Welcome New Members

Shanna Duncan
Shanna has been a purchasing secretary with the Okaloosa County School District for over a year. Her main responsibilities include auditing the daily requisitions and monthly visa statements for all the schools and departments.

Kenneth Hamilton
Ken assumed his duties at the SBDC as the Assistant District Director for Business Development for North Florida in 2006. He is responsible for supervising the district staff and overseeing the management of certification programs in northern and central Florida.

Pamm Henderson
Pamm’s official title is Director of Administration for Panama City-Bay County Airport & Industrial District. In reality she is also the CFO, HR Manager, Risk Manager, Inventory Manager, Grants Administrator and anything else that comes along (they have a small staff so every staff member wears multiple hats!). She is also Commissioner, Ward II for the City of Callaway, Florida.

George Maiberger
George has held the position of Purchasing Manager for the City of Pensacola since 2005 and has served in local government for over 26 years, including ten years with the City of Gulf Breeze. George holds a BS from Florida State University and a MPA from the University of West Florida. George is married and has two daughters, the older of whom attends the University of West Florida.

Zan Fedorak
Zan is the Okaloosa County Purchasing Manager, replacing Richard Brannon upon his retirement. She previously spent 18 years at Okaloosa County Public Works as the Stormwater & Inventory Manager. She holds a Bachelor’s Degree in Resource Management. Zan is married and has a 15 year old daughter.

Matchmaker
by Judy Jasmyn
The first time I heard about a Matchmaker Conference images of speed dating crossed my mind. Men and women sitting across a table from each other sharing a few bits of information. From that, a match, a date, a real relationship could be created. I wondered why Laura Subel would be involved in that, and why she wanted me to participate. I didn’t want to look stupid, but I wasn’t sure I wanted to volunteer for speed dating either. Once she explained I would talk to a variety of people about UWF purchasing, I knew it would be interesting. I’ve had fun talking to people, I even developed the “eye lock” (similar to the tractor beam on Star Trek) for those vendors too shy to approach me. You can see in the photo I’m having fun with a vendor at the Matchmaker held at UWF February 2014.

ECAT Small Business Workshop
Thawanna Keaton and Laura Subel, SBDC at UWF, were part of a panel providing resources for local disadvantaged businesses. Opportunities within ECAT and FDOT were discussed, as well as the benefits of being state certified. The Panel also focused on networking opportunities with other small businesses.

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All changes, even the most longed for, have their melancholy; for what we leave behind us is a part of ourselves; we must die to one life before we can enter another. ~Anatole France