

# Candidates for Board of Directors

- **Karen Carmichael**
- Karen has served as President of SPDNA in 2019, 2020 and 2021. She also served as Vice President and events chair for 2018. She managed the 2019 Tour of Homes and was instrumental in increasing the organization's online presence and streamlining the membership process. Karen is also a graduate of the Council of Neighborhood Associations (CONA) Leadership Program and Chair of the CONA Leadership Committee. She has been and educator in the Pinellas County School System and the NYC Department of Education. Karen resides at The Sage Condominiums where she serves as the HOA Secretary and on the Social Committee. Her interest in being a member of the board for SPDNA comes from the experiences being a part of this community have given her and provide her with the opportunity to give back to a city that is such a rich part of her life.
- **Scott Clark**
- Scott has been a resident of St Petersburg since 2002 and an SPDNA Board member since 2019. Scott enjoys contributing to the teamwork of the Board and lending his computer technical skills to updating content on SPDNA's website and reporting membership engagement. Scott has a financial business background spanning 30 years starting as a CPA for Price Waterhouse Coopers in Tampa and spending the bulk of his career working for Valpak, the nationwide blue envelope coupon mailer in various roles. Most recently Scott has been working for Lincare in Clearwater whose mission is to enable patients with chronic conditions to remain engaged in life through the respiratory care we deliver to their home. Scott works in Corporate Accounting developing and maintaining Tableau-created financial reports for Executives and Field leadership for over 700 locations nationwide. Scott's past volunteer work included Alumni Advisor to USF's co-ed professional business fraternity, Delta Sigma Pi and co-author of the monthly newsletter for The Sage Condos where he lives.
- **Kean Clifford**
- Kean moved to downtown St. Pete in early 2016 to begin a consulting role with a commercial real estate investment firm. In between growing a new division and becoming a partner, Kean became a proud Alumni of Leadership St. Pete and now sits as an active member on the LSP Alumni Board. Prior to his life in St. Pete, Kean was a fisheries scientist focusing on biodiversity and sustainability. He holds graduate degrees in ecology, public administration, and business from Syracuse University. When Kean is not working, he enjoys meeting new neighbors and finding opportunities to serve the St. Pete community alongside his wife, Sandra, and their pup, Mira. A role on the board with SPDNA would mean more opportunities to give back to a city that has given him so much.
- **Mark Ferrulo**
- Mark has been working for non-profit, public interest causes across the state for over two decades. Areas of expertise include non-profit management, internet organizing, social media and earned media campaigns, and political communications. Raised in south St. Petersburg, Mark has been living, working and playing in downtown St. Petersburg since moving back to his hometown in 2008. He joined the St. Petersburg Downtown Neighborhood Association at the beginning of 2014 and lives at 1010 Central Condos where he is active in the condo owners' association and is a member of the EDGE Business Association Design Committee. When not attending a Rays or Rowdies game, Mark enjoys saltwater fishing, biking and hiking, and the downtown nightlife. Mark served as SPDNA Vice-President for 2016 & 2017.
- **Roxanne Fixsen**
- Roxanne has been a resident of St. Petersburg for over three decades and has lived in downtown St. Petersburg since 2010. She is founding director of Policy Partners, which works with public and private organizations to shape and implement equitable policies. Prior to founding Policy Partners, Roxanne was the Chief Activation officer of the Foundation for a Health St. Petersburg, where she activated the community to impact policies to close the equity gaps in the social determinants of health. Prior to that, Roxanne practiced law for eleven years, with nearly ten of

those years with Trenam Law, where she served with distinction and was a partner. Roxanne earned a law degree from Stetson Law, where she graduated 2nd in her class and was on the Law Review. She also earned her bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and her master's degree in counseling from the University of South Florida. Prior to attending law school, Roxanne worked for 15 years with children and families involved in the foster care system. She began this career as an in-home therapist, then created and managed several treatment programs for this population, and eventually was responsible for the transfer of foster care services from the state to the community in Pinellas and Pasco, when the state first privatized foster care. She was responsible for the safety and well-being of thousands of children, managing hundreds of staff, hundreds of foster parents, dozens of contracted providers. Roxanne is passionate about working to better our community. She is excited about working with the SPDNA to continue its mission to benefit the community.

- **Al May**

- Al has lived in St. Pete since he was 5 years old. He is a graduate of Boca Ciega High School, St. Pete Junior College, and the University of Florida. He is a retired Banking Executive. Al's goal is to work with other St. Pete Downtown Association members to maintain and enhance the quality of our neighborhood.

- **Steve Phillips**

- Steve has been a full time resident of St. Petersburg since 2012, part time since 2006. From 1997 until 2020, he was a member of the faculty of the School of Education, Brooklyn College, in New York, and coordinated Alternative Certification Programs, which has prepared more than 3500 career-changers to become teachers since 2000, in addition to teaching courses in secondary teaching methods and school administration. Prior to 1997, he was a high school teacher and principal in Syracuse, New York; Marcellus, New York; and New York City; then served for 14 years as Superintendent of Alternative High Schools and Programs for the NYC Board of Education, supervising 62 schools and programs, which served over 80,000 students annually. He received his BA and MA degrees from Stanford University. In addition to teaching at Brooklyn College, he taught part-time at Stanford, Syracuse, and Fordham Universities. Steve has served as SPDNA Secretary since 2017 and serves on the Planning & Development Committee and looks forward to being involved in SPDNA as it provides advocacy, networking, and information as Saint Petersburg continues to offer all of us a vibrant, culture-rich, beautiful place to live.

- **Martha Shibley**

- Martha has been a full-time resident in St. Pete for the past sixteen years. Martha is a retired Registered Nurse and her career both in clinical nursing and in the Healthcare Technology sector. Since retiring last year, she volunteers with the a Guardian Ad Litem for the 6th Judicial Court, as a docent at the MFA, and as a Lunch Pal for the Pinellas County School District. Martha has served on the Social Committee for the SPDNA, was the 2018 Election Committee Chairperson ,worked on the 2019 Tour of Homes and the 2020 Election Nominating Committee. She is interested in continuing serving on the board of SPDNA.

- **Grace Steinhauser**

- Grace Steinhauser has been a resident and avid lover of St. Petersburg since it was only a sleepy beach town. However, a sleepy beach town it is no more. St. Petersburg is full of color, culture, impeccable cuisine, and a melting pot of caring individuals who make this special city a home to its diverse community. Grace Steinhauser believes that once you find a good thing, you should share it. Grace finds purpose in sharing the happenings and knowledge of the SPDNA with her downtown St. Petersburg neighbors on social media, in hopes that the residents of DTSP would become more involved in their community. Grace's goal of serving on the board of the St. Petersburg Downtown Neighborhood Association is to create a defined outlet to inform and remind our neighbors why our city is so special, so they can take advantage of the absolutely wonderful place we get to call home.

- **Deborah Stewart**

- Deborah was born and raised in Tampa and attended Tampa Catholic High School, she continued her education at Roger Williams University in Bristol, RI. where she received her degree in

Marketing. After graduation from college she started her career in the airline industry with Continental Airlines. Deborah retired in 2020 from United Airlines and from the United Airlines board “We Care” a non-Profit that helps employees with financial assistance as a fund of last resort she sat on the board and assisted fellow employees in need for over 15 years. Deborah has also sat on the board of the Elk Institute for Psychological Health & Performance, which provides treatment at no cost to service members or veteran's for PTSD. Deborah, made the exciting move across the bridge to St. Petersburg, 14 years ago. She was brought up in a family bakery and catering business in Tampa which later expanded to include the Café at the Museum of Fine Arts (MFA Café). Deborah, settled in at 1010 Central Avenue Condominiums and started enjoying the downtown lifestyle and helping out with events at the family business when needed. Most days, if not traveling, you will find Deborah working from home in the mornings and walking around our beautiful downtown area discovering all the new and exciting things that are happening. Deborah has been a member of the SPDNA since 2017 and volunteered for the 2019 Tour of Homes. Deborah has served on the SPDNA social committee as well as working with Healthy St. Pete as a "Neighborhood Wellness Champion" in order to promote wellness in our community. Deborah has enjoyed organizing our porch parties as well as our neighborhood walks. She enjoys giving back to this vibrant, beautiful, culture-rich city we live in and would love to serve again as a board member

- **John Waechter**

John was born and raised in St. Petersburg and has lived here all his life. He graduated from the University of Florida with an accounting degree and was a practicing CPA for three years before entering the securities business. He spent twenty-five years as the Executive Vice President of William R. Hough & Co. until the firm was sold in 2004. He then attended law school at Stetson University College of Law and is now a practicing attorney and partner at Englander Fischer in downtown St. Pete. John serves on the boards of the Transamerica Mutual Funds and WRH Income Properties, Inc. His charitable work includes a board position at Operation PAR, Inc. John is also a member of the finance committee of the Parkshore Plaza HOA. He enjoys snow skiing and spending time with his son and daughter and their families, who reside in St. Petersburg. John served on the SPDNA 2017 Tour of Homes event committee and is currently serving as Treasurer.

- **Candidate for Board of Directors, Emeritus**

**Pursuant to the recently-passed change to the DNA's by-laws, establishing the position of Board Member, Emeritus, the Board of Directors is nominating Dan Harvey as the first candidate for that position.**

- **Dan Harvey**

- Dan has lived in the St. Pete since 1963. He founded the popular Harvey's 4th Street Grill. Dan has participated as a voice for the community in several major downtown initiatives such as the Downtown Waterfront Master Plan and the redevelopment of the Pier. He is active in the Central Avenue Council and the EDGE District Business Association. Dan has served numerous terms on the SPDNA Board of Directors, and has brought to the Board valuable contributions, based on his positions with numerous civic organizations and long residency in St. Petersburg.