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Sheryl Edwards, of the Edwards law firm in Sarasota, has been recertified as real estate by the Florida Bar Board of Legal Specialization and Education. She has practiced real estate law in Sarasota since 1995 and has been board certified since 2002.

In just over a year, PGT Industries, which makes impact-resistant windows and doors in Venice, has promoted 20 of its professional employees and more than 250 of its hourly employees.

Some of the recent appointments include Benji Hershberger, who was promoted to director of customer service; Tim Durham, promoted to director of glass operations; Suzanne Nault, promoted to senior marketing manager; and Dean Ruark, promoted to manager of code compliance, test lab and field water testing.

In addition, 64 workers have been hired at PGT since Jan. 1, filling a variety of vacancies in departments including sales, marketing, manufacturing and glass operations.

Gail Chase, chief operating officer of Freedom Senior Management, spoke in February at the annual Masterpiece Living Lyceum in Atlanta. She focused on the role of senior management in fostering a community lifestyle in which the social, intellectual, physical and spiritual elements of life are all supported.

Freedom Senior Management manages the Sarasota Bay Club in Sarasota and Jacaranda Trace in Venice.

Misty Servia, planning department manager at King Engineering in Sarasota, has been appointed by Florida Gov. Rick Scott to the Manatee Housing Authority.

Servia's position at King focuses on entitlement work for developers, including Developments of Regional Impact, rezoning and long-range planning. She has worked at the engineering company for seven years, prior to which she served as principal planner for Manatee County government for more than 17 years.

Austin Boyd has joined Boyd Insurance & Investment Services, in Bradenton, as a commercial account executive. He brings a third generation of the Boyd family to the company, which was founded in 1974 by Austin's great-uncle, Wilbur. Jim Boyd, Austin's father and a state representative co-own the company.

Austin Boyd, 25, comes to Boyd Insurance from Global Financial Private Capital in Sarasota, where he worked for two years as a financial planner. He has a bachelor of science in risk management and insurance from Florida State University and is a graduate of Bradenton Christian School.

Dr. Chetan Khamare, of Heart & Vascular Center of Bradenton PLLC, earned his board certification in interventional cardiology from the American Board of Internal Medicine.

Khamare is on staff at Blake Medical Center and Manatee Memorial Hospital, both in Bradenton.

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Gardner Sherrill, principal at Sherrill Wealth Management in Bradenton, has been awarded a 5-star quality rating by Investor Watchdog and admitted to the Paladin Registry of financial professionals.

Investor Watchdog uses a proprietary algorithm to measure the quality of adviser credentials, ethics and business practices. Professionals must score in the top 10 percent of Watchdog's vetting to be profiled in its Paladin Registry.

Sherrill has been in the wealth management field for more than 17 years, having worked for major financial firms including Northern Trust and Merrill Lynch.

Donald Jankowski, certified financial planner and financial adviser at Gateway Bank in Sarasota, was named a member of the 2013 Raymond James Financial Services Executive Council. The honor is given to financial advisers who have demonstrated an extremely high level of commitment to clients. Membership is based mainly on assets under management, education, credentials and fiscal year production. Requalification is required annually. Jankowski, who joined Raymond James in 2010, has more than 26 years of experience in the financial services industry.

Shari Bowling, executive administrator of Manson Roofing, of Bradenton, and Todd Bone, supervisor at Manson, have both graduated from "Dale Carnegie Effective Communications and Human Relations Skills for Success Training," a 12-week course.

Bowling and Bone both received multiple class awards for superior performance. Bowling also received the "Highest Award for Achievement" from her classmates.

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