

NAMES & FACES

Dixie Sisson has joined Keller Williams Realty of Greater Manatee as agent. A Pensacola native, Sisson moved to Palmetto in 1998 and is vice president of business development for Green New Business, a sales and marketing firm.

Ron Gordon has joined Xena Vallone Realty Inc. in Sarasota. Gordon spent 30 years in the retail food industry in his native Maryland before moving to Sarasota in 1997, and has been a real-estate professional since 2004.

Gene Page was School Realty's top sales agent, and **Barbara Edwards** its top listing agent, for the second quarter, the firm announced.

A Paradise Realty has announced its top performers for May. They are **Bill Kipp**, top listing agent, and **Debbie Dial**, top sales agent, in the firm's Ellenton office; and **Nicole Stagg**, top sales agent, and **Greg and Mary Burke**, top listing agent, in the Holmes Beach office.

Kristin Smith of Boyd Insurance & Investment Services, Inc. in Bradenton received the Irma Platt

Award at the Florida Association of Insurance Agents annual conference, honoring lifetime achievement in client service.

Smith is vice president of customer relations and has been with the company since 1983.

David Otterness, project manager for Willis A. Smith Construction, Inc., has completed the requirements for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design accredited professional designation. Otterness has been a project manager with Willis Smith for seven years.

Sabrina L. McCabe, **David J. Hurst**, **Steven P. Sammons**, **Evan R. Johnson**, and **Betsy O. Benac** of WilsonMiller have recently become Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design accredited professionals. They achieved accreditation by passing an examination administered by the Green Building Certification Institute.

Lorna Pierce has been



Barie



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Gordon



Kunkel



Shaaffalo



Stavola



Tullio



Van Buskirk

wood Ranch and specializes in helping buyers with their financing needs.

Rabette B. Each has been appointed chair of the elder law section of the Florida Bar Association. She will supervise all training and examinations for the Florida board certification in elder law and provides leadership in monitoring legislation, emerging case law and issues of concern for the field both statewide and nationally.

Scott Kallins of Kallins, Little, & Delgado was recognized by the Manatee Bar Association with the 2009 Community Service Award for his ongoing involvement in the community.

He has been involved with the Manatee YMCA, City of Bradenton, the KLD Scholarship Program, Ringling Redskins and The Sarasota Military Academy.

Kans & Ives, which spotlights the achievements of business persons in Manatee and Sarasota counties, runs every Monday in the business section. Submissions must be received by 5 p.m. Wednesday for the next edition. Send submissions to Business_Editor_Jennifer_Rich_at_jrich@bradenton.com.

Communities.

Stavola is a sales associate in the Country Club East village of Lakewood Ranch. She brings five years of experience in Tampa Bay-area new home sales, where she was recognized for top sales achievement and named sales consultant of the year in 2007. Strietmeier has joined the drafting department, where he will be working with CAD and structural and engineering coordination. He is experienced in structural engineering and home construction. Shaaffalo is a design consultant who will assist homebuyers in making selections for their new homes.

Sharon Kunkel has been hired as senior development officer for Planned Parenthood of Southwest and Central Florida. She will be responsible for the annual fund and overseeing special events and publications.

Sherry Hittner has joined Blue Skye Lending in Lake-

ing partner of Blue Skye Lending, was recently inducted as vice president of the Suncoast Chapter of the Florida Association of Mortgage Brokers.

Tommye E. Barfo has been appointed chair of the National Accreditation Commission for the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The commission works with four credentialing committees to consider ways to increase participation in established credentialing areas.

Dr. Richard Van Buskirk recently returned from Stratford, N.J., where he presented a 20-hour course to American physicians at the School of Osteopathic Medicine at the University of Medicine and Dentistry. Participants included both medical doctors and doctors of osteopathy.

Laura Stavola, **Michael James Strietmeier** and **Amy Lee Shaaffalo** have joined Neal

appointed to two conference committees by the Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants — the construction industry conference committee and the FICPA University of South Florida accounting conference committee.

Don Sicking, senior vice president of Pat Cook Construction, Inc., recently passed the LEED certification exam. Sicking has been a local contractor for more than 25 years.

Dr. Greg Kotlareczyk, chiropractic physician and neuromuscular therapist, is the owner of Wellness Concepts of Florida, L.L.C. and has been invited to the Florida State Massage Therapy Association's national convention as a return guest speaker as well as the Florida State Chiropractic Association's national convention in August to lecture on his chiropractically-oriented massage therapy technique.

Mike Tullio, manag-