

Kiwanis Tampa Club Weekly Alert

Monday, January 14, 2018

Hello Kiwanis Club,

This Week's Program...

Rita Lowman, *President*

with Pilot Bank



From the Farm to the Board Room

Rita Lowman is the President of Pilot Bank. Rita began leaving her footprint in the Banking Industry in the mid 70's. Working tirelessly to champion her colleagues in the banking industry, she is proud that many are now leaders in several banks throughout Florida.

With a philosophy to treat associates fairly, give them tools to succeed, and be a positive mentor, she empowers her team to function seamlessly and offer a superior client experience. As an effective teacher, she shares her knowledge, while encouraging input and listening to new ideas. Managing teams of 30 – 1,000 associates, she believes the success of the bank lies within the team.

Rita has been tapped in her career to serve as State Administration Executive to Market President and has managed 20 merger acquisitions. Upon successful completion of the Barnett acquisition into Nations Bank, Rita was presented with the coveted Crystal Grenade by the bank's Chairman.

Recognized as one of the top female bankers in Florida, Rita has authored numerous articles that have been published throughout the southeast and continues to be requested as a speaker to share her story of leadership and success.

Active in the community Rita serves on the Boards of Florida Bankers Association, American Banker Association's Community Council, Florida School of Banking at UF, Outback Bowl, Florida Division of American Cancer Society, The Centre Club and a Founding Member of Women in a Bucs Life. In 2012 and 2013 Rita chaired the Cattle Barons' Ball for Tampa Bay and in her two years as Chair raised \$1.8 million for cancer research. She has been tapped as the 2015 Chair of Making Strides Against Breast Cancer with a goal of 17,000 walkers and \$700,000 in contributions for this great cause. Rita is also requested as a judge in state pageants, most recently judging the Miss Outstanding Teen Florida Pageant. She also shares her knowledge and learnings in the book she authored "From the Farm to the Boardroom: Leadership Lessons."

In 2014, Rita was presented with the prestigious Florida Bankers Chairman's Award for her dedication, service and drive in the banking industry.

Rita, her husband, and two sons enjoy spending time on their cattle farm in Georgia.

This week's starting kitty... \$352.00

Anniversaries
1/17-1/23

Birthdays
1/17-1/23

UPCOMING EVENTS

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