

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS MAY/JUNE 2017

Thrivent Financial recognized for continued service

The Central Minnesota Habitat for Humanity (CMHFH) inducted Thrivent Financial to its Hall of Fame at the CMHFH Dream Builders Reception in January. Over the past 10 years, Thrivent Financial has awarded over \$2 million in grants to CMHFH, helping 24 families attain affordable housing. In 2017, Thrivent Financial is providing a \$66,000 grant to fund half of the 25th Thrivent Builds home in St. Cloud.

GSDC announces new board members

The Greater St. Cloud Development Corporation (GSDC) announced three new members to its board of directors: Mike Markman, Mid-NE Minnesota Region president, U.S. Bank; Joan Schatz, co-president, Park Industries; and Matt Varilek, president, Initiative Foundation.



Jurek named Driver of the Month

Minnesota Trucking Association (MTA) named Tim Jurek, Brenny Specialized, Inc., the March 2017 Driver of the Month. Jurek will be honored at the annual Driver of the Year Awards Banquet in January 2018 and featured in an upcoming issue of MTA's monthly magazine *Trucking Minnesota*.

Rejuv Medical recognized

Star Tribune named Rejuv Medical a 2016 Top Workplace. Top Workplaces recognizes the most progressive companies in Minnesota based on employee opinions measuring engagement, organizational health and satisfaction. Over 73,800 employees are surveyed from the state's public, private and nonprofit organizations every year to determine the Top Workplaces throughout the state.



Thieman promoted

Beth Thieman was promoted to director of operations at Granite Financial. Formerly client service coordinator, Thieman joined Granite Financial in 2014.

Gaslight Creative earns 15 American Advertising awards

Gaslight Creative took home 15 awards at the 2017 American Advertising Awards Show in February, hosted by the American Advertising Federation (AAF) of Central Minnesota. Among the 15 awards received, Gaslight Creative earned two Judge's Choice Awards.

BerganKDV hires

BerganKDV hired the following individuals:

- Drea Dalzell, payroll support specialist
- Abby Ertl, payroll procession specialist
- Jill Phillipp, HRIS specialist

Gartland named vice chair of MAC

The Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) named Patti Gartland, Greater St. Cloud Development Corporation, vice chair of the board of directors. Gartland was appointed commissioner on the MAC board in 2014 and is one of four greater Minnesota representatives.



Kramer recognized

James Kramer III, a financial advisor with Kramer Financial, was named a top LPL Financial advisor in 2017. He was also named to the 2017 Patriot's Club. Less than eight percent of LPL Financial's 14,000 advisors nationwide are presented with this award.

Coborn Cancer Center receives accreditation

Coborn Cancer Center received a three-year accreditation from the American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer. The Commission on Cancer also awarded Coborn Cancer Center an Outstanding Achievement Award, which recognizes cancer programs that strive for excellence in demonstrating compliance with the Commission. Coborn Cancer Center is the only cancer program in Minnesota to achieve this designation for four consecutive surveys.

Black named director at St. Cloud VA

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced the appointment of Stephen D. Black as the new director of the St. Cloud VA Health Care System. Black has over 18 years of healthcare experience, eight years specifically in the Veterans Health Administration. He most recently served as acting director of the Hampton VA Medical Center in Virginia.

Mathew Hall hires, promotes

Mathew Hall hired the following individuals:

- Kelli Bergen, manager of lighting and flooring department
- Tony Santa Lucia, controller for business administration
- Cecealia Schultz, designer, interiors department

The company also promoted the following people:

- Anna Hall Klaers, lead material estimators in contractor sales
- Calvin Fischer, general manager of the components division

Image Builders recognized

Image Builders earned a 2017 Pyramid Silver Award in the goodwill category sponsored by Promotional Products Association International (PPAI). Image Builders staff member Amber Crusier, trained advertising specialist, was recognized for the "Taste of Summer" themed gift package she created for a local manufacturing facility.



Peichel joins credit union

Ali Peichel joined the St. Cloud Federal Credit Union as the mortgage manager. In her position, Peichel is accountable for enhancing the member experience, as well as employee and organizational efficiencies in the mortgage channel. She will also analyze the product portfolio to identify opportunities for a more robust mortgage program.

Quinlivan & Hughes elects officers

St. Cloud attorney firm Quinlivan & Hughes has elected the following corporate officers for 2017: Dyan Ebert, chief executive officer; Steve Schwegman, chief financial officer; and Ron Brandenburg, secretary.

CentraCare welcomes radiation oncologists

Christopher Miller, MD, PhD and Kadir Mullings, MBBS, have joined the Coborn Cancer Center. Dr. Miller is a radiation oncologist with special interests in general radiation oncology, brachytherapy (prostate and GYN), radiosurgery and stereotactic body radiation therapy. Dr. Mullings' clinical interests include radiation oncology, radiosurgery, brain, spine, prostate and other genitourinary tumors.

Local companies highlighted in “Best of” list

Several Central Minnesota businesses made the list of the “100 Best Companies to Work For,” presented by *Minnesota Business* magazine. The “100 Best” were determined by the resulting scores of an anonymous online questionnaire filled out by the employees of each participating company that asked them to rate their companies in the areas of work environment, employee benefits, and overall employee happiness. This year’s list includes the Central Minnesota Credit Union, Conway Deuth & Schmiesing, DAYTA Marketing, Innovative Office Solutions, Schuler Shoes, and Stearns Bank.

Chamber’s CVB wins top award

The St. Cloud Area Chamber’s Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) won the “2016 Best Convention and Visitors Bureau” (25,000-80,000 population) from *Minnesota Meetings + Events* in April. The magazine polls its readers annually to find out what they consider the best places, people and things in Minnesota. The area’s central location, big-city amenities and small town feel were cited as reasons St. Cloud came out on top. The St. Cloud Area CVB took the honors over runners-up Roseville and St. Louis Park.

ProcessPro recognized

ProcessPro, a local mid-market ERP software solution company, was named one of the 10 Food and Beverage Entrepreneurs to Watch in 2017 by *Insights Success* Magazine. ProcessPro’s General Manager, Joe Blauert, was recognized for being a mission-driven successful pioneer and ‘Pursuer of Excellence’ in the food and beverage marketplace. The magazine cited Blauert’s continued focus on company growth and meeting the critical needs of clients for the company’s success.