

Suncoast Communities Blood Bank

A Not-For-Profit Community-Supported Blood Bank

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New Directors Join Blood Bank Board

Sarasota-Suncoast Communities Blood Bank (SCBB) announces the appointment of five new directors who will each serve a three year term on its board. The incoming directors were welcomed at SCBB's annual board meeting on October 25th following the installation of the 2007/2008 slate of officers.

The new directors are: Charles Ball; James Gabbert; Wayne Johnson; Alice Rau; and Margaret Veeneman. The 2007/2008 officers are William Herron, President; Mary Lynn Desjarlais, Immediate Past President; Sara Bagley, Vice President; Ken Johns, Secretary; and Caroline Strickland, Treasurer.

Charles Ball is an attorney at Charles H. Ball & Associates, PA. James Gabbert is a retired firefighter and owner of Gabbert Investment Group, LLC. Wayne Johnson is CEO of BioVentures, Inc.; Alice Rau, a retired newspaper publisher is also active on many social service and cultural boards in Sarasota. Margaret Veeneman works with John Hancock Life Insurance Company.

The board recognized the contributions of outgoing officers, Don McDonough and Sandra Rollings, who served six and eight year terms respectively.

The 15 member board of directors represents a diversity of professions not limited to the medical field and offer outstanding leadership and vision to govern this \$8.8 million blood products and services provider.

Suncoast Communities Blood Bank is a 501(c) (3) not-for-profit community supported organization and has been in existence since 1949. The Blood Bank is the sole provider of blood to Sarasota Memorial Hospital, Doctors Hospital and DeSoto Memorial Hospital. For more information about SCBB visit www.scbb.org.

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