

# Business briefs: Norman Love creates cookie kit

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Award-winning pastry chef, Norman Love of Norman Love Confections, has created a new cookie kit for gourmet baking at home: Stir, Bake, LOVE.

There are four gourmet cookie kits: Chocolate Chip Cookie, featuring crisp edges, soft buttery center, and semisweet chocolate chunks mixed throughout; Double Chocolate Chunk Cookie, with milk and dark chocolates mixed together to create a chocolaty cookie loaded with pecans; Oatmeal Raisin Chip Cookie, featuring sweet raisins, chocolate chips and a hint of cinnamon; and Mint Sugar Cookie, a buttery sugar cookie studded with colorful mint chips.

Each package of Stir, Bake, LOVE contains all the ingredients needed to make the cookies. Simply add an egg and butter and bake as directed. Each batch yields 14 cookies, freshly baked in 20 minutes or less. The cookie kits sell for \$18 and are available online at [normanloveconfections.com](http://normanloveconfections.com) and in Norman Love

Confections' chocolate salons in Fort Myers, Estero and Naples.

## Women in Business meeting set

The Greater Fort Myers Chamber of Commerce Women in Business will host its December networking meeting from 4 to 6 p.m. on Wednesday at the Uncommon Friends Foundation, Burroughs Home, 2505 First Street.

The WIB committee will be collecting various toiletries for its three nonprofit spotlights: Our Mother's Home of Southwest Florida, Guardian Ad Litem Foundation-Voices for Kids of SWFL and Ronald McDonald House Charities SW Florida. Items to be collected include, but are not limited to: shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant and soap.

All business professionals are invited to attend. Admission is \$10 for Greater Fort Myers Chamber of Commerce members and \$20 for future GFMCC members, and includes appetizers and cash bar. To register, call 239-332-3624 or visit [fortmyers.org](http://www.fortmyers.org) (<http://www.fortmyers.org/>).

## 'Merry Mixer' on Thursday

The Florida Public Relations Association Southwest Florida Chapter will celebrate the holiday season with its sixth annual Merry Mixer from 5:30 to 8 p.m. on Thursday at Six Bends Harley-Davidson, 9501 Thunder Road in Fort Myers. Registration is encouraged and admission is \$20 per person, \$15 for students.

Members and nonmembers are invited to bring guests, clients and spouses to mingle with other public relations professionals and friends while enjoying great food, cocktails, music, PR Bingo, and plenty of prizes. Each attendee will receive a free Bingo card to play and can purchase additional cards for \$5 each.

Donations of PR Bingo prizes are requested. All proceeds from PR Bingo will support student engagement, scholarship opportunities and professional development within the FPRA Southwest Florida Chapter. If you'd like to donate an item for PR Bingo, please contact Lisa at 221-2858 or [lisa@getpushing.com](mailto:lisa@getpushing.com).

For more information, call Mike at 677-7600 or [mj@jacksonpr.com](mailto:mj@jacksonpr.com).

## Newsmakers

### Scott joins Knott Ebelini Hart

Kristie A. Scott has joined the Fort Myers law firm of Knott Ebelini Hart as an associate. She will concentrate her practice in the areas of business and civil law.

Prior to joining Knott Ebelini Hart, Scott practiced business litigation law for a national law firm specializing in community association law. She also previously worked in the investment and insurance industries primarily assisting high net worth individuals.

Scott received her undergraduate degree from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte and her law degree, cum laude, from the Charlotte School of Law.

#### **D'Antuono joins TD Bank**



**Gianni D'Antuono** (Photo: Special to news-press.com)

TD Bank has named Gianni D'Antuono vice president, relationship manager in commercial lending in Naples.

D'Antuono, a Naples resident, previously worked as a business banker at First Citizens in Naples. Originally from Italy, he grew up in Germany where he graduated from Frankfurt University in 1993 with a degree in Business Administration before emigrating to the U.S. in 1995.

#### **Brown new marketing director**



**Brown** (Photo: Kevin Wimpy)

Fiber Solutions, a Fort Myers, Florida-based technology contractor, has hired James Brown as regional managing director to help coordinate regional and national expansion.

Brown previously served as CEO of Dowley Security Systems, a leading provider of electronic security solutions for customers across the Southeast and around the world. Prior to that, Brown was President for South Central Sound, an award-winning, multimedia services provider. He has served as Regional Director of an \$85 million industrial manufacturing outfit in New Orleans and a Senior Shareholder and SE Regional President of NetVersant Solutions.

A 1982 graduate of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, Brown served for 12 years as an active duty officer. He holds an MBA from the University of Washington and a master's degree in civil engineering from the University of Illinois.

Fiber Solutions specializes in the design, installation, certification, maintenance, and support of state-of-the-art systems for all data, voice, and video networking needs. The company currently has offices in Fort Myers and Sarasota, Florida, and Atlanta, Georgia.

#### **Lepley completes leadership**



**Sandy Lepley** (Photo: Special to news-press.com)

Sandra (Sandy) Justice Lepley, a broker-associate at Century 21 Tri Power Realty, Inc., successfully completed the 2015 Leadership Academy of the Realtor Association of Greater Fort Myers and Beaches. She was one of 11 Realtors who completed the intensive program this year and also just finished her second year of service on the Realtor Association's Knowledge Services Committee, which is charged with planning and evaluating local realtors' education.

Lepley started with King Symonds Realty, Inc. in Fort Myers in 1998. She handles residential, investment, and commercial properties, and has focused mainly on Ft Myers Beach real estate since 2003, when she joined Century 21. She can be reached at 239-463-4484.

#### **Mullin joins Stickboy Creative**

Stickboy Creative, a Fort Myers-based web/mobile application development firm, recently added Kevin Mullin as senior software engineer. Mullin's past experience includes visual effects work for James Cameron's Avatar, simulation support at Lockheed Martin and most recently, projects at Sony Computer Entertainment of America, including the popular games "Killzone" and "Uncharted."

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