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Michael Olenick appointed to Florida Virtual School board of trustees

BY JENNIFER MARKS
 YourNews contributor

PALM CITY — Gov. Rick Scott announced the appointment of Michael Olenick to the Florida Virtual School board of trustees.

Olenick, 61, of Palm City, is the vice president of corporate affairs and chief compliance officer of The Morganti Group.

Previously, he served as the general counsel of Florida's Department of Education, and also as assistant state attorney for Broward, St. Lucie, and Martin counties.

Olenick received a bachelor's degree from Lafayette College and law degree from Nova Southeastern Law School.

He succeeds Robert Muni and is appointed for a term beginning Feb. 22, 2013, and ending Sept. 10, 2016.

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Keep Martin Beautiful awarded



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PALM CITY — Thanks to the work of local volunteers and community supporters, Keep Martin Beautiful has been recognized with the Keep America Beautiful President's Circle Award. Presented during Keep America Beautiful's 60th annual National Conference in Washington DC, the award recognizes exemplary performance made by certified affiliates of the national nonprofit to reduce litter, minimize waste and recycle, and beautify their local communities. Members of the Keep Martin Beautiful board of directors, showcasing the award, are from left, top: Travis Waddell and KMB Executive Vice President Pat Yancey; bottom, Mat Churchey, KMB Treasurer Mary Kindel, KMB President Rhonda Irons, and Gary Braswell. Please see story, page 17.

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Keep Martin Beautiful honored by national award

BY JESSICA LAYNE
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PALM CITY — Thanks to the work of local volunteers and community supporters, Keep Martin Beautiful was recognized with the prestigious Keep America Beautiful President's Circle Award in January.

Presented during Keep America Beautiful's 60th annual National Conference in Washington DC, the award recognizes exemplary performance made by certified affiliates of the national nonprofit to reduce litter, minimize waste and recycle, and beautify their local communities.

"One of Keep America Beautiful's most effective tools is the work of our grassroots network of affiliate organizations, which has an impact on millions of Americans each year,"

said Keep America Beautiful President and CEO Matt McKenna.

"Our affiliates are providing real solutions to local problems caused by litter, graffiti, illegal dumping and other community blight by engaging volunteers of all ages in its effort to create a vibrant community."

Founded in 1994, Keep Martin Beautiful continues to be an active leader in Martin County, coordinating the Adopt-A-Road and Adopt-A-Street programs, as well as recently launching the Adopt-A-Spot program through the Martin County Community Redevelopment Agency.

The numerous community revitalization projects the group spearheads, in addition to its annual International Coastal Cleanup

and Extreme Martin Makeover, give all residents on Martin County the opportunity to contribute to a more beautiful community for everyone to live, work and play.

"This recognition will continue to energize our community, ensuring that KMB and our thousands of volunteers make a meaningful and positive difference in Martin County. We

are honored to receive this award and look forward to another successful year of programs and outreach in 2013," explained Rhonda Irons, president of Keep Martin Beautiful.