

# Around the Parish

The people of St. Tammany

## Community shots

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From left: East St. Tammany Chamber of Commerce CEO Dawn Sharpe Brackett presents the chamber's Ambassador of the Year Awards to Scott Standiford of Kentwood Spring Water, Caitlin Scanlan of the East St. Tammany Habitat for Humanity, Evelyn Snyder of Home Instead Senior Care and Brad Dubose of First Franklin Financial Services.

PHOTO COURTESY ST. TAMMANY WEST CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



Outgoing chairman Jean Champagne passes the gavel to Michele Avery, 2010 chairwoman of the board for the St. Tammany West Chamber of Commerce. The chamber named its new board members at its annual Installation and Awards Banquet in January.

## People



Neil Abramson



Arvind Yertha



Ronnie Kole



Alan Flattmann



Shane Gorringer



Lori Murphy



Allen Little



Pamela Binnings Ewen



Bryan Gowland



Brian Stoltz

### Awards

Phelps Dunbar attorney **Neil Abramson** received the 2009 Legislator of the Year award from the Alliance for Good Government.

The St. Tammany Parish Commission on Cultural Affairs named Mandeville guitarist and vocalist **Christian Serpas** its artSPARK Artist of the Month for January.

Dr. **Arvind Yertha** was selected as North Oaks Health System's Physician of the Year for 2009.

At the Fifth Annual President's Arts Awards, St. Tammany Parish President Kevin Davis and the St. Tammany Commission on Cultural Affairs gave **Ronnie Kole** the Lifetime Achievement in the Arts award and named **Alan Flattmann** Visual Artist of the Year, **Shane Gorringer** Culinary Artist of the Year, **Lori Murphy** Arts Patron of the Year, **Allen Little** Performing Artist of the Year and **Pamela Binnings Ewen** Literary Artist of the Year. **Bryan Gowland** received the President's Special award and **Brian Stoltz** was named Musical Artist of the Year.



Joseph Omner

### Banking

IberiaBank named **H. Gregg Strader** executive vice president and chief credit officer.

Whitney Holding Corp. named **Hardy Fowler** director of the company and the bank. Whitney Bank named **Joseph Omner** regional president of the North Shore market.



David Cooke

### Energy

The Minerals Management Service named **David Cooke** regional supervisor for resource evaluation in the Gulf Region office.



Gregory Rattler Sr.



William Hines



Robert Brown



David Conroy



Rob Stuart

### General Business

The Council for a Better Louisiana named **Robert Levy** chairman, **Gregory Rattler Sr.** chairman-elect, **Patrick Moore** treasurer, **Alice Pecoraro** secretary and **William Hines** immediate past chairman to its 2010 board of directors. Other elected directors are **Ray Authement**, **Daryl Burckel**, **Neil Erwin**, **Robert Brown**, **David Conroy**, **Anne Milling**, **Sara Roberts**, **Rob Stuart** and **Thomas Turner**.



Milo Stephens



Michele Avery

### Government

The city of Slidell and the Department of Cultural and Public Affairs named **Milo Stephens** commissioner for the city's Commission on the Arts.

The St. Tammany West Chamber of Commerce named **Michele Avery** chairwoman of its 2010 board of directors.



Kristene Simmons

### Health Care

Lakeview Regional Medical Center hired Dr. **Rick Jeansonne**. Slidell Memorial Hospital promoted **Kristene Simmons** to director of emergency services.

## People continued

St. Tammany Parish Hospital named Dr. **Hamid Salam** chief of staff, Dr. **Katherine Williams** vice chief of staff and Dr. **M. Celeste Lagarde** secretary and treasurer as their 2010 medical staff officers. Dr. **Jack "Jay" Saux** will serve as the medical staff representative to the STPH board of commissioners and doctors **Ricardo Blanco**, **Jason Reina** and **Margaret "Margie"**

**Strong** will serve as members at large.

North Oaks Rehabilitation Hospital named doctors

**Randolph Roig** chief of staff and chairman, **Gerald**

**Sparks** vice chief of staff and **Hugo Valdes** and **Susan Zacharia** members at large to its 2010 medical executive committee.

North Oaks Medical Center named Dr. **Michael Harlan** chief of staff and chairman, **J.P. Miller** chief of staff-elect and doctors **Jason B. Reina** and **Bonadelvert Suarez** members at large to its 2010 medical executive committee. Dr. **William Gilbreath** will serve as family practice chairman; Dr. **David Oubre**, medicine department chairman; Dr. **Elizabeth Fritz**, obstetrics/gynecology and pediatrics chairman; Dr. **Robert Kidd**, surgery department chairman; and Dr. **Thomas Reinecke** emergency medicine department chairman.

### Insurance

The Louisiana Workers' Compensation Corp. named Dr. **Katharine Rathbun** medical director.

Pan-American Life Insurance Group named **Bruce Parker** senior vice president of global life insurance.

### Law

The Louisiana Bar Foundation named **Seth Nehrbass**, **J. Todd Reeves**, **Rodney Seydel Jr.** and **Sidney Torres III** fellows.

McGlinchey Stafford attorney **Paul West** was elected president of the International



Hamid Salam



Katherine Williams



M. Celeste Lagarde



Jack "Jay" Saux



Ricardo Blanco



Jason Reina



Margaret "Margie" Strong



Katharine Rathbun



Bruce Parker



Paul West



John Overby



Craig Watson

Association of Gaming Advisors.

Blue Williams LLP named **John Overby** and **Craig Watson** partners.

### Nonprofits

Prevent Child Abuse Louisiana named **Amanda Brunson** president and CEO.



Amanda Brunson

### Real Estate

New Orleans Commercial Real Estate Women named **Donna Taylor** president, **Rose McCabe Lebreton** past president, **Angela O'Byrne** president elect, **Jo Anna Cotaya** treasurer and **Valerie Marcus** secretary to its 2010 board of directors. Other elected directors are **Karley Frankic**, **Ellen Mullins**, **Sabine Teijelo** and **Janna Shearman**.



Donna Taylor



Rose McCabe Lebreton



Angela O'Byrne



Karley Frankic



Janna Shearman



Stacy Kaiser



Branden Barker



Debbie Prejeant



Bill Pietri



Julie Lawler

The Institute of Real Estate Management Louisiana chapter named **Stacy Kaiser** president, **Branden Barker** vice president, **Debbie Prejeant** treasurer and **Bill Pietri** secretary to its executive council.

Latter & Blum Realtors named **Julie Lawler** an agent in the Slidell office and **Catherine Castle** an agent in the Mandeville office.



Catherine Castle



Nick Deluzain

### Restaurants

The North Shore chapter of the Louisiana Restaurant Association named **Nick Deluzain** of Benedict's Restaurant in Mandeville the 2010 chapter president.

## FYI

### Openings

A Work of Art opened at 410 Covington St. in Madisonville.

Joyce & Darnell's Casual Dining opened at 153 Robert St. in Slidell.

Insurance Marketplace opened at 1349 Corporate Square, Slidell.

Ohana Pier held its grand opening Feb. 9 at 1321 Gause Blvd., Suite 3 in Slidell.

### Moving

St. Tammany Parish Hospital will relocate outpatient rehabilitation into the hospital's Riverside Building, 1414 S. Tyler St. in Covington. The facility is equipped with private treatment rooms and two gym areas for multidisciplinary treatment. The hospital will also relocate cardiac and pulmonary rehabilitation from the hospital's Tchefonctte Building to the Paul D. Cordes Outpatient Pavilion, 16300 Highway 1085 in Covington.

The East St. Tammany Habitat for Humanity relocated to 1064 Front St. in Slidell.

### Business notables

HealthLeaders Media, a division of HCPro, honored North Oaks Health System's clinic with a Silver Award in the Best Service Line Campaign category of their national marketing competition.

St. Tammany Parish Hospital Sleep Disorders Center has earned the American Academy of Sleep Medicine accreditation for demonstrating commitment to providing quality diagnostic and sleep management services.

### Miscellaneous

The St. Tammany Hospital Guild has donated \$15,000 to the St. Tammany Hospital Foundation to refurbish patient rooms.

The city of Slidell formed a new Motion Picture Advisory Committee.