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Realize Bradenton Announces New Board Members & Officers

Completing its fourth year of operation, Realize Bradenton, a nonprofit that builds community and economic development, continues to strengthen its board leadership.

(Bradenton, FL) Realize Bradenton, Inc. has announced the addition of three new members to its thirteen-member Board of Directors, and the confirmation of three Board Officers.

Elected to three-year board positions with Realize Bradenton this month are Kim Dalglish, Melodie Rich and Dennis Zink. In addition, three officers were confirmed to the board: Dr. Judith Sedgeman, Chair; Bridget Halliburton, Vice Chair; and William Webster, Treasurer. The Board of Directors takes action on critical issues and opportunities from a mission-based perspective.

“We welcome these three outstanding board members,” stated Dr. Judith Sedgeman, Chair of the Realize Bradenton board. “Each board member has close ties to the community. Their diverse backgrounds make them true assets to Realize Bradenton.”

Kim Dalglish is the Vice President of Membership Development and Services for the Manatee Chamber of Commerce where she oversees the recruitment, retention and service to more than two-thousand Chamber members. After a successful 18-year career in the newspaper business, she now utilizes her experience as vice president for Tampa Bay’s largest Chamber. She relocated to Bradenton in 1999 to join the Bradenton Herald and served as their Marketing Director for nine years.

Ms. Dalglish is highly involved in the community and is currently serving on the Board of Directors for PACE Center for Girls and the Manatee River Fair Association. She is a founding member of Manatee Young Professionals and previous board member for several local nonprofit organizations, including: Women’s Resource Center of Manatee, American Cancer Society, American Red Cross, Just For Girls, United Community Centers and Florida Gulf Coast Sports Commission.

Ms. Dalglish earned her undergraduate degree in Accounting from Texas Tech University and her Master's Degree in Marketing from Texas Christian University.

Melodie Rich is a Director with Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC and has more than 20 years of experience in providing a wide range of both individual and business tax services. Ms. Rich specializes in estate planning, including income tax planning for trusts and estates.

A Manatee County native, Ms. Rich is a strong supporter of the community. She serves many organizations, including the Southwest Florida Planned Giving Council and the Florida Bar's 12th District Grievance Committee. She is also a board member for the United Way of Manatee County, past President and current member of the Estate Planning Council of Manatee County, past Treasurer of Children's Guardian Fund and the Literacy Council of Sarasota. She is also a member of the Southwest Florida Estate Planning Council, FICPA, and the AICPA.

Ms. Rich received her Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from the University of Central Florida and received her CPA license from the State of Florida in 1994. She is also a Leadership Sarasota graduate from The Greater Sarasota Chamber of Commerce.

Dennis Zink is a successful entrepreneur specializing in expanding sales channels, creative marketing and strategic planning. Mr. Zink is a developer and a facilitator of the CEO Roundtable program for the Manatee Chamber of Commerce. He is also the creator and organizer of the Monthly Meetup Group for Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE), which launched in November of 2013. Originally from Flushing, New York, he moved to Tampa in 1980, then to Bradenton in June of 2012.

Mr. Zink is the Manasota SCORE chapter Chair and is a certified mentor. He is the small business columnist for the Herald Tribune Media Group and writes the "Business SCORE Card" in the Monday Business Weekly section of the Herald Tribune. As the creator, producer and host of SCORE's episodic business podcast series, "Been There, Done That!" he interviews business leaders on varied business topics.

Dennis received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology/Sociology from Long Island University.

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