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Smalley

The Ann Arbor office of Real Estate One announced the addition of six sales associates: **Tina Smalley** is a resident of Ypsilanti Township and has been trained in corporate relocation while **Denise McMurray** recently relocated from Tennessee and also lives in Ypsilanti Township. **Pander Kimbrough** with a Master's Degree in Guidance & Counseling transitioned from a career in Academic Advising to real estate sales.

**Carolyn Chandler Roopas** has rejoined the Ann Arbor office. **Louis Johnson** has a real estate law background and specializes in raw land development and new construction. **Linda Schaner** is an Associate Broker, holds ABR and CRS designations and works with first time homebuyers. □



Schaner

**DesignHub, Inc.** a Saline-based creative services and marketing firm, recently celebrated the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its founding. In 1999, DesignHub's co-founders Karen Ragland, business manager and account executive and Ted Chesky, creative director and chief graphic designer, moved into the company's original offices at Bennett Street in Saline.

Chris Kochmanski, marketing strategist, copywriter, and account executive, joined Ragland and Chesky as a co-owner and partner in 2002. Additional on-staff and freelance professional's help the firm create websites, brochures, catalogs, newsletters, advertising, publicity, direct mail, and trade show displays for their clients in Southeast Michigan. In September 2006, DesignHub moved to its present location in the historic Hoyt-Ford offices on Michigan Ave on the banks of the Saline River across from Weller's. □



Kimbrough



Roopas



Johnson

**Francesca (Cesca) Giarrappa** announced the start of Casa Di Cesca to offer classes in learning the art and joy of southern Italian food. Giarrappa spent 20 years in Ann Arbor working for such restaurants as the Old German, Metzger's and Red Hawk. She was born and raised in Naples, Italy, where her aunt ran a famous restaurant in Milan. Since 2003, Francesca has been teaching Italian cooking in people's homes, for Ann Arbor Rec & Ed, as well

as for Washtenaw Community College. Recently, she also began teaching classes at Hollander's in Kerrytown. □

**Congressman Thaddeus McCotter** (R-Livonia) and **State Representative Brian Calley** (R-Portland) were selected to receive the 2009 Economic Impact Award from the Michigan Bankers Association (MBA).

The Economic Impact Award recognizes public officials for their outstanding leadership on matters of public policy that support and encourage a vibrant Michigan economy.

Congressman McCotter is known for his efforts on preserving and promoting manufacturing and small businesses. He has supported winning the War for Freedom and increasing homeland security, fought to reduce taxes and the size and scope of government.

Rep. Calley spent a decade as a community banker, assisted hundreds of small businesses and has an in-depth understanding of the challenges that face small businesses in Michigan.

The awards were presented during the MBA's Bank Management and Directors Conference in early December in Grand Rapids. □



Gross

**Douglas B. Gross**, CFP®, Raymond James Financial Services, Inc., a Financial Advisor in Saline, has been named to the firm's 2010 Leaders Council in recognition of providing outstanding guidance and service to the investing public and exemplary professional growth.

Leaders Council honors are presented only to those financial advisors who demonstrate an extraordinary level of commitment to clients through personal service and professional integrity.

Gross, who joined Raymond James in 1996, has more than 15

years of financial and investment experience. Raymond James Financial Services is a national investment firm providing financial services to individuals, corporations and municipalities through more than 3,200 financial advisors in 2,000 offices throughout the United States. □

Steve Larkin, vice president of business development and chief marketing officer for Hospice of Michigan, announced the expansion of his statewide marketing team with the promotion of **Peggy O'Hare Vance** to statewide marketing manager, and the addition of two marketing representatives for Southeast Michigan. **Oren Jackson** has joined Hospice of Michigan as the marketing representative for the Greater Detroit/Wayne County area, and **Natalie Rosenfield** joins Hospice of Michigan as the marketing representative for the Oakland County area, replacing O'Hare Vance.

Before her promotion, O'Hare Vance had been marketing representative for Oakland County for three years, where she created awareness for Hospice of Michigan's services among health care professionals. In her new role, she will work closely with the organizations 11 marketing representatives, located across the state, to promote and create awareness for Hospice of Michigan's services.

Oren Jackson joins Hospice of Michigan as the marketing representative for the Greater Detroit and Wayne County area. Jackson brings more than eight years of hospice marketing experience to the position.

Natalie Rosenfield was named marketing representative for Oakland County. Before joining Hospice of Michigan, she was the executive director of American House, a senior living residence.

Hospice of Michigan is a non-profit organization, providing comprehensive comfort care to people living with terminal illnesses, and support to their families. □

**The Habitat Company LLC**, recently was honored at the Property Management Association of Michigan's (PMAM) 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Great Lakes Area Star (GLAStar) Awards.

The GLAStar Awards recognize excellence in the Michigan multi-family housing industry. This is the 8<sup>th</sup> year that Habitat has earned multiple GLAStar Awards.

The Habitat Company, a full-service, multi-family real estate company that manages major properties nationwide, including in Ann Arbor and Detroit, won the following GLAStar Awards: Best Leasing Office – Lake Village of Ann Arbor; Best Overall STAR Community – Lake Village of Ann Arbor; Best Decorated Model – Windemere Park; Best Curb Appeal – Windemere Park; Best Assistant Manager for a Community of more than 451 units – Windemere Park's Juliet Harvey and Best Assistant Manager for a Community of more than 450 units – The Pavilion's Cathy Munoz.

Founded in 1971, The Habitat Company LLC is a full-service real estate company, committed to the highest standards in management, service and development. □

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Morris

Fingerle Lumber Co. of Ann Arbor has hired **Michael Morris** as a sales representative. Morris was previously a sales representative with Great Lakes Gypsum & Supply in Livonia.

Founded in 1931, Fingerle Lumber Co. offers one of the region's largest selections of lumber and related building materials. □



Charles

The Thomas M. Cooley Law School announced that Assistant Professor **Bradley J. Charles** will join the faculty of Cooley's Ann Arbor campus to teach legal research and writing. Charles has been an assistant professor and visiting professor at Cooley's Grand Rapids campus since 2007.

Charles was recently named a member of the *Black's Law Dictionary* Panel of Contributors for the 9<sup>th</sup> edition of the publication. He previously served as a judicial law clerk for the 21<sup>st</sup> Circuit Court in Isabella County, Michigan before joining Cooley. He earned a bachelor of arts in international law from Brigham Young University and holds a juris doctor from Cooley Law School.

Cooley Law School was founded in 1972. The private, non-profit law school operates J.D. programs across Michigan in Lansing, Auburn Hills, Grand Rapids and Ann Arbor.

Ann Arbor attorney Richard W. Pierce, principal of Richard W. Pierce, P.C., was named one of the 20 most prominent immigration lawyers in southeast Michigan in the November/December edition of *dbusiness magazine*. Pierce was the only attorney in Washtenaw County to receive such recognition.

He has been concentrating in business and family immigration and nationality law for over 25 years. Pierce is a Past President of the Washtenaw County Bar Association and Past Chairman of a number of committees of the Michigan Chapter of the American Immigration Lawyers Association. □



Weng

Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione, one of the largest intellectual property law firms in the United States, announced that attorney **Li-Hua Weng** has joined the firm's Ann Arbor office.

Before joining Brinks, Weng was an associate attorney in the Troy office of law firm Harness Dickey & Pierce. She focuses her practice on preparation and prosecution of U.S. and foreign patent applications in the mechanical and automobile control fields and preparation of clearance/freedom-to-practice opinions. Weng is a Registered Patent Attorney with the United States Patent and Trademark Office and is a member of the American Bar Association, the State Bar of Michigan and the Illinois State Bar Association. She is fluent in Mandarin Chinese. □



Phillips

**Cheryl Phillips** has been promoted to senior regional vice president by PartyLite, the world's largest direct seller of home ambiance products, including candles, candle accessories and spa and home fragrance products.

An independent PartyLite consultant for more than 20 years, Phillips was promoted to senior regional vice president, the highest level of sales. More than 60,000 people in 15 countries sell PartyLite candles and accessories through home parties. More than 12 million people attend PartyLite parties around the world every year. □



North

Scottrade, a leading branch-supported online investing firm, promoted **Matthew North** to manage its Ann Arbor Branch office on South Main in the Woodlands Plaza Shopping Center.

North has nearly 10 years of experience in the financial services industry. Prior to his promotion, he served as stockbroker in Scottrade's Okemos branch office.

Scottrade is an online investing firm that provides tools and research to help people make their own investment decisions. As branch manager, North is responsible for managing personnel, providing personal and customer service and educating customers about Scottrade's services. □



Mattson

**Ann E. Mattson**, recently retired 15<sup>th</sup> District Court Judge, has been elected to the office of President of the Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor, 2009-10.

Mattson has been a member of the club for nearly 20 years and is a past board member and committee chair. She is only the second member of the judiciary and the third female to hold the leadership post in the Ann Arbor club. Women were included in Kiwanis membership in 1987.

As club president she has the ultimate responsibility of leading the club of 160 members, assuring that the weekly Thrift Sale operates efficiently and she monitors the community for needs where the club could be helpful.

The Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor is third behind the Washtenaw United Way and the Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation in annual dollars allocated to support the community's non-profit agencies.

The other club officers and new board members for 2009-10 are: Fred C. King, secretary; Clifford G. Sheldon was reelected as Treasurer; and Ronald D. Gardner is the vice-president. New board members are John R. Bassett, Jerry M. Brown, Elizabeth (Betsy) Ford, Robert H. Gray and Lawrence J. Hill.

The club, chartered in 1921, meets weekly on Monday at noon at the Kiwanis Activities Center. □



Wamsley

**Thomas F. Wamsley, Jr.**, will join the University of Michigan School of Information as Director of Development and Alumni Relations, Dean Martha E. Pollack has announced. An experienced development professional with six years in higher education fundraising, Wamsley most recently was Director of Development for the Raj Sooin College of Business at Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio.

Prior to joining Wright State, Wamsley had been vice president of institutional advancement at Antioch College in Yellow Springs, Ohio and Director of Development, East Coast Region, for the University of Dayton.

The University of Michigan School of Information educates leaders for the information age, offering professional Master of Science degrees in nine specializations, including human-computer interaction, social computing, archiving and data management, and library and information services. □

Effective January 1, 2010 three Associates from RE/MAX Platinum in Brighton will each serve a one-year term on the Board of the Livingston County Association of REALTORS®. The Associates were elected to all three executive positions on the Board: President, **Kevin Gerkin**; President Elect, **Carl Vagnetti**; and Secretary/Treasurer, **Tim Sova**.

RE/MAX Platinum is a franchise of RE/MAX of Michigan and has offices located in Ann Arbor, Brighton, Fenton, and Hartland. Dan Callan and Will Steinmetz are also Broker/Owners for the organization. □

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Powell

Ann Arbor office. Gilbert-Smith comes to Reinhart with 12 years experience in new homes and condominium sales, representing 7 new neighborhoods in Saline, Chelsea and Ann Arbor. Most recently she was New Home Sales Manager for Wineman and Komer Building Company. She also holds the Certified New Home Sales Professional and Master Certified New Home Sales Professional designations.



Gilbert-Smith

Jarzembowski brings over 28 years of real estate experience to Reinhart, previously with Real Estate One. Schwartz, previously with Real Estate One, comes to Reinhart with over seven years of real estate experience. She also holds the e-Pro designation.

The Charles Reinhart Company also announced that 41 sales associates have achieved membership in the company's Presidents Club in 2009. David Lutton, Reinhart's broker/owner, made the announcement.

The Charles Reinhart Company was founded in Ann Arbor in 1971 and has over 160 sales associates in seven offices. □



Jarzembowski

Hile Design LLC announced the addition of **Bob Moulton**, to the position of Director of Account Management and Online Media. Moulton has over 15 years of account and project management experience for Fortune 500 companies. He has administered the strategy and architecture of websites and technology projects. He has also handled customized content management systems and social media campaigns for international auto industry clients and eCommerce clients and technology leaders.

Hile Design is an Ann Arbor advertising and graphic design company that has been serving small businesses to large corporations for 25 years. □

The GLAStar Awards Gala (Great Lakes Area Star Awards) honored excellence in the multifamily housing industry and winners were presented with PMAM (The Property Management Association of Michigan) GLAStar awards in 75 categories.

The **McKinley** winners

included: Golfside Lake Apartments for Best Brochure; Best Overall Marketing Theme went to the Eastern Region for "March Madness"; Best Curb Appeal was awarded to Schooner Cove; Outstanding Groundskeeper went to Derrick McDougald of Golfside Lake Apartments; Outstanding Leasing Consultant of the Year was awarded to Michelle Miranda and the Outstanding Maintenance Person of the Year was awarded to Ken Gronda of The Villas. The Manager of the Year award was given to Terri Leirstein of Golfside Lake Apartments.

McKinley, founded in 1968, is a national real estate investment firm that owns and operates \$2.4 million in assets in 139 properties for its own accounts and for select clientele. □

Stout Systems announced it has hired **Lisa Pollard** as a Software Quality Assurance Consultant. Pollard has a career in software testing. She is now working with one of Stout's major customers doing QA on their medical imaging software products.

Stout also announced it is a Gold Sponsor of the CodeMash software developers conference held recently in Ohio. This is the fourth year Stout has sponsored this conference.

Stout Systems is an Ann Arbor-based software consulting and staffing company founded in 1993. □

**Architectural Resource LLC**, an Ann Arbor architectural design firm, was honored at the national Remodeling Show 2009 Qualified Remodeler Master Design Awards, receiving design awards in seven different categories. This marks the second year in a row that Architectural Resource was the single most recognized firm at this prestigious design competition.

The awards included two Gold awards; one for Michigan's first USGBC LEED for Homes Platinum level remodel in the "Green Remodeling" category; and one for an innovative bathroom remodel from the same home. This LEED Platinum home was also recognized with a first ever Judges Vision Award.

Architectural Resource was also presented with two Silver

awards. One in the "Kitchen Remodel \$50K-\$100K" for a Not-So-Big® inspired addition and kitchen remodel, and one in the "Residential Specialty" category for a unique stair made from recycled 2x floor joists and hammered iron in the LEED Platinum home. Additionally, they received a Bronze award in the "Whole House \$200K-\$500K" category and an Honorable Mention in the "Residential Specialty" category for a unique piece of custom furniture design using recycled 18-year-old oaken beams salvaged during demolition for the project.

Architectural Resource, headed by Michael Klement, AIA, NCARB, is a full-service, Ann Arbor-based architectural design firm specializing exclusively in residential design. □

the State Bar of Michigan's (SBM) Character and Fitness Committees throughout the state.

Associate Dean **Joan Vestrand**, head of Cooley's Ann Arbor campus, will serve as an advisory member of the SBM's statewide Standing Committee on Character and Fitness through September 2010.

Professional **Nancy Wonch** has been appointed to serve as Chair of the District E SBM Character and Fitness Committee. She will serve a two-year term beginning in January 2010.

**Cynthia Ward**, assistant dean of students and associate professor, has been reappointed to serve with Wonch as a member of the District E SBM Character and Fitness Committee. She will serve a two-year term beginning in January 2010.

Additionally, Professor Patrick Corbett and Associate Dean Amy Timmer currently serve on the District E Character and Fitness Committee. Martha Moore, assistant dean of Cooley's Auburn Hills campus, currently serves on the District I Character and Fitness Committee.

In Michigan, in addition to completing law school and passing the bar examination, individuals who wish to practice law must prove to the SBM that they possess the requisite character and fitness to practice law by submitting an application. SBM staff review the application and investigate the applicant, and then approve the applicant or recommend further review by a District Character and Fitness Committee, often for issues like criminal offenses, credit issues, mental health issues or ethical issues. □



Vestrand



Wonch



Ward

The Thomas M. Cooley Law School announced that the dean of its Ann Arbor campus and faculty members from its Lansing campus have been appointed to serve on

The Charles Reinhart Company, Realtors welcomed four agents to its Ann Arbor Office. Reinhart's West Ann Arbor office welcomed **Tim Powell** holds a Certified New Home Marketing Professional, is a Certified New Home Sales Professional, and Master Certified New Home Sales Professional designations and has over 20 years of experience in real estate sales.

**Janet Gilbert-Smith, Rick Jarzembowski, and Lynda Schwartz** join Reinhart's East