**Candidates for Board of Directors**

* **Jonathan Blackwood**
* After accepting a new work opportunity with his firm, Jonathan and his wife relocated to downtown St. Petersburg in January of 2019. Like many others, they visited several other different communities surrounding the Tampa Bay area, but once having visited downtown St. Pete they knew that they were home. In practically no time they were shopping at the Saturday morning market, taking long daily walks along the waterfront, and dining out several times a week at one of the many excellent sidewalk restaurants around town. Jonathan currently works for BNY Mellon Wealth Management and has spent all of his career in the financial services industry. Outside of work he has always looked for ways to serve his community. Some of his prior volunteer experience includes serving as Board President for a multi-campus nonprofit senior living community, the Audit Chair for the Atlanta Chapter of the United States Sail and Power Boat Squadron, the Treasurer for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in GA, and many more. He is currently serving on one of the fundraising committees of the Johns Hopkins All Children’s Hospital and believes that the SPDNA will give him the opportunity to align both his interest and experience with the organization’s mission in serving the downtown St. Pete community.
* **Karen Carmichael**
* Karen has served as President of SPDNA in 2019 and 2020. 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 a member of the CONA Transportation Committee. She originally moved from New York to St. Pete in 1977, received an education degree at the downtown campus of USF and taught in Pinellas County Schools. She also earned two masters’ degrees in education from the same campus. In 2000, Karen returned to New York where she graduated from Michael Bloomberg’s Leadership Academy and became an assistant principal at a Manhattan elementary school. In 2014, she retired and returned to St. Petersburg to live near her daughter and grandson. 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 has given her and provides 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, a member of SPDNA since 2018 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 Catalina Marketing, whose mission working with Consumer Packaged Goods manufacturers and Grocery/Drugstore retailer chains, is to leverage Consumer Shopper insights to design Promotional Campaigns (print and digital coupons) that Shoppers find relevant.  Scott is currently in charge of evolving a website tool for the Grocery/Drugstore retail chains that leverage these Consumer Shopper insights.   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.
* **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 two decades and has lived in downtown St. Petersburg since 2010. She is the Chief Activation Officer at the Foundation for a Healthy St. Petersburg, activating community and impacting policies to close the race equity gap in the social determinants of health. Prior to joining the Foundation, 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.
* **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 five terms on the SPDNA Board of Directors.
* **Cameron Hill**
* Cameron was born and raised in Tampa, but hopes that you won’t hold it against her. A three-time volleyball state champion at H.B. Plant High School, Cameron attended Washington and Lee University where she captained the volleyball team and received her bachelor’s degree in Business Administration. Cameron is now an investment banker (the good kind!) at RBC Capital Markets, where she works in the Multifamily Housing Group financing affordable housing for low-income families all across the State of Florida. Having realized the error of her Tampa ways, Cameron now lives & works in Downtown St. Pete and has fallen in love with all of the walkable, dog-friendly amenities that our neighborhood has to offer.
* **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. Al has served as the DNA’s Treasurer for the past five years.
* **Steve Phillips**
* Steve has been a full time resident of St. Petersburg since 2012, part time since 2006. In 1997, he joined the faculty of the School of Education, Brooklyn College, in New York, and still tele-commutes as Coordinator of Alternative Certification Programs, a program which has prepared more than 3500 career-changers to become teachers since 2000. 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, 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 served as SPDNA Secretary since 2017 and has served 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 fifteen years. Martha is a Registered Nurse in the state of Florida. After a successful sixteen plus years’ career in clinical, financial and operational health care management, Martha expanded her career into the Healthcare Information System industry, where she worked for Capgemini Ernst and Young, Accenture, Deloitte Consulting and HIS vendors as a clinical software professional consultant and project manager, Martha retired in July 2018. from Allscripts, a top health IT company, after ten years with both experience US and international experience. Having been a “road warrior” for years, Martha now works as a independent consultant, primarily out of her home office in downtown St Pete. Since this change, she became a Guardian Ad Litem Volunteer for the 6th Judicial Court and has renewed her interest painting and riding her bike. 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**
* St. Petersburg has been one the greatest joys of Grace’s time in Florida. Whenever she steps into the city, she discovers something new and amazing. She believes that once you find a good thing you should share it. Downtown is sprinkled with good; her only issue is that there is not a defined outlet to inform residents of happenings around them. Her goal in joining the SPDNA board would be to share the knowledge, through social media platforms, in hopes that the residents of DTSP would become more involved in the community. She wants to remind our neighbors why our city is so special, so they can get out there and take advantage of the absolutely WONDERFUL place we live in.
* **Deborah Stewart**
* Deborah was born and raised in Tampa and made the exciting move across the bridge to St. Petersburg 13 years ago, and was brought up in a family bakery and catering business in Tampa, later expanded to include the Cafe at the Museum of Fine Arts (MFA Café). She settled in at 1010 Central Condominiums and started enjoying the downtown lifestyle and helping out with events at the family business when needed. Deborah received her BS in Marketing from Roger Williams University in Bristol, RI. She started her career in the airline industry after graduation with Continental Airlines. Deborah currently works for and sits on the United Airlines board of their in house charity called “We Care” that provides financial assistance as a fund of last resort to employees in need. Deborah has also sat on the board of the Elk Institute for Psychological Health & Performance, which provides treatment at no cost to the service member or veteran for PTSD. 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. Serving on the SPDNA Board social committee would be a great experience and would give her an opportunity to give back to the vibrant, culture-rich, beautiful city we live in.
* **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 board positions at Operation PAR, Inc., and Boley-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 the Old Northeast. John served on the SPDNA 2017 Tour of Homes event committee and is currently serving on the Planning & Development Committee.