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Bailey, Lemerand honored by the Civic League of the Halifax Area

Keynote speaker shares intelligence anecdotes

Ormond Beach, FL - The Civic League of the Halifax Area honored two community leaders at its annual meeting on Saturday (January 17) at Oceanside Country Club. Dr. T. Wayne Bailey and L. Gale Lemerand were recognized for exceptional community service. The annual event also marked the organizations 50th anniversary. At the event, outgoing Chairman David Perryman introduced the organization's new officers. Following the business of the meeting, a keynote address was given by Mark Michel, a principal of McIntyre Investment whose career has includes extensive intelligence work as a Naval officer and later in the Obama Administration.

J. Saxton Lloyd Community Service Award to Dr. T. Wayne Bailey

The organization presented its J. Saxon Lloyd Community Service Award to Dr. T. Wayne Bailey, whose resume of community service dates back to the 1960s. He has done extensive work with cities and counties, upgrading their charters and reforming their governments. He was vice chair of the Volusia County Charter and Study Commission that created the county constitution. He chaired the first two Charter Review Commissions and served as a member of the commissions in 1995 and 2006. Bailey has been teaching at Stetson since 1963, when he founded the Department of Political Science. Bailey is co-founder of Stetson's Model Senate, directs the Washington Semester at American University program and serves on the Pre-Law Advisory Committee. He has held leadership positions in the Florida Democratic Party and was a delegate to the Democratic National Convention 1972-2004, attending nine National Conventions. He has been an active member of the American Lung Association for more than 35 years, and in 2004, was the first person in the U.S. to receive the Discovery Health Channel Medical Honor. He serves on the Florida Hospital DeLand Foundation board of directors.

Beacon Award to L. Gale Lemerand

The Civic league's Beacon Award was presented to businessman and philanthropist L. Gale Lemerand. Lemerand is a native of Michigan and grew up in a working-class family. After serving in the Korean War, he began a career in Chicago at Williams Insulation, which he eventually bought and renamed Gale Industries. Lemerand has made generous contributions to area colleges and universities. Among the colleges and universities he has supported are Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Bethune-Cookman University, the University of Florida and Daytona State

College. His support has funded capital improvements, student financial aid, academics, athletics and more. He has bestowed numerous financial many financial upon the University of Florida. In honor of his contributions to the University of Florida, the street bordering Ben Hill Griffin Stadium was renamed Gale Lemerand Drive in 2005. He holds an honorary from the University. Lemerand has provided generous support of local organizations including the Council on Aging, Boy Scouts of America, Boys and Girls Clubs of America, March of Dimes and the United Way. He has served on community boards of directors. Lemerand has been honored as the Florida Entrepreneur of the Year and the Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Philanthropist of the Year.

About keynote speaker Mark A. Michel

Mark A. Michel is a principal of McIntyre Investment and associated financial organizations. He is licensed by the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) and chairs Enquanta Energy, an energy and power development company. Prior to his investment career, Michel served the White House as part of the Obama Administration. He was Director of the White House Situation Room and a Member of the Security Council staff. Prior to his White House service, Michel had a 22-year career in the United States Navy, serving as an intelligence officer and rising to the rank of Commander. His service was focused within Naval Special Warfare (SEALs), Special Operations Community and he held several senior-level intelligence positions. He works closely with the Special Operations Warrior Foundation, which raises funds to send children of fallen special operations personnel to college.

About the Civic League of the Halifax Area

The Civic League of the Halifax Area is an organization dedicated to civic engagement. The organization marks its 50th anniversary this year, it was formed in 1965. Business and civic leader J. Saxton Lloyd was the driving force behind its formation and was its first Chairman. The organization's purpose and goals are in keeping with the definition of civic engagement offered by Thomas Ehrlich of the Carnegie Foundation:

"Working to make a difference in the civic life of our communities and developing the combination of knowledge, skills, values, and motivation to make that difference. It means promoting the quality of life in a community, through both political and nonpolitical processes. A morally and civically responsible individual recognizes himself or herself as a member of a larger social fabric and therefore considers social problems to be at least partly his or her own; such an individual is willing to see the moral and civic dimensions of issues, to make and justify informed moral and civic judgments, and to take action when appropriate."

The Civic League of the Halifax Area is comprised of members whose dedication has stood as a testament to the spirit that invigorates the community and whose continued work is sure to be at the forefront of the community's progression.



Chairwomen of the annual meeting and banquet are Nancy Lohman (left) and Bobbi Coleman.



Winner of the J. Saxton Lloyd Distinguished Community Service Award, Dr. T. Wayne Bailey, a professor of Stetson University, is presented the crystal award by attorney Peter Heebner, who chaired the Awards Committee.



Mark Michel, a former Naval intelligence officer (now an investment banker) addresses the Civic League of the Halifax Area at the organization's annual meeting and banquet.



Keynote speaker, Mark Michel, is flanked by outgoing Chairman of the Civic League of the Halifax Area, David Perryman, and the incoming Chairman, Joe Petrock.