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**REGIONAL NETWORKING & SOCIAL EVENTS**
Central Florida Regional Event
New Year 2017 Kick-Off Networking Social
Sponsored by: BAM and Hilltop Securities (FirstSouthwest is division of Hilltop Securities)
On January 10, 2017, the Florida Chapter of Women in Public Finance held its second Central Florida Regional Event at Soco in downtown Orlando. There were approximately 30 attendees at this event. During the networking reception, the sponsors, Build America Mutual (BAM) and Hilltop Securities/FirstSouthwest, provided delicious refreshments for attendees. Following the reception, everyone gathered to enjoy hearing from the guest speaker, Laura Kelley, Executive Director of the Central Florida Expressway. Ms. Kelley shared her insights and experiences gleaned from her distinguished career in the transportation sector. She was a very interesting speaker and we thank her for taking the time to share with us. We also thank Margaret Lezcano (Stifel) for coordinating this event.

Tampa/ West Central Florida Regional Event
New Year 2017 Kick-Off Networking Social and Raymond James Art Tour
Sponsored by: GrayRobinson and Raymond James
On January 12, 2017, the Florida Chapter of Women in Public Finance held its second Tampa/West Central
Florida Regional Event at the Raymond James global headquarters campus in St. Petersburg. Over 20 women (and one brave man!) from throughout the region attended this event. Prior to the networking reception, the group was provided a guided tour of the Tom and Mary James/Raymond James Financial Art Collection. The Collection, located on site, is one of Florida's largest private art collections and consists of more than 2,400 works of art. More than 90% of the collection is owned by Tom James, former CEO and Executive Chairman of Raymond James Financial, and his wife, Mary James. The event was sponsored by GrayRobinson and Raymond James. We thank Natalie Sidor (Raymond James) for coordinating this event.

South Florida Regional Event
Winter 2017 Networking Social
Sponsored by: Bryant Miller Olive
On February 15, 2017, the Florida Chapter of Women in Public Finance held its second South Florida Regional Event at the African-American Research Library and Cultural Center in sunny Fort Lauderdale. More than 22 women throughout the region attended this event. Cynthia Everett, Esq., City Attorney for the City of Fort Lauderdale, brought greetings after a fun-filled ice breaker with each person divulging a little bit about their genealogical history. The event was sponsored by Bryant Miller Olive. We thank JoLinda Herring (Bryant Miller Olive) for coordinating this event.

Jacksonville/Northeast Florida Regional Event
Winter 2017 Networking Social
Sponsored by: The Bank of New York Mellon
On February 28, 2017, the Florida Chapter of Women in Public Finance held its second Jacksonville/Northeast Florida Regional Event, at Brio at the Jacksonville Town Center. Approximately 15 women professionals working in many facets of public finance attended the networking social, sponsored by The Bank of New York Mellon. We thank Emily Magee (Foley & Lardner) for coordinating this event.

AND A HUGE THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS -- NONE OF THESE EVENTS WOULD HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE WITHOUT THEM!

2017 WPF SCHOLARSHIP

Women in Public Finance operates a scholarship program that provides, annually, up to fourteen recipients with an Award and Scholarship in a minimum amount of $1,000. The purpose of the Women in Public Finance scholarship program is to:

1. Recognize college-bound, female high school seniors who have exhibited scholastic achievement (preferably with an established aptitude in mathematics) and demonstrated leadership skills;
2. Encourage the consideration of careers in finance and, more specifically, public finance; and
3. Provide an opportunity for award recipients to meet women established in the public finance industry and learn about various career options and opportunities available to them.

The Women in Public Finance 2017 Scholarship Application is now available on the WPF website. It can be accessed/found at the following link: https://www.wpfc.com/wpf-scholarship-application/.

The deadline for submitting an application via e-mail to scholarship@wpfc.com is NO LATER THAN 11:59 ET on Friday, July 14, 2017. Recipients will be notified prior to Tuesday, October 3, 2017. A list of the Award and Scholarship Winners will be posted on the WPF website after the annual conference held on Friday, October 27, 2017. More details for applicants can be found at the link listed above. If you have any questions, please contact scholarship@wpfc.com.

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NEWS AND NOTES

**Florida WPF Website:** For all the latest, or to find a convenient link for membership registration, check out our chapter’s website at www.floridawpf.com.

**Become an Official Member of Florida Women in Public Finance Today!!!** As of April 2017 the Florida Chapter of Women in Public Finance had 42 registered members. The Membership Committee of Florida Women in Public Finance is encouraging women throughout the state who have expressed interest in the organization to register as an official member on the National Women in Public Finance website (www.wpfc.com). Members will receive exclusive “members only” benefits both at the national and local levels. During the registration process, we ask that you choose the Florida Chapter as your affiliation. It is a very easy process and it is inexpensive to join! Please note that membership dues will be automatically renewed each June 1st, regardless of when paid — so mark your calendars! Please spread the word to your colleagues, clients and fellow women in the industry. If you know someone who may be interested in joining the Florida Chapter of Women in Public Finance or has questions about the group in general, please direct them or send their contact information to Kathryn Driver (kdriver@pinellashfa.com) and the membership committee will be sure to reach out to them. If you have already registered, please go on-line and make sure that you have selected the Florida Chapter as your affiliation.

**NATIONAL CONFERENCE:** The 21st Annual National Conference will be held Friday, October 27, 2017 in Los Angeles, California at the Millennium Biltmore Hotel. Check out www.wpfc.com for more news and event information.
Save the Date!

Florida Chapter of Women in Public Finance Inaugural Statewide Event
Networking Breakfast at the FGFOA Annual Conference
Tuesday, June 27 – 7:00 to 8:30am
The Diplomat Beach Resort, Hollywood, Florida

Please join us for camaraderie and networking with other women working in the public finance industry throughout the State, and learn more about the Florida Chapter of Women in Public Finance!

Full breakfast will be provided.

Formal invitations to follow by email.

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Our Women in Public Finance

The Florida Chapter of WPF would like to congratulate the women below for their outstanding accomplishments. If you have news of promotions, retirements, movers or shakers that you would like to share with us, please use the "CONTACT US" tab on our website or email Misty Taylor directly at mtaylor@bmolaw.com to share your news. We would love to recognize those individuals in an upcoming newsletter.


Amy Lettelleir has been named as the interim CFO at the Tampa-Hillsborough County Expressway Authority.
Wanda Horton has retired as the Finance Director to the City of Ocoee after many years of distinguished and dedicated service in public finance.

Linda Howard has been named the Treasurer at Florida Municipal Power Agency and President-Elect for the Florida Government Finance Officers Association.