

CITY BUSINESS

AROUND TOWN

PEOPLE

Awards

Kim Bergeron, director of cultural and public affairs for the city of Slidell, has been awarded a full scholarship to attend the upcoming Americans for the Arts 2009 Convention in Seattle.

Adams and Reese associate **Maurice Ruffin** received the Star of the Quarter award from the American Bar Association Young Lawyers Division.

Banks

Fidelity Homestead Savings Bank has named **Timothy Wyche** vice president and regional manager for the North Shore and Baton Rouge areas.

Resource Bank has promoted **Rachel Cognevich** and **Bridget Owens** to banking officers.

Economic development

Adams and Reese associate **Chris Kane** was elected president of the Algiers Economic Development Foundation.

General business

The Greater New Orleans Executive Association has named **Robert Ramsey Jr.** executive of the year.

Health care

The Jefferson Parish Human Services Authority has elected **Olga M. Bogran** as a new board member.

Information technology

Diamond Data Systems has named **Joseph Hatten** and **David Bumpers** experienced consultants, **Benjamin Eckel** a consultant and **Dayle Alsbury** manager of IT security practice for the commercial sector.



Joseph Hatten



David Bumpers



Benjamin Eckel

Insurance

Gilsbar 360° Alliance, the proprietary PPO network owned and operated by Gilsbar Inc., has named **Susan Slocum** manager of provider network development.

Blue Cross and Blue



Dayle Alsbury



Kim Bergeron



Maurice Ruffin



Timothy Wyche



Rachel Cognevich



Bridget Owens



Chris Kane



Robert Ramsey Jr.

Shield of Louisiana has named **Mike Reitz** president and CEO and **Brian Keller** senior vice president and chief marketing officer.

Law

ADR Inc. has named **Stefanie Allweiss** and **Tony Clesi** to its mediation and arbitration panel.

Nonprofits

Friends of the Cabildo has named **Robert Cangelosi Jr.** president, **Wendy Lodrig**, **Kathryn Mouton**, **Gaynell Cunningham** and **Holt Kolb** vice presidents, **Amy Bowman** treasurer and **Debbye Vosbein** secretary to its board of directors. Other elected board members are **Lauren Brower**, **Parke Ellis**, **Jennifer Sneed Heebe**, **Julie Murphy**, **Karine duQuesnay**, **Craig Schexnayder** and **Cassandra Sharpe**.

The Slidell Art League has named **Tara Ingram-Hunter** president, **Pink Lagrange** vice president, **Lynda Donaldson** secretary, **Mary Pat Landry** treasurer, **Kimberly McDonald** education chair, **Ann Stuart** hospitality chair, **Gwendolyn Clement** publicity chair, **Wanda Jensen** OPTA chair, **Mary Christopher** SALT chairwoman and **Salenah Cooper** and **Sherri Lenz** fundraising co-chairwomen to their 2009-2010 board of directors. **Terri Sierra McCoy** has been named volunteer liaison.

Port

New Orleans Cold Storage has named **Mark Blanchard** president and CEO and **Randy Scarpero** vice president of operations.

Public relations

Gambel Communications has named **Linzy Roussel Cotaya** communications strategist.

Publishing

Pelican Publishing has named **Robin Wheeler** southeastern sales manager.

Real estate

Platinum Title and Settlement Services, a joint venture with **Stirling Properties**, has named **Wanda Rogers** a closing officer and notary.

Mirambell Realty has hired **J. David Ryan** as a Realtor with the firm.



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CALENDAR

June 15

The **National Association of Women in Construction** will hold their general membership meeting at 5:30 p.m. at Five Happiness Restaurant, 3605 S. Carrollton Ave. The meeting will consist of scholarship awards and chapter elections. The dinner and program will start at 6 p.m. The cost is \$30. For more information and to RSVP, e-mail diane@southlandplumbingsupply.com or visit www.nawic-neworleans.org.

June 17

The **New Orleans Housing Institute** will hold a seminar from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities, 938 Lafayette St. The seminar will focus on rebuilding communities, promoting affordable homeownership, reducing homelessness and fostering diverse communities. For more information and to RSVP, visit www.urban.org/events/NewOrleanshousing.

The **New Orleans Commercial Real Estate Women** will host a Focus on Jefferson Parish luncheon at 11:30 a.m. at Chateau du Lac, 2037 Metairie Road, Metairie. Jefferson Parish President Aaron Broussard will speak about commercial real estate developments and the revitalization of Fat City. Tickets are \$35. For more information and to purchase tickets, contact Lori Folse at lfolse@maddcaz.com.

The **World Trade Club of Greater New Orleans** will host an Honorary Life Member Award Luncheon at 11:30 a.m. at the Plimssoll Club, 2 Canal St., 30th floor. The club will recognize Jim Bridger, general manager of the New Orleans Public Belt Railroad, for his contributions to the transportation industry. For more information or to buy tickets, call 779-5671.

June 18

The Maison Dupuy Hotel will host the **Battle of the Cabernets** at 7 p.m. at the Le Meritage restaurant located in the hotel, 1001 Toulouse St. The menu will pair four different cabernets with four courses including roasted beef salad, grilled quail and lamb sirloin. The event is \$75 per person. For more information or to make reservations, call 586-8000 or email walter@maisondupuy.com.

June 19

The Historic New Orleans Collection will continue its **Concerts in the Courtyard** series from 6 to 8 p.m. with a performance by Steve Riley & the Mamou Playboys at 533 Royal St. Cocktails will be available by Buffalo Trace Bourbon. Admission is \$10 or free for members of The Historic New Orleans Collection. For more information, call 523-4662 or visit www.hnoc.org.

The Hollis Price Elite nonprofit organization will host an **All-Star Celebrity Silent Auction Fundraiser** from 5 to 9 p.m. at the InterContinental Hotel, 444 St. Charles Ave. The silent auction features items donated and signed by celebrities such as Barack Obama, Reggie Bush and Paul McCartney. All proceeds benefit the Price Foundation. Tickets are \$25. For more information, contact Dernel Johnson at 708-4804.

The **St. Tammany Economic Development Foundation** will hold its second-quarter luncheon on planning and rezoning at 11:30 a.m. at Benedict's Plantation, 1144 N. Causeway Blvd., Mandeville. The luncheon will feature Parish Planning Director Sidney Fontenot who will offer an update on the progress of parish-wide rezoning. The cost is \$30 per person. For more information, or to make reservations, call (985) 809-7874 or email stedfinfo@stedf.org.

June 20

The Louisiana SPCA will host **Purr de Lis** to celebrate Adopt a Shelter Cat month from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at its shelter, 1700 Mardi Gras Blvd., Algiers. There will be games, face painting, a raffle, bake sale and more. Adoption counselors and volunteers will be on hand to help select the right cat or kitten for your family. For more information, visit www.la-sPCA.org.

The New Orleans Museum of Art will host **"An Afternoon Focus on Healing"** from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the museum. Activities are part of the museum's Art Therapy Initiative and include art therapy for children, led by the museum's resident certified art therapist, Holly Wherry. For more information, call 658-4100 or visit www.noma.org.

The Historic New Orleans Collection will host a **panel discussion** on Michael P. Smith's vision and approach to photography in conjunction with his exhibition from 2 to 4 p.m. at 533 Royal St. The panel will be moderated by John Lawrence, director of museum programs, and will feature New Orleans-based independent photographers Matt Anderson, Sydney Byrd and Owen Murphy. Seating is limited. For more information or to make reservations, call 523-4662 or e-mail wrc@hnoc.org.

June 21

The W French Quarter, New Orleans Film Society and Paramount Pictures will hold a **free screening of "Top Gun"** at 8 p.m. at the W French Quarter, 316 Chartres St. Every Sunday night a different movie will be shown as part of its Summer Cinema series. Cocktails will be available to purchase with the proceeds benefiting the New Orleans Film Society. For more information, call 552-4067.

Each One Save One will hold a **Father's Day 5K Run** at 8 a.m. in LaSalle Park, 6600 Airline Drive, Metairie. Special guests include mascots Boudreaux and Clotile from the New Orleans Zephyrs and Gumbo from the New Orleans Saints. Proceeds benefit Each One Save One, a non-profit organization dedicated to reversing the plight of at-risk children in our community through recruiting, training and supporting an army of volunteers. To register for the race, visit www.runnotc.org/races/2009/fathersday.pdf.

Ongoing

TechAssistLA is hosting **free Web site building seminars** for small businesses on June 17 and 24 at 5:30 p.m. at the New Horizons Computer Learning Center, 2800 Veterans Blvd., Metairie. Class size is limited and attendees are encouraged to plan the content for their site in advance. For more information or to register, call Will Norris at 301-2485 or apply online at www.TechAssistLA.com.