

# June & July Newsletter



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## Do you know this chamber member?



Manuel Chepote is the owner of Chepote Insurance. He has been in the insurance business for more than 25 years helping customers with their auto, home, motorcycle, boat, renters and condo insurance needs.

Manuel also offers financial services so if you need any help with your life or health insurance, please give him a call, he would love to hear from you. He will work with your best interest in mind.

Manuel chepote is one of the Chamber's founding members. He served as Director of the Chamber. To this day Manuel is a very active member and contributes time and support to the chamber. He regularly attends the Sarasota lunches and monthly Conexiones events as often as he can. You will also always see him at the Latin Chamber Gala, our end of the year event this year taking place at the Lakewood Ranch Country Club on November 19th.

As a member of the Latin Chamber, Manuel would like to see the Chamber be more involved and take a position on political decisions. He wants us to be heard while working for or against the immigration laws. Recently the Gulf Coast Latin Chamber of Commerce released a press release in response to the Arizona-style immigration law proposed for Florida and joined a long list of other chambers, groups and businesses which are opposed to such laws.

Please visit our website for more details on the events below.

### Networking Events and Special Dates :

Sarasota Lunch —07/13

Member Welcome Meeting — 07/19

Bradenton Lunch—08/04

Quinceaneras Event with Foundation—08/04

Board of Directors Meeting 08/08

Sarasota Lunch 08/10

Bradenton Lunch 09/01

East Meets West-09/07

Annual Latin Gala- 11/19

Please see our website for more details on specific times and sponsorship opportunities at :

[www.latinchamber.org](http://www.latinchamber.org)



## Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Sun Coast

For more than 40 years, Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Sun Coast has operated under the belief that inherent in every child is the ability to suc-

ceed and thrive in life. BBBSSC makes meaningful, monitored matches between adult volunteers ("Bigs") and children ("Littles").

BBSSC provides a system of ongoing evaluation and support which is researched based and helps families by improving the

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## And did you know about this chamber member?



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donate or volunteer today at [www.bbbssun.org](http://www.bbbssun.org) Imagine the possibilities!

One Big Brothers Big Sisters employee, Yanet Rodriguez, has been very active in the chamber since 2006. Yanet is part of the events committee which helps plan and staff chamber events. In addition to this Yanet is also an excellent ambassador always helping with events often working at the registration table as lunches or other events and always with a big smile and a helpful, outgoing attitude. You can see and meet Yanet and her co-workers at all the lunches in Sarasota.

Yanet would like to let all of our members know that Big Brothers Big Sisters is in big need of volunteers, particularly male volunteers. If you can help with an hour a week they would really appreciate it so please contact them and let them know.

Several of our Chamber members serve on the Board of Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Sun Coast and many others are involved as volunteers. Thank you Yanet and to all the members and employees at Big Brothers Big Sisters for supporting the Gulf Coast Latin Chamber of Commerce.



## Quinceaneras Event with the GCLCC Foundation August 4th

The Quinceañera is a traditional Hispanic celebration of life on the occasion of a girl’s fifteenth birthday. It is a community and family celebration full of tradition and meaning when a young girl is symbolically escorted into womanhood by her family and the event is witnessed by their community.

The price for admission to this event is \$20. Proceeds from the event will be used to help support the Chamber’s Foundation. Advertising and sponsorship opportunities are still available. Please contact the Chamber or visit online at [www.LatinChamber.org](http://www.LatinChamber.org) for

more information.

The Chamber also wishes to recognize 5/3 Bank for donating, for a second year, \$5,000 towards the scholarships presented to the girls as part of the Quinceañeras event celebration.

Please join us in welcoming our newest members: and renewing members:

Manatee County YMCA

Bank of America

Kelly Gettel

Angie Garland

Marcella Jones

Xclusive Hair Salon

Mark Rosselli

Paychex

Erv Helmuth

Treescapes

Esperanza Clonts

Maria Luisa de Moreno Foundation

Humberto Briones

Fifth Third Bank