Traci Creighton and Daniel Reyes, moved to North Port in September 2016 from Delaware. It had always been a dream of Traci’s to quit her executive job up north, move to Florida and start a customer service based business that would allow her to meet new people and fulfill people’s dreams. Traci has always had a passion for travel and has planned corporate and private travel for business owners for many years. Traci and Dan opened Daydreams Travel, a Cruise Planners franchise and American Express Travel Representative. “As a franchise owner, we can offer travelers exclusive pricing on a wide range of cruise and specialized land vacations and tour packages to the most sought-after destinations around the world. If you can dream it, we can book it!” “Everyone travels, and it’s important to use a trusted travel specialist to help get the most value out of a vacation. People think using a travel agent is more expensive so they do it themselves. We never charge our customers fees for our services because we are paid by the tour companies direct. So why wouldn’t you use a travel planner?” Traci said. “As a travel expert, we take the stress and hassle out of planning a vacation for our clients. Unlike those 800 numbers or online travel sites we are always available 24/7 for you use a travel planner?” Traci said. “As a travel expert, we take the stress and hassle out of planning a vacation for our clients. Unlike those 800 numbers or online travel sites we are always available 24/7 for our customers while they are on vacation. There is no waiting on hold for an operator. If there is a problem, we can address it. We know our customers personally and we keep their important documents and information on hand in the event of an emergency or issue. So where do you want to go on your next vacation?”

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302-542-9910
traci.creighton@cruiseplanners.com

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June 2017

2nd 9:00am Marketing & Communication Committee (Key Agency, 14942 Tamiami Trail).
6th 3:30pm Professional Development & Education Committee (Library 13800 Tamiami Trail)
7th 7:30am Breakfast Club Networking (Olde World 14415 Tamiami Trail )
8th 11:30am Lunch & Learn (SMH ER 2345 Bobcat Village Center Rd., 2nd Floor)
13th 8:30am Membership Development Committee (Panera Bread, 17899 Tamiami Trail)
13th 5:30pm Business After Hours (The Springs at South Biscayne, 6235 Hoffman St.)
14th 8:00am Capacity Building Committee (Key Agency, 14942 Tamiami Trail)
15th 11:30am Network at Noon (Quality Health Care, 6940 Outreach Way)
15th 6:00pm NPYP-Mixers (WKDW Radio/Common Grounds Meeting Hall, 12735 Tamiami Trail)
20th 12:00pm NPYP - Exe Board/public welcome (Buffalo Wings & Rings, 1081 W. Price Blvd.)
21st 8:30am Member Retention Committee Meeting (Charlotte State Bank & Trust, 4300 Aiden
22nd 6:00pm Achieva Credit Union Ribbon Cutting (2467 Sycamore Street).
27th 8:30am Business & Economic Development Committee (SMH ER 2345 Bobcat Village Center
29th 8:30am Government Relations Committee (SMH ER 2345 Bobcat Village Center Rd., 2nd floor)
A Message from the Executive Director

The North Port Area Chamber of Commerce has included in this month's Communicator Newsletter the official Board of Directors Nomination Form seeking nominations of individuals for the Nomination Committee to consider in placing on the Ballot to fill five Board of Directors seat vacancies beginning October 1, 2017. The Chamber is requesting that each Chamber member take a moment to review the qualifications and criteria for an individual to be considered for a seat on the Board of Directors. The Nominating Committee will review all recommendations and will create an official ballot that will be sent to all Chamber members to consider and vote. Qualifications and criteria to be nominated for a Board of Directors seat 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.

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 Background Check Policy. (a copy of the policy is available upon request).

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.

Chamber members are welcomed and encouraged to nominate themselves if interested in serving on a seat for the Board of Directors. It is requested that all nominations be returned to the Chamber office by 5:00 pm on Friday, June 16, 2017.

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 for Chamber businesses to promote their business at no cost. Beginning Tuesday, May 30, 2017, I will be kicking off the Summer "BILL"oard 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 their business than having me wear their business shirt for a day. I will proudly display their business shirt on your scheduled day. I will e-mail a brief promo out about their business to all of our Chamber members the day that they reserve for me to wear their shirt and post a picture of me wearing their shirt and the brief write up about their business on the Chamber's Facebook Page. If a Chamber business would like to schedule a day for me to wear one of their business shirts (size 2XL please), please call the Chamber office at (941) 564-3040 or e-mail me at wgunnin@northportareachamber.com.

The North Port Area Chamber of Commerce is offering the opportunity for Chamber businesses to order and purchase advertising opportunities in the 2017 North Port Maps. These maps are very popular and the Chamber will have 4,000 maps printed and distributed locally, statewide and nationally beginning July 3, 2017. Businesses interested in purchasing an ad in the North Port Map must order and make payment no later than Friday, June 9, 2017. The cost of the business card size ads are $125.00 for a back-side ad ($175.00 for non-Chamber businesses), $175.00 for a map-side ads, $750.00 for the Back Panel Ad, $350.00 for Panel Ads and $250.00 for Map-Side Display Ads (Display Ads are all SOLD OUT). Order forms are available at the Chamber office or can be e-mailed to you upon request. Advertising opportunities are limited and secured on a first-come/first-serve basis, so order your ad today.

Sincerely,

William J. Gunnin
William J. Gunnin
Executive Director
North Port Area Chamber of Commerce
2017-2018 Board of Directors Nominations

The North Port Area Chamber of Commerce is seeking nominations from Chamber members to be presented to the Nominating Committee for election to the Board of Directors of the North Port Area Chamber of Commerce.

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.

- Nominees must be a member of the Chamber for at least one (1) year.

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- Nominees/Board Members must agree to join and participate on a Chamber Committee.

The term of office commences on October 1, 2017

Nominations may be made by mail or fax to the chamber office.

Nominations must be received in writing no later than Friday, June 16, 2017.

Mail nominations to:
North Port Area Chamber of Commerce
15141 Tamiami Trail
North Port, FL 34287
Or fax to:
941-423-5042

I would like to nominate:

Name: _____________________________________________

Business: ___________________________________________

For a term as a Director of the North Port Area Chamber of Commerce, I understand that the nominee must be a member in good standing of the North Port Area Chamber of Commerce, agree to the terms as outlined above, and that they accept the nomination.

Nominated by: ______________________________________

Chamber Business Affiliation: __________________________

Phone Number: ___________________________ Email: __________________________
2017 North Port Map Advertising Contract/Insertion Order
Distribution: 5,000 Full Color Glossy Maps!

North Port Maps are Free to the Community

☐ Business Card Outside  3 3/8" w x 2" h - $125  ☐ Non-Chamber Member - $175.00
☐ Business Card Map Side  3 3/8" w x 2" h - $175
☐ Front Panel Display Ad  3 1/2" w x 4" h - $250
☐ Panel Ads  3 1/2" w x 9" h - $350
☐ Back Panel Ad  3 1/2" w x 9" h - $750

Business Name: ____________________________________________
Contact Person: ____________________________________________
Address: __________________________________________ City: __________________ Zip: __________
Phone: ___________________ Fax: ___________________ E Mail: ___________________
Total Cost: $________ Signature: __________________________________ Date: ________________

Make payments to North Port Area Chamber of Commerce
LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE ~ FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED

Deadlines:
Contract, Sketch, & Payment: May 12, 2017
Artwork for Ads: May 19, 2017
Final Deadline: May 26, 2017
Publication Target Date: July 03, 2017

E Mail ads to: craigmap@aol.com

North Port Area Chamber of Commerce:
Phone: (941) 564-3040
Fax: (941) 423-5042
E-Mail: wgunnin@northportareachamber.com

House of Maps: (941) 924-8998

It is preferred that all ads be submitted with computer generated electronic files. The map is produced using Adobe InDesign on a Mac platform. Advertisers may submit: Photoshop files, TIFF, EPS, JPEG, and PDF files. Files must have fonts embedded and colors set to CMYK. Illustrator files should have fonts set to outline.

Digital images should be submitted at 100% of their printed size (please see above for ad dimensions), 300 dpi in CMYK. Microsoft.PUB files are not acceptable and must be “saved as” to one of the above requested formats.

For any ad to be built by the publisher from “scratch”, the advertiser must submit high resolution CMYK logos and/or photos accompanied by a sketch, at size, of what is requested for final ad design. In most instances, there will be no additional fees incurred for ad composition by the publisher. For production questions, advertisers are welcome to contact the House of Maps directly at 941-924-8998. E-Mail: craigmap@aol.com

If you, the Advertiser, have been sent a proof, you will have 48 hours after receipt of the proof to either approve or send corrections. Failure to respond to the proof will deem the non-response as approval and the ad will run as is.
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!

Longhorn Steakhouse
   Pete Contrevo

Diamond Dog Cleaning, LLC
   Greyson Fabiano

Combined Insurance
   Mark Peacock

Mattamy Homes Renaissance at West Villages
   Kathleen Dec

Mike Kennedy Painting, LLC
   Michael Kennedy
The North Port Area Chamber of Commerce is pleased to have these partners renew their annual investment in the community.

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Parents, solve the

“I’M BORED!”

problem this summer!

6 WEEKS
+ UNIFORM
+ TMAF T-SHIRT
FOR ONLY $99

Don’t sit around wondering what to do after school is out...

KICK IN THE SUMMER
WITH TAEKWONDO!

We bring fun, fitness, and friends together for the
best summer activity around. Just start your first
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Voted ‘Best Martial Arts Facility’
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941-626-7484
WWW.TOTALMAF.COM
14906 Tamiami Tr., North Port
(next to KFC/Taco Bell on US41)
Chamber Networking Breakfast

Location: The Old Town Restaurant
Address: 14415 Tamiami Trail
North Port

Day/Date/Time: Wednesday, June 7, 2017, 7:30am

**There is no cost to attend unless you wish to order breakfast off their delicious breakfast menu**
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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Business After Hours

Tuesday, June 13, 2017

Sponsored & Hosted by:

The Springs
At South Biscayne
6235 Hoffman St.
5:30 pm – 7:00 pm
Network @ Noon Luncheon

Quality Health Care Center

Thursday, June 15, 2017
6940 Outreach Way
11:30 am—1:00 pm

Chamber Members: $15.00 each / Non Chamber Members $20.00 each
Meal Choices:

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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Phone: (941) 564-3040 • Fax: (941) 423-5042

*** Registration Deadline: Tuesday, June 13, 2017 ***
The North Port Area Chamber of Commerce is conducting a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Achieva Credit Union being held at 2467 Sycamore Street, North Port.

**Thursday June 22, 2017 at 5:00pm**

Be sure to look for the Chamber Directional Signs.

Join us as we Celebrate and welcome Achieva to the North Port Area Chamber of Commerce.

Hors d’oeuvres, refreshments, wine & beer will be provided! LIVE MUSIC too! Hope to see you there!!!
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.
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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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   - 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: _______________________________________________________________
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Telephone/Email __________________________________________________________
Package Selection: 1 (__) 2 (__) 3 (__)
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Credit card (Visa/MasterCard)#: ___________________________________________
Exp Date: _______ CVV (3 #’s on Back of Card):__________________________
Check enclosed: Check #____________________________________ Cash:________ Invoice:________

Online payments accepted.
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Acupuncture Total Body Wellness Ribbon Cutting | Thursday, May 4, 2017
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Tank's Legacy
Dog & Cat Rescue

Tank’s Legacy Ribbon Cutting, Wednesday, May 10, 2017
First International Title Ribbon Cutting | Wednesday, May 17, 2017
ABWA Ribbon Cutting | Tuesday, May 25, 2017
ACCOLADES

“One of the valuable things I’ve found from being in the Chamber is good people to do business with. Lance (Venice Print Center) did my company logos. A sign company from Englewood Chamber does all my banners. David Roth I think is about to help me with a “real” sign for my Murdock location. These people are helping make my business better.”

Brian McVety,
Murdock Stones

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 w Gunnin@northportareachamber.com
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)
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Karol Bent, Administrative Assistant

The mission of the North Port Area Chamber of Commerce is to promote and encourage business prosperity through advocacy, engagement and cooperation.