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Civic League honors two community leaders

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The Civic League of the Halifax Area honored two community leaders Dr. T. Wayne Bailey and L. Gale Lemerand at its annual meeting Jan. 17, at Ocean-side Country Club.

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 included extensive intelligence work as a Naval officer and later in the Obama Administration.

The organization presented its J. Saxon Lloyd Community Service Award to Dr. 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.

Dr. Bailey has been teaching at Stetson since 1963, when he founded the Department of Political Science. Dr. 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.

The Civic league's Beacon Award was presented to Mr. Lemerand, a businessman and philanthropist. He 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.

Mr. Lemerand has made generous contributions to area colleges and universities. Among the colleges and universities he has support-

ed 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 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.

Mr. Perryman wrapped up his two-year tenure as chairman of the Civic League and presented the new officers as he passed the gavel to incoming Chairman Joe Petrock.

Besides Mr. Petrock, the officers are Charlie Lydecker, vice chair; Mary Greenlees, secretary; Nancy Lohman, assistant secretary; Bob Coleman, treasurer; and Mr. Perryman, past chairman. The directors are Kent Sharples, Mike Walsh, Glenn Ritchey, George Mirabal, Mary Bennett and Eric Peburn.