Rothco Signs & Design creates the best street image possible and aligns it with your unique vision. An eye-catching sign that brings people to your door is an important statement; done right, your sign will increase foot traffic, add credibility to your brand, and repay your investment a thousand-fold. We also do some dynamic interior signs and directories and wayfinding signage.

At Rothco we draw on owner Dave Roth’s creative experience and boots-on-the-ground sign-building knowledge. With 39+ years in the sign business, you can be confident that Dave will work with you to create a dynamic, exciting sign that reflects your taste and your priorities.

Not only will you have access to Dave’s unparalleled expertise, Rothco will carefully check your local sign ordinances, ensuring that your sign meets the requirements of your municipality. Once your permit is approved, we will use our trusted network of the very best manufacturers, suppliers, and craftsmen—coordinated and supervised by Rothco—to bring you a distinctive sign that will make you and your business truly stand out in your community.

Opening a new business, changing your name or logo? A lot of times when a new business is getting ready to open they end up thinking about signage too late in the process and run out of funds so they end up going with the whatever is the least expensive. You may not realize it but your sign is the first impression the passing public has of your business so what is what is your image worth? It's never too early to get started, so...let's get started! Call us today at 941-706-6160 or email Dave@Rothcosigns.com.
A Message from the Executive Director

The North Port Area Chamber of Commerce is excited that we are partnering with MetroMedia Publishers to produce our 2017 Community Guide. This publication is THE member voice of our Chamber and the community. We are designing the book to have a magazine feel that draws in readers, visitors and potential new business to our wonderful community. We will have big pictures, lots of great content and more opportunities to network. Don’t delay securing your placement! Contact Chamber Member and associate of MetroMedia Publishers, Barb Godfrey, to make an ad space reservation. She has special sections in our publication and it is important you contact her early to get the right placement and page. You can e-mail Barb Godfrey at bgodfrey@metromediapublishers.com or give her a call at 913-951-8433. Space deadline is October 1, 2016 but contact her early for best placement. The enhanced publication will be a “WOW” that will highlight our members as well as show why our community is an amazing place to live, work and play. The Community Guide will feature articles and photos that illustrate the strength of the North Port area and why we are so attractive to visitors and new businesses. More than 30,000 readers will touch and feel our new publication, PLUS 17,000 unique visitors to our chamber website will also see the Community Guide with our new interactive edition. Advertising opportunities are available to Chamber and Non-Chamber Businesses. The full-color, glossy Guide and Digital Edition will have wide distribution at locations including: North Port Area Chamber of Commerce Office; City of North Port; Area Hotels & Restaurants; Every Chamber Member Upon Request; Mailing to all Relocation and Informational Inquiries; and Mailing to all Visitor Requests.

The North Port Area Chamber of Commerce is kicking off the 2017 - 2018 Chamber Champion Program. This program allows Chamber Members to invest in the North Port Area Chamber, in addition to their annual membership dues, in order to provide additional support to the North Port Area Chamber of Commerce and its effort to fulfill its Mission and to gain additional exposure for their business. This program has been enhanced in order to provide incentives that will maximize marketing and networking opportunities for a business in order to promote their business to other Chamber members and to the community. The Chamber is offering an easy payment plan on all sponsorship levels for those who wish to take advantage of this offer. The Payment Plan is broken up into the following increments: 50% payment due by September 30, 2017, 25% second payment due by December 31, 2017, and final payment due by March 31, 2018. The last day to register as a 2017-2018 Chamber Champion is Friday, September 30, 2017.

The North Port Area Chamber of Commerce is hosting upcoming "Hot Summer Nights VI" Business-to-Business Expo on Monday, August 14, 2017 from 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm at the George Mullen Activity Center, located at 1602 Kramer Way in North Port. The Business-to-Business Expo is designed to bring the business community together and to provide networking opportunities and a chance to promote your business and establish worthwhile business relationships. The event is open to all businesses and the cost is $5.00 per person or FREE admission if you provide a business card at the entrance. Participants that provide business cards will have the opportunity to win complimentary door prizes provided by Vendors and a Grand Prize Drawing. There are a limited Vendor Booths, Food & Beverage Sponsorships available. We are proud to announce that Heartland - Matt Mativi is once again the "Event Sponsor" for this event

The North Port Area Chamber of Commerce Annual "Scramblin' on the Green" Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday, September 9, 2017 at Heron Creek Golf & Country Club. The registration rate is $85.00 per player or $340 per team. Teams that register and pay for the golf tournament in July & August will enter into a raffle for a chance to win a complimentary golf foursome at Heron Creek Golf & Country Club. Various Sponsorship opportunities are available NOW that provide great exposure for your business. Don't miss out on the opportunity to be a part of the most Marketed & Promoted Chamber Event of the Year. Registration includes: Green fees, golf cart, continental breakfast, lunch buffet, range balls, contests, raffle prizes and goodie bags. The golf tournament will host a hole-in-one contest at each of the par 3 holes, putting contest, longest drive contest, closest to the pin contest, most accurate drive contest, in the circle contest and "hit it on the green" contest.

Sincerely,

William J. Gunnin
Executive Director
North Port Area Chamber of Commerce
# Nomination Ballot

## (Please select five (5) nominations/candidates)

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<td>Your Health Consultant</td>
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* (Incumbent - 2nd Term)

Qualifications and criteria include:

- Members of the Board of Directors shall be members, or representatives of members, in good standing of the North Port Area Chamber of Commerce prior to their selection, election, appointment or other invitation, and shall so remain at all times during their tenure.
- At the time of nomination, Nominees must be a member of the Chamber for at least one (1) year.
- Must agree to the terms as outlined in the Board of Directors Criminal Background Check Policy.
- Nominees/Board Members cannot be related to, or in a relationship, with a Chamber staff member.
- Nominees/Board Members must agree to join and participate on a Chamber Committee.
- Nominees/Board Member must agree to participate in at least one (1) fundraising event.

Primary Representative Name: __________________________________________

Signature: __________________________________________

Business Affiliation: __________________________________________

Please complete and sign form then fax back to Chamber office at (941) 423-5042 or e-mail to wgunnin@northportareachamber.com by 5:00 pm on Friday, July 14, 2017.

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(Phone) 941-564-3040 • (Fax) 941-423-5042 • (Website) www.northportareachamber.com
The North Port Area Chamber of Commerce is happy to announce the following as partners in our mission. We suggest you support local business. Always buy Chamber!!

Welcome Newest Members!

Barco’s Accounting & Tax Service
C. Andrew Barco

Parkside Assisted Living and Memory Cottage
Jeni Allen

AirSpace One
Peter McNally

The Charlotte Chorale
Ellen Vercraysia
LIFE IS SHORT

GET THE

Eye Exam

- COMPREHENSIVE EYE EXAMS
- CONTACT LENS FITTINGS
- GLAUCOMA TESTING AND TREATMENT
- ANNUAL DIABETIC EYE EXAMS
- CATARACT EVALUATION

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COMPLETE VISION HEALTHCARE
## North Port Area Chamber Honor Roll

The North Port Area Chamber of Commerce is pleased to have these partners renew their annual investment in the community.

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Chamber Networking Breakfast

Location:
Panera Bread

Address:
17899 Tamiami Trail
North Port

Day/Date/Time:
Wednesday
July 5, 2017
7:30am

Susan Totter, Manager, will give an update on the Shannon Staub Library

**There is no cost to attend unless you wish to order breakfast off their delicious breakfast menu**
North Port Area Chamber of Commerce

Business After Hours

Tuesday, July 11, 2017
Sponsored & Hosted by:

Coldwell Banker

Sunstar Realty
14260 Tamiami Trail

5:30 pm – 7:00 pm
### 2017 North Port Small Business
#### Lunch & Learn

The 2017 North Port Small Business Lunch and Learn program is a series of monthly workshops to assist business owners with improving their business and staying competitive. All workshops are held at the Community Room at Sarasota Memorial Healthcare, 2345 Bobcat Village Center Road in North Port. The lunches and workshops are offered at no cost thanks to the generosity of our workshop sponsors. Workshops begin at 11:30 AM and conclude by 1:00 PM. Please register at www.northportareachamber.com.

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<td>There are many organizations and programs in our area to help your business grow. Some teach business techniques, some guide you through the management process, some help you develop skills a business owner needs to compete in today’s business climate. Learn what’s available and which will work for you.</td>
<td>Time management skills have a direct effect on efficiency, quality of work, and stress levels. With good time management skills you can control your time, your life, your stress and your energy levels. Time management skills are learnable. Learn practical tips, tools and skills to help you manage the time available to all of us.</td>
<td>“What do you do?” How many times have you been asked that question? At networking events, at parties or even in the elevator!! What is your response? Wouldn’t it be great if you knew exactly what to say and how to say it when that moment occurs? You can. It just takes some time, and practice.</td>
<td>How are you using technology in your small business? Are you harnessing the power of today’s technology to help your business grow? A small business budget can have access to the kinds of technology that will build business and streamline operations. Learn about technology that has improved operations and helped turn small businesses into global businesses.</td>
<td>Business Plans are not just for Start-up businesses. A business owner should update their plan yearly. Business Plans can be the foundation for raising funds and growing your business. Learn how to create your Mission Statement and your Vision Statement. Don’t be intimidated, take the first step.</td>
<td>Wonder how using the social media site, Facebook, could help grow your business? What to post? What to share? How to attract attention? What your Facebook page should say to others upon “first impression”? Explore how to use this social media to gain an audience of prospects, and then cultivate them into clients/customers effectively.</td>
<td>Have you “googled” yourself recently? Have you “googled” your business? Is your website up to date? Where do people look for information, for people, for businesses? In today’s world they search online. Be aware of your online reputation. Remember, people think, if it’s on the internet, it must ..........!</td>
<td>Business alliances have become an increasingly powerful weapon to gain and sustain a competitive edge. Joint marketing of products and services with another business can increase brand awareness, enhance your customer base, and enhance your product or service offering. Referral marketing helps you spread the word about your business. So, how do we do that?</td>
<td>Getting your name out there without breaking the bank calls for you to think outside the box at times. Learn some different techniques to spread the word that may fit in your marketing and advertising budget. Meeting and cultivating prospects and turning them into clients/customers is the ultimate goal of any business.</td>
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The North Port Area Chamber of Commerce is offering Chamber members an opportunity to register for the 2017-2018 Chamber Champion Program and sign-up for the Payment Plan now available. The 2017-2018 Chamber Champion Program will run from October 1, 2017 - September 30, 2018.

Chamber members can select which sponsorship level they would like to sign-up for and make payments according to the following schedule:

- First Payment - 50% down by September 30, 2017
- Second Payment - 25% by December 31, 2017
- Final Payment - 25% by March 31, 2018

**Chamber Champion Sponsorship Levels include:**

- Platinum: $5,000
- Gold: $2,500
- Silver: $1,500
- Bronze: $500

Chamber members participating in the payment program must complete and sign a 2017-2018 Chamber Champion Payment Contract and make first payment by September 30, 2017.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to gain additional exposure for your business and to take advantage of the additional benefits offered through the various sponsorship levels.

For more information, call the Chamber office at (941) 564-3040 or e-mail at info@northportareachamber.com
Luncheon

Thursday, July 20, 2017
1091 N. Toledo Blade Blvd.
11:30 am—1:00 pm

Chamber Members: $15.00 each / Non Chamber Members $20.00 each
Meal Choices: Chicken Parmesan, Eggplant parmesan, Rigatoni alaVodka Sauce

Yes! Reserve ______ seat(s) for the Network @ Noon Luncheon for a total payment of $___________
Name(s): ____________________________________________
Business: __________________________________________
Telephone/Email: ________________________________
Chamber of Commerce Affiliation: ___________________________

Payment Method: Credit Card _______ Check _______ Cash ________

Credit Card Number: _______________________________________
Exp. Date: _______ Security Code: _______ Zip Code: ________

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*** Registration Deadline: Monday, July 17, 2017 ***
SCRAMBLIN' ON THE GREEN
ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT
Saturday, September 9, 2017
Title Sponsor
Swift Plumbers

REGISTRATION
7:00AM
SHOTGUN START
8:00AM

$85.00 per golfer or
$300.00 per team

Complimentary round of golf for four raffle
with paid team registration in July
and August.

For more information please call the
Chamber Office at: (941) 564-3040 or visit:
www.northportareachamber.com

SAVE THE DATE

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How to Get and Keep the Best Business Talent

In collaboration with the Venice Area Chamber of Commerce, Englewood Florida Chamber of Commerce, and North Port Area Chamber of Commerce, the Economic Development Corporation of Sarasota County invites you to join us for a dynamic conversation.

Business leaders and workforce leaders will share their insights into how to get and keep the best business talent in today’s tight competitive employment market. Speakers will include representatives from:

- Local Employers who will share their best practices for attracting and retaining talent
- CareerEdge Funders Collaborative
- CareerSource Suncoast
- State College of Florida
- Suncoast Technical College, Sarasota

Register @ www.edctalentlunch.eventbrite.com

For sponsorship information, please contact
Laura Randall, EDC Director of Investor Engagement, 941.309.1200, ext. 106

Thank you to our Annual Event Sponsor:

GULF COAST COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
BUSINESS TO BUSINESS EXPO
hot summer nights VI

Presenting Sponsor:
Heartland
Matt Mativi

DATE: Monday, August 14, 2017 • 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm
LOCATION: George Mullen Activity Center ~ 1602 Kramer Way, North Port, FL 34286
5:00 - 5:30pm: Vendor Reception
5:30 - 7:30pm: Expo Networking

Admission: FREE with business card - $5 per person without a business card

Event Sponsor: $500
- Vendor table at premier location
- Name on Sponsor’s banner, placed on site
- One promotional item included in 150 goodie bags
- Recognition during the expo
- Logo on all marketing materials
- Deadline to be included on print material: July 14, 2017

Food Sponsor: (Limit 7) $150
- Display sign at food/drink station in main event room
- One promotional item included in 150 goodie bags
- Recognition during the expo

Beverage Sponsor: $250

Goodie Bag Inserts: $25
- One promotional item will be included in 150 goodie bags
- Inserts must be at Chamber office by Friday, August 11, 2017

Vendors: $50 for Chamber Members
(Limit to 32 vendors - Subject to availability)
- Table at event

Name: ____________________________________________________________
Business: _______________________________________________________
Address: _________________________________________________________
Telephone/Email _________________________________________________

Method of Payment:
Credit card (Visa/MasterCard): ________________________________________
Exp Date: _______ CVV (3 #s on back of Card): __________
Check enclosed: Check # __________________________ Cash: ___________ Invoice: ___________

Please RSVP online, via fax or mail by Monday, August 7, 2017 to:
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www.NorthPortAreaChamber.com • Fax: 941.423.5042 • Phone: 941.564.3040
NORTH PORT Area Chamber of Commerce

JOB & CAREER FAIR

Save the Date!

SEPTEMBER 29th 2017 9:00am - 12:00pm

Set-Up Time: 7-9am

GEORGE MULLEN ACTIVITY CENTER
1602 Cramer Way
North Port, FL 34286
S.C.O.R.E. Mentoring Program

On the 2nd Friday of each Month, Port Charlotte S.C.O.R.E. (Service Corps of Retired Executives), in partnership with the North Port Area Chamber of Commerce, will offer Mentoring Sessions at the Common Grounds Meeting Hall, located at 12737 Tamiami Trail South in North Port.

One hour appointments at no cost or fee are available from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm for interested individuals and companies who want to start or expand a business.

Reserve your appointment time by contacting the North Port Area Chamber of Commerce Office at (941) 564-3040. kclark@northportareachamber.com

Mentoring sessions are reserved on a first-come/first-served basis. If further help is needed or indicated after the initial hour session, a future Client Mentoring Plan will be organized.
Hello Everyone,

As you all know, the summer is typically a slower time period for all of our local businesses and each business is limited on the amount of marketing that they can afford to promote their business out in the community in order to attract new clients/customers.

Here is a chance to promote your business and it will not cost you anything to participate.

Beginning Tuesday, May 30, 2017, I will be kicking off the Summer "BILL"board Campaign. This Campaign will continue daily, Monday - Friday, until Friday, September 1, 2017.

Since I am frequently out in the community at different events and functions on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce and with the amount of visitors that visit the Chamber office daily, what better way to promote your business than having me wear your business shirt for a day. I will proudly display your business shirt on your scheduled day and will return the shirt (washed and dried) shortly following that day. I will e-mail a brief promo out about your business to all of our Chamber members the day that you reserve for me to wear your shirt and post a picture of me wearing your shirt and the brief write up about your business on the Chamber's Facebook Page.

If you would like to schedule a day for me to wear one of your business shirts (size 2XL please), please call me at the Chamber office at (941) 564-3040 or e-mail me at wgunnin@northportareachamber.com. Summer "Bill"board Campaign days will be scheduled on a first-come/first-serve basis.

Please provide business shirt three (3) days in advance of scheduled day.

Hurry, these dates always fill up quickly.

Bill
Advertise in our monthly **Electronic Newsletter**, **The Communicator**!
(replacing the mail out version)

Advertising is the best way to communicate the existence of a product in the market to its prospective customers. A good advertisement generates demand and it will in turn increase the sale of the product. Does your customer know you're there? If not, they may turn to your competitor. Don't let that happen!

Advertising in **The Communicator** is an affordable and proven way to generate business!

**The Communicator** reaches over 1200 recipients.

Your next customer could be one of them!

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**Monthly Cost (1 sided) in The Communicator is NOW ONLY $50**

Complete the form below and fax to (941) 423-5042 to get on the schedule! Reserve Your Spot Now! Limited space available each month!

*First Come, First Served!*

Call today or fax this flyer back to us with your reservation! Please supply us with a JPEG or Word document of the flyer you wish to have inserted.

☑ Yes! Sign me up for the month(s) of: __________________________

Business Name & Contact Name ________________________________

Email & Phone: __________________________

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Marketing Plus Promotion Package

1) Banner Ad in Category Page - $599.00 per year:
   - Limited rotating 468px x 60px Banner Ad

2) Enhance Listing - $249.00 per year:
   - Priority placement over basic members on category page.
   - Logo, web link and 200 character description.
   - Expanded Listing which includes:
     - Additional web-links
     - Up to 8 photos/images
     - 20 Key words
     - 1600 Character description
     - 5 Bullet points

3) Priority Listing - $99.00 per year:
   - Priority placement on category page

Name: ________________________________
Business: ________________________________
Address: ________________________________
Telephone/Email: ________________________________
Package Selection: 1 (__) 2 (__) 3 (__)
Method of Payment:
Credit card (Visa/MasterCard)#: ________________________________
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Check enclosed: Check #_________________________ Cash: __________ Invoice: __________

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Veterans Program Deliveries

Venice Regional Bayfront Health
30 YEARS

Kiwanis Club of North Port (Noon)
25 YEARS

Sarasota County Tax Collector
10 YEARS

Paper Chase Ad Promotions
5 YEARS

All Faiths Food Bank
5 YEARS
Network at Noon | Thursday, June 15, 2017
Moe's Ribbon Cutting | Tuesday, June 27, 2017
Chamber Appreciation Reception

Thursday, June 29, 2017
Chamber Appreciation Reception

Thursday, June 29, 2017
Give a member a shout out expressing your thanks for a job well done!

Has a chamber member gone out of their way to help you?

Has a chamber member done a terrific job?

Would you like to comment on how the chamber has helped you?

**NOW IS THAT TIME TO DO IT!!!!!!!!!!**

Please take a moment to send any comments or accolades today to wgunnin@northportareachamber.com

You're Great
“That was my first NP chamber lunch and it was great...I like the separate table for the NEW members and prospects...and the "wheel" is a nice touch.

Joshua was also very impressed and thanks for letting him bring his "guest". That was a last minute thought by Joshua as he saw that guy just sitting on the street...and that his organization does deal with homeless folks. They are actually trying to find a location for another homeless shelter. I had a thought and suggested why don't they contact some of the schools in the summer time are they are closed. They could use the gymnasium or cafeteria for the homeless during the summer?? The guy that he brought said..."that would be great and maybe if they have a pool we could go swimming for a day or two?"..."I haven't swam in a pool in years". Nice to know little things like that make a difference to homeless folks...at The Salvation Army they call the homeless folks "your neighbor"...not homeless which I think is very respectful. My nephew went through The Salvation Army program and it saved his life...he is now 10 months sober. I had NO idea The Salvation Army had such a great program...did you?

Lastly...I think it was a "sign" that Joshua won the 50/50. After the lunch Joshua took that guy to the store and bought him a few things that he needed with the 50/50 $. He got some laundry soap, coffee, some food and a few other personal items he needed. Joshua spent almost $30 on that guy and he ...well they were both very "thankful".

Simone Coseo
Harbor Style Magazine”
Executive Committee:
President: Mike Williams (ClickWiz)
Immediate Past President: Lance Broat (Venice Print Center)
Incoming President: Linda Zick (Mary Kay Cosmetics)
Treasurer: Ray Witkowski (Key Agency, Inc.)
Secretary: Gale West (Your Health Consultant)

Directors:
Matt Dill (Stellar Web Productions)
Lori King (Quality Health Care Center)
Kelly Louke (Charlotte State Bank & Trust)
Jamie Lovern (Lolablue, LLC)
Steve Matthews (Allstate Insurance Agency)
Kim Quigley (BB&T Bank)
Amy Schuldt (Kyle Kurtis Salon & Spa)
Debbie Snowden (Coldwell Banker Sunstar Realty)
Bill Werdell (Achieva Credit Union)

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William Gunnin, Executive Director
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