



## **Nominated Single Slate Profiles for Election**

### **OFFICERS, BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Two-year term – January 30, 2021 – Annual Meeting 2023

#### **PRESIDENT: RICHARD CYPHERS**

Richard is completing his first two-year term as the Board President. He was elected as a National Council Delegate in January 2020 for a three-year term ending Annual Meeting 2023 and attended the virtual 55<sup>th</sup> National Council Session in October. He served as vice president from 2017-2019, as secretary from 2013-2017, as treasurer in 2017, and as a member-at-large from 2007-2013. He served as a National Council Delegate from 2017-2020 and attended the G.I.R.L. 2017 National Convention in Columbus, Ohio. Richard received the National Appreciation Pin in 2002. In 2015, Richard retired from his role as a Customer Service Retail Coordinator with Publix Super Markets, Inc. He began his business career with the largest employee owned grocery chain in the country more than 40 years prior and worked in a wide variety of positions. Richard has been a Sarasota resident for over 55 years. He volunteered and coached with the local youth bowling association and is a member of the Sarasota-Manatee County Bowling Hall of Fame, inducted for his many years of service. He was involved for four years with the Band Boosters for the Riverview HS Kiltie Band. Richard has been an active adult volunteer and registered member for three decades, along with his late wife, Lyndi, and their two daughters, all three of whom are lifetime members.

#### **VICE PRESIDENT: JULIANA MEEK**

Juliana is completing her second two-year term as the Secretary. She served as the first vice president from 2015-2017, and served as a member-at-large on the Board of Directors and the Board Development Committee from 2013-2015. Juliana, a Naples native, is director of Harmon-Meek Modern and owner of Harmon-Meek Gallery. As director of Harmon-Meek Modern, Juliana continues the Harmon-Meek Gallery's long history of bringing Fine Art to Naples, of loaning art exhibitions to museums across the country and growing Harmon-Meek Gallery's community engagement in promoting at-risk youth and children's art programs throughout Southwest Florida. Juliana's path took an interesting detour as a student when she decided to study computers and the law, gaining new perspectives and insights. With this unique combination of studies, the Central Intelligence Agency recruited Juliana to serve as an intelligence analyst. Her six years of service to the U.S. Intelligence Community also included joint duty positions with the Office of the Director of National Intelligence and the U.S. Department of State. Juliana was awarded three Exceptional Performance Awards for her work in intelligence analysis and was promoted three times to GS 14. Prior to joining the U.S. Intelligence Community, Juliana earned a Juris Doctor; a Master's of Science in Engineering Management; and a Bachelor's of Science in Business. Juliana's civic dedication began at an early age through involvement with the Girls Scouts of Gulfcoast Florida culminating in earning the Girl Scout Gold Award. Through her community involvement as a young adult she earned the Gold Congressional Award Medal. Today her civic involvement continues as a supporter for several local nonprofits. She was selected to serve on the Emerging Leadership Council with

the Naples Chamber of Commerce 2016-2018. Juliana is also a leader in National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, a civic organization promoting patriotism, education and historic preservation.

#### **SECRETARY: ASHLEY HARRIS**

Ashley is completing her second two-year term as a member-at-large. She was elected as a National Council Delegate in January 2020 for a three-year term ending Annual Meeting 2023 and attended virtual 55<sup>th</sup> National Council Session in October. Ashley has been an English teacher at Sarasota High School since 2016 and is a Key Club Advisor. Prior to this position, she was an English teacher at Booker High School for a decade, and served as the Key Club Advisor. Ashley's volunteer leadership positions include the Sarasota Junior League and Delta Kappa Gamma. She has prepared numerous grants that were successfully awarded from education and community foundations, and was recognized as a PALS volunteer of the year. Ashley is a Gulfcoast Council Girl Scout alum and passionate girl and youth advocate.

#### **TREASURER: KAREN HUEBNER**

Karen is completing her first term as the Vice President. She served as a member-at-large from 2017-2018, and as the treasurer in 2018-2019 to complete an unexpired term vacancy. Karen has served as a member of the Finance Committee since 2015, including committee chair in 2017. She is recently retired as the owner of a bookkeeping solutions company serving the unique needs of small businesses for more than a decade in Venice. Her company was recognized by the Venice Area Chamber of Commerce as the Small Business of the Year 2013. She served as the Board President of the United Way South Sarasota County from 2013-15, and as a member-at-large from 2010-2013. Karen has served as the education and business development chair for the Venice Area Chamber of Commerce. Her volunteer leadership accomplishments have been recognized by the United Way of South Sarasota County - Volunteer of the Year 2012-13 and Board President Special Recognition 2015. She served on the board for the Friends on the Venice Library in 2018 and several of their committees. Karen is a Girl Scout alum.

#### **MEMBERS-AT-LARGE, BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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#### **SHARON PRESTON-FOLTA**

Sharon is completing her second two-year term as a member at large. Sharon is a Senior Account Executive for WUSF Public Media. Her career in advertising sales and marketing was predominantly at broadcasting companies such as Fairchild Publications, ABC/Disney, CBS Radio and Emmis Communications. She earned a B.A. in Communication Arts at Iona College. Sharon penned her memoir, "Little Satchmo Living in the Shadow of my Father, Louis Daniel Armstrong," about her life growing up as the daughter of Lucille 'Sweets' Preston and the famous entertainer and father of Jazz. Her love of cooking led her to attend the Institute of Culinary Education, studying nights and weekends, where she earned two professional degrees – Culinary and Culinary Management. Sharon is a Girl Scout alum.

#### **DEVANEY IGLESIAS**

Devaney is the area external affairs manager for Florida Power & Light Company (FPL). She is responsible for supporting local communities in FPL's West Coast service territory through development projects, program coordination and storm/emergency operations. Prior to her current role, Devaney worked for FPL's marketing and communications department, where she supported public affairs initiatives with a heavy focus on solar energy and battery projects across the state of Florida. Her responsibilities included event management, internal/external

communications and serving as a media spokesperson. Devaney holds a bachelor's in public relations from the University of Florida and a master's in communications from Marshall University. She and her husband are Florida natives and have two young children.

### **LAUREN JOHNSTON**

Lauren is completing her first two-year term as a member-at-large. She is a retired health care executive. After a career spanning nearly 40 years in positions ranging from staff nurse in the emergency department to the System Chief Nurse Executive of the largest public hospital system in the United States, she opened her own consulting firm and left the daily grind. Lauren moved to Naples in the beginning of 2017 and immediately immersed herself in various volunteer organizations including the Greater Naples Leadership, Board of Directors LiveOnNY, the Conservancy of South West Florida, Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve, and Track to Trail Thoroughbred Rescue. Growing up in Connecticut, Lauren was a Girl Scout Brownie, Junior and Cadette. Nursing remains an overwhelmingly female profession, and Lauren has been a passionate mentor to countless young women, continuing the lessons learned as a Girl Scout.

### **CHRISTINA OTTMAN**

Tina is completing her first two-year term as the Treasurer. She served as a member-at-large from 2016-2019. Tina served as a National Council Delegate from 2017-2020 and attended the G.I.R.L. 2017 National Convention in Columbus, Ohio. Tina is a Professor of Biology at Florida SouthWestern State College in Naples. She is a native south Floridian born and raised in Coral Gables, Florida. She was a Girl Scout with the Tropical Council and loved attending Camp Winding Creek in Sebring, Florida in the summer. Tina graduated from the University of Miami with a degree in graphic design and was a creative director in advertising for 10 years, during which time she married and had two beautiful daughters, Sarah and Jennifer. Tina graduated from FAU in 1991 with a Master's degree in biology. During her 17-year career as a high school science/art teacher in Broward County, she became a troop leader with the Misimaka Service Unit and started her daughters in Daisies. She kept the same troop of girls through their senior year of high school and now considers them all members of her family. A teaching position at the NSU University School came with free tuition to NSU, so she returned to school at night to work towards a Ph.D. in microbial ecology. Upon completing her research, she accepted a position as the Research Coordinator at the Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve in Naples in 2007. She established a formal partnership between Rookery Bay and Edison State College (now FSW) to involve students in research mentorships within the Reserve. In 2009, she accepted the position as a biology professor with the college where she continues to love teaching.

### **ANGELA SMITH**

Angela is completing her second two-year term as a member-at-large. Angela is the Vice President Commercial Lines for AI Purmort Insurance in Sarasota. With extensive experience in risk management and business development, she is responsible for overseeing the commercial lines team in their efforts to manage key accounts and drive new business sales. Angela has attended University of Houston in Houston, Texas, the PIPI Finance School in Eugene, Oregon and the Scottsdale Culinary Institute where she earned an Associate's Degree in Culinary Arts. She is an advocate for youth and female leadership.