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### Keep Martin Beautiful welcomes new board of directors

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**PALM CITY** — The incoming officers and directors of Keep Martin Beautiful are motivated and committed to Martin County as the new slate of officers and board members.

Keep Martin Beautiful officers are: president, Craig Ahal — AmeriSweeps; vice president, Josh Ferraro — Lesser, Lesser, Landy & Smith, PLLC; treasurer, Jennifer Stull-Wise — Residential Asset Management; secretary, Mary Kindel — City of Stuart; immediate past president, Jim Dragseth — Whiticar Boat Works.

Directors are Pat Yancey — Martin County Solid Waste and Stuart Trent — South Martin Regional Utility.

Incoming president, Craig Ahal, has been involved with Keep Martin Beautiful (KMB) since 1997 and is looking forward to taking on this important role in the organi-

zation.

"I have been a resident of Martin County for 26 years. In my time in this county, I have witnessed the success of KMB's mission — to preserve and enhance the quality of life in our community through litter prevention, waste reduction, beautification, and environmental education," said Ahal. "Our community has benefited significantly from the services and education this organization provides and I know we are making a tangible difference that will last for generations."

Each year, Keep Martin Beautiful recruits more than 3,000 volunteers throughout Martin County who donate more than 10,000 hours of time to remove more than 50 tons of litter and marine debris from local beaches, parks, roads, and waterways. The Great American Cleanup held each spring and the International Coastal Cleanup, which takes

place in September, are two of the organization's signature cleanup events.

"The cleanups allow people from all walks of life to unite with one common cause," Ahal added. "KMB's mission has been effective as a result of the strength and support of our volunteers and sponsors. It is an honor and privilege to work with my fellow board members and volunteers to continue to improve our community."

Keep Martin Beautiful would also like to share its accomplishment in receiving Keep Florida Beautiful's award for "Outstanding Communication and Education for 2015." This honor would not have been possible without the dedication of so many members in the community who constantly promote the organization's mission. For more information, call 781-1222 or email [info@keepmartinbeautiful.org](mailto:info@keepmartinbeautiful.org) or visit <http://www.keepmartinbeautiful.org>.



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President Craig Ahal, Secretary Mary Kindel, and Director Pat Yancey accept the award from Keep Florida Beautiful for "Outstanding Communication and Education 2015" on behalf of Keep Martin Beautiful.