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Vince Bonvento, assistant county administrator

Since 1971, Bonvento has served Palm Beach County as an accountant, then as the deputy county administrator, and now as an assistant county administrator and director of the Public Safety Department.

During his career with Palm Beach County, he has been involved with numerous professional organizations and has served on the board of directors of the Comprehensive

Alcohol Rehabilitation Programs Inc. (CARP) for more than 30 years. He also was a founding board member of the Lord's Place board of directors and a member of the United Way board of directors, and, in 2003-04, volunteered to serve as the chairman for the county-wide United Way Campaign.

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HERALDED AT THE HELM

Leadership Palm Beach County recognizes its distinguished alumni

Leadership Palm Beach County's Leadership Excellence Awards were launched in 2005. They recognize exceptional Leadership program graduates who have made notable contributions to Palm Beach County and who possess the qualities of integrity, compassion, credibility, passion, risk-taking, fairness, empowerment and humility.

This year's awards will be presented Thursday at the West Palm Beach Marriott.

Here are the five finalists:

Barbara Cheives, Converge & Associates Consulting

Cheives is president of Converge & Associates Consulting, which specializes in race and ethnic relations consulting, community engagement and cultural competency training.

Cheives served on the West Palm Beach Mayor's Transition Team chairing Neighborhood Improvement and Community Outreach. In this effort she traveled throughout West Palm Beach conducting listening sessions.

As the immediate past chair of the Palm Beach County Criminal Justice Commission, Cheives was involved in its re-entry efforts for felons.

She serves as co-chair of the Social Justice Ministry of Tabernacle Mission-

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Dari Bowman, civic activist

Bowman's community service reaches back many years. Among the highlights:

In 1987, Bowman co-founded the Law Enforcement Assistance Foundation. It began when sheriff's deputy Mark Bohne was shot in the line of duty. His wife quit her job to help care for him and their children.

When approached by a deputy to provide some help with the expenses, a benefit barbecue to raise funds was held and LEAF was formed. LEAF assists the families of any law enforcement officer seriously injured in the line of duty in Palm Beach County.

Bowman is credit-

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Patrick J. McNamara, Community Partnership Group

McNamara joined Community Partnership Group in 1999.

Originally hired as the director of supportive housing, his responsibilities grew with the organization and he became the CEO in 2007. As president and CEO, he directs two member nonprofits: Housing Partnership and the Parent-Child Center.

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Joseph B. 'Jay' Shearouse III, First Bank of the Palm Beaches

Shearouse is president and chief executive officer of First Bank of the Palm Beaches.

Previously, he served for two years as president of National City Bank for Southeast Florida, and before that, he was executive vice president for Fidelity Federal Bank & Trust, where he had worked for more than 28 years.

As a third-generation Floridian, Shearouse serves as chairman of the board of directors for the United Way of Palm Beach County, as a member of the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce of the Palm Beaches, the board of directors of the Boys & Girls Clubs of

Palm Beach County, and the board of directors of Palm Healthcare Foundation.

His volunteer leadership positions have focused on the areas that Shearouse believes create the most meaningful impact in our communities: children, families and health care. "Those things that can make or break an individual or a family," Shearouse said.

In the banking industry, Shearouse has served at the state level on the board of directors of the Florida Bankers Association and at the national level on the board of

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WHO'S WHO IN LOCAL BUSINESS

NEWSMAKERS



Ponzoli Jr.

LEGAL

Ronald P. Ponzoli Jr., a shareholder with the law firm of Richman Greer P.A. in West Palm Beach, has been elected to the Florida Bar Board of Governors representing the 15th Judicial Circuit for a two-year term starting July 1, 2013.

MEDICAL

Barry Newman has been appointed chief technology officer of Florida-based DentalPlans.com. Newman brings 20 years of experience to the job and will be responsible for transforming the communication processes to enhance the consumers' experience on DentalPlans.com.

NONPROFITS

The Executive Women of the Palm Beaches has selected the following women executives for its 2013 Women In Leadership Awards: In the public sector: Anne M. Gannon is the county's tax collector, the first woman to hold that job in Palm Beach County.

Jane Kreusler-Walsh has been honored in the private sector. Walsh and her firm, Kreusler-Walsh, Compiani & Vargas P.A., specialize in civil appeals and litigation support in state and federal courts.

In the volunteer section, Michele Poole is owner and chief financial officer of North Ridge Electric Inc. Poole is an active volunteer leader and has been recognized many times for her efforts.

Jillian C. Vukusich has been promoted to vice president of community investment at the Community Foundation for Palm Beach and Martin Counties. Vukusich joined the foundation in 2006 and will continue to work closely with the Foundation's donor services staff to align and cultivate interest among current and prospective donors with opportunities for giving.

Tamera Pompea has joined The Center for Family Services' board of directors. Pompea strives to help make a positive impact on the well-being of children and families. She supports the Jerome Golden Center for Behavioral Health in West Palm Beach, the University of New Haven and the Springfield Falcons Charitable Foundation.



Gannon



Kreusler-Walsh



Poole



Vukusich



Pompea

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MOVING UP



Broidy

Barbra Broidy Distinction: Curator and assistant to the director of the Lighthouse ArtCenter Place of business: Tequesta

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