I love kids and still babysit and surround myself with little ones whenever I'm not attending Chamber events.

I have worked in the funeral business as my first job almost 40 years ago for Levitt-Weinstein, one of our chamber members. For the past 25 years I have worked for state farm and enjoy helping my clients. I find I like to stay busy and try to make a difference whenever I can.

I have been president of my homeowner's association and recently work with Relay for Life. I'm looking forward to being your Chair next year.

I have met many celebrities in my life since my dad was a musician. Remember Tiny Tim I passed him in a backstage hallway in the Fountainebleau. I even sat on Jimmy Durante's lap when I was a small girl.

I love Oprah, the Wizard of Oz, Barbra Streisand and the beach.

A perfect day would be listening to Barbra sing Somewhere Over the Rainbow reading my Oprah book drinking a pina colada with my toes in the sand. And of course with Roger by my side.





# Paul Kavanagh

## Past Chair

### Edward Jones

I began my Edward Jones career in 2007 as a financial advisor in Coral Springs. Prior to joining Edward Jones, I was a Vice President of Finance with the largest 14kt gold jewelry manufacturer in the United States.

I attended Kean University and graduated magna cum laude in 1985 with a bachelor's degree, in management science.

I started my first business at age 8 shining shoes at the Long Island Railroad in Bellmore NY. I charged fifty cents but most of my clients gave me one dollar.

My family and I have lived in Coral Springs since 1993. My "life" Celeste and I are the proud parents of Jardine Parrot named Winston, who sings La Cucaracha every morning. I also have a Daughter named Lauren and a Grandson named Hunter who calls me G-Diddy.

I love to play golf and being a Financial Advisor, I like to hit the ball as many times as possible during a round so I get my money's worth.

I played drums growing up and had a band named Thunderbuck. We played at a bar named the Daisy on Friday nights in Amityville, Long Island. The band that played on Saturday nights was Kiss, before they became famous.

I saw the Reverend Al Sharpton lose his religion in Newark Airport after the Airline that he was traveling on lost his luggage.

My favorite song is the Allman Brothers - One Way Out, who I saw performed live at the closing weekend at the Fillmore East and where their famous live album was recorded.



# Campbell Epes Treasurer



Favorite song is Time Loves a Hero by Little Feat

1987, transplant from VA via Nashville, TN

How many years in business; which one? Senior living 20 years

First job was at a high end women's clothing store

Married to the love of his life, 28 yrs -3 sons, now 3 young men

Pets; Lucy the Labradoodle & Lola the Dingo

Favorite Hobby is Grilling & Golf

Has had 6 concussions, explains a lot right?

Met Elizabeth Taylor

# Stephen Kahane Secretary

STEPEN KAHANE, PA



Stephen is our Secretary and on the Executive Board. A member for 5 years he over sees the Tamarac Chamber accounts. Married with 1 daughter 2 grand children and 2 step children he has lived in Tamarac 13 years since moving from Montreal. Yes he is Canadian.

Stephen became a CPA in 1978 but his first job was a delivery boy for the Montreal Gazette, he has met Jessie Jackson, and his favorite movie is Once Upon A Time in America. Stephen's favorite song is In A Gadda Da Vida by Iron Butterfly.





# Dr. Steve Bromberg



I graduated the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine in 1977 and moved to Florida for my first job in TAMARAC on the corner of Commercial Blvd and 441. My entire professional career has been in Broward County. I married a year later and 36 years later have two children: Lisa, 32 a buyer in New York City and David, 28 a physician in Tampa, Fl. Obviously I have had numerous pets over the years, from dogs and cats to birds, iguanas, hamsters, turtles and fish. My current dog, Mollie, is by far the best the sweetest dog a human could ask for!

My hobbies have changed over the years as the body ages...Basketball in the 20's, tennis in the 30's, golf in the 40's, bike riding in the 50's and now poker in the 60's.

The greatest rock and roll song of all time from my favorite band is "Sympathy for the Devil"

In the little known about me department, I worked as a waiter and bartender at college and vet school.

In the celebrity area, I had the good fortune to own Sample Road Animal Hospital which was next door to the local Republican hangout (Wings Plus in Coral Springs) and during campaigns met President George W. Bush, Governor Jeb Bush, candidates Mitt Romney, Herman Cain and Newt Gingrich (see enclosed picture).



# Billy Burgess

*Walgreens*

I am originally from Chicago and moved to Florida in 1983. I worked in the family business after moving to Florida and have been employed by Walgreens for the past 17 years. My first job was at the age of 13 and I worked for my neighbor as a landscaper. I am happily divorced and have two adult sons and two wonderful grandchildren, with a third one on the way. My favorite times are those spent with family and friends and I also enjoy a round of golf every now and then. I have had the pleasure of meeting several celebrities during my employment in the family restaurant business, but Charlie Sheen has to be the most memorable.

My favorite song is Reasons by Earth, Wind & Fire.





# Dr. Alan Bussell



I grew up in Brooklyn, New York. I graduated college with a Bachelor's degree in Aerospace Engineering in 1965. I worked for one year at Grumman Aircraft Co working on the first swing jet fighter, the F111. I changed professions the following year and I graduated New York University, College of Dentistry in 1971.

After serving two years as a Captain in the U.S. Army Dental Corp in Ft. Benning, Ga., I moved to S. Florida in 1973. I opened my first dental office in Tamarac on the corner of Commercial Blvd. and Rock Island Road in 1974. After running out of space as my practice grew, I moved to my present location on University Drive in 1996. I have been practicing in Tamarac for over 40 years.

In 1986 I became a Fellow in the Academy of General Dentistry. (F.A.G.D.)

I was the Chairperson for my office team "The Smile Makers" for several years at the Tamarac Relay for Life Events and helped raise over \$10,000 for the American Cancer Society.

In 2012 I was honored to receive The Small Business Person of the Year Award from the Tamarac Chamber of Commerce.

I have been the Chairperson for the annual Tamarac Health Expo since its inception 5 years ago.

I am married to Nancy, who is a guidance counselor at Atlantic Technical College for the Health Science programs. Together we have 5 grown children and 13 grandchildren (#14 is coming in April) who all live in S. Florida.

My hobbies now include traveling, sports, fishing and attending my grandchildren's sporting events, recitals, birthdays and graduations.

Little known fact: I once held the world record in the International Game & Fishing Association for catching a 40lb African Pompano fish on a 10lb test line in the 80's.



# Renee Crofts



Lived in Broward for 2 years, 8 months . Lived in NJ for most of my life before that. I've been in hospital marketing for 13 years. Been with HCA over 2.5 years.

My first job was selling pretzels at the mall at Bavarian pretzel.

I'm an Army brat. My father is retired from the Army and lives in Sebastian. My mother lives in NJ. I'm an only child, but have step brothers and a step sister. I'm single w no kids. I feel like this is a dating site profile. I drive a car and am an Aries, lol.

I have a Chihuahua named Roxy.

I'm an artist and paint pet portraits. I was originally an art major and changed my major to journalism.

I was a TV news reporter and anchor in NJ for several years before moving into healthcare. I interviewed more than 3,000 people.

I met Linda Blair who was standing next to me in the Tower of London. It was in a gloomy, dark castle, the sky was grey, cloudy and crows were flying around, pretty spooky. I told her the Exorcist scared the #&5# out of me when I was a kid.





# Rob Del Giacco



Mr. Del Giacco is a dynamic executive with over 25 years experience in corporate operations, strategic planning, and sales/business development in both the public and private sectors. He is Broker/Owner for Cornerstone Realty Consultants LLC in Tamarac, Florida which is a full service Real Estate Agency. He has been an entrepreneur his whole working life in many different facets of business. The area in real estate in which he has an expertise is commercial and business sector.

He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree from Long Island University with specialization in Respiratory Therapy and is a Registered Respiratory Therapist by the National Board of Respiratory Therapy.

Things most people don't know about him is that he has been playing drums since he was 10 years old and has played professionally in numerous bands over the years.





# Julie Fishman



I grew up in South Florida and has spent the majority of my life here, with the exception of 5 years in Tallahassee. I spent over 10 years working for the Florida Legislature as a Legislative Aid and an analyst. I have one son and a dog and cat. I love to read and I use reading as my way of winding down.

Many people do not know that I was in the Air Force. Unfortunately, I was injured in Basic Training and only served for 3 months and 15 days.

One Love by Bob Marley



# Robert Friedman



Born and raised in Miami, Florida. I attended college at the University of Maryland, College Park (Go Terps!) I went to law school at Florida State. I have been practicing law for over 11 years, always representing employers and their insurance carriers. I am an avid sports fan, cheering on the local South Florida sports teams. My wife believes I have not grown up as I take the losses way too hard.

Favorite song - Hotel California by the Eagles

Creative raffle prize - Florida Marlins gift pack, including tickets, food, beverage, etc.

Captain of Tamarac Chamber of Commerce Relay for Life- actively recruiting team members and fundraisers. Team meeting to be determined, but see me for details.



# Judy Goldman

## Dr. Deborah Goldman & Associates

We moved to Kendal Lakes in Miami, Florida in 1973. I worked for Parrot Jungle and Gardens as Director of Sales for most of my Florida career. This was my introduction to the Hospitality Industry which I enjoyed for over 25 years. I was honored numerous times but two events stand out. I was President of the South Florida Meeting Professional International organization, which locally is 500 members. The second honor was being chosen as a Women Business Leader from the Great Miami Chamber of Commerce.

Parrot Jungle and Gardens allowed me to meet many famous people including Jeb Bush, Robin Williams and President Carter to name a few.

One of the most unique experiences I had was sharing my office with a baby Orangutan. Now I am lucky enough to share my office with my real baby, Dr. Deborah Goldman, Optometrist.

I am married many, many years to a Wonderful man, Arthur and the proud mother of two children, two in-law children and 3 grandchildren. I enjoy spending time with my family and creating fun memories.





# Patricia Randall

## Real Estate *Elite*Solutions

Lived in South Florida since 1979; In real estate since 1983

First job was working for her father in his Beauty Parlor at age of 16

Has 2 children; Kristina & John & 4 Grandchildren; Kayla, Brandon, Nicholas, Marina

Pets; when husband passed away left instructions to get a Yorkie and name it

“Useless” but Marina didn’t like name so she named it Useless Lucy

Background: Lingerie Designer, worked on the original pantyhose

Fashion Institute of Technology in New York

Major: Apparel Foundation Minor: Jewelry & Millinery

Favorite Song: Mercedes Benz, by: Janis Joplin



# Rohaema Smith

## BAIRD-CASE

FUNERAL HOMES & CREMATION SERVICE

Rohaema Smith is a licensed Funeral Director & Embalmer and the Managing Partner for Baird-Case Funeral Home & Cremation Service. She was born in Montego Bay, Jamaica, W.I. and is a first generation Funeral Director. She started her career in the funeral industry August 2001. She received her Associate of Science Degree in Funeral Service from Miami Dade College. Rohaema then, furthered her education in Business Management, and earned her Bachelor's from American Intercontinental University graduating summa cum laude. Rohaema enjoys traveling and spending time with her husband Jason. She is an active member and sits on the Board of Directors for the Tamarac Chamber of Commerce.



# Angela Thomas-Pryce



Favorite song at this time is Thinking out loud by Ed Sheeran

Have lived in Florida for 11 years

Has worked 3 years at Star of David

First job was at age of 16 as a Cashier at Shoprite in NJ

Married to Courtney has 3 Children

son Damien, step- daughter 12 Courtaney, daughter 5 Clarissa

Owned a dog Sparkey who passed in August of 2014

Favorite Hobby is Reading

Something that little know is I LOVE to dance & travel

Favorite Movie(s) All of the Bourne Supremacy Trilogy

Met Chad Johnson known as "Ochocinco"





# Tom Toffoli

## LUTCF CIC

## Board Member



Born and raised in Miami Florida. Licensed in insurance since August 1992. Currently a Vice President of the Ft Lauderdale Office of Brown and Brown Insurance. I have a beautiful fiancée, Debbie, with two stepchildren that I call my own, Kali and Shane. Coming from an Italian Catholic family, I have 5 brothers and 2 sisters. Unfortunately, we currently have no animals but have had dogs the majority of my life.

My musical taste leans towards the heavier rock bands, and there are too many bands to list.

My grandfather, then my father were tile, terrazzo and marble contractors. During the summer breaks from high school, I was taught the trade and became an artisan. In addition, in my spare time I became ASE and ICAR certified.

Recently at a local Dunkin Donuts, I met with Governor Rick Scott.



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