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**SOUTHWEST FLORIDA ADDICTION SERVICES
ELECTS TWO NEW BOARD MEMBERS**

Southwest Florida Addiction Services (SWFAS) has elected two new members to its Board of Directors for 2007-08.

They are:

- Diana R. Black, Senior Vice President and Director of Business Development for First Community Bank; and
- Jim McLaughlin, former television anchorman and professional photographer with Photography by Jim McLaughlin.

Officers of the SWFAS Board of Directors are Andrea Fraser of the Lee County Attorney's Office, president; Dena Geraghty of Auricular Therapy Center, Inc. and Court Administration, vice-president; Bill Keyes, attorney, secretary; and Geoffrey Roepstorff of Edison National Bank, treasurer.

Other members of the board of directors are retired FBI Agent Fred Anderson, Charlotte County Chief Deputy Bill Cameron, former State Attorney Joseph D' Alessandro, Assistant Lee County Tax Collector Larry Hart, Kelly Maceranka of Chico's FAS, Jean Morningstar, paralegal with the Wilbur Smith Law Firm, and Kathy Smith, an attorney with the Lee County Public Defender's Office.

SWFAS is Southwest Florida's most comprehensive substance abuse treatment and prevention program, operating from nine offices throughout Lee and Hendry counties. Since 1980, SWFAS has helped more than 63,000 residents in Lee, Charlotte, Glades and Hendry counties rebuild their lives. SWFAS offers treatment services at all levels of intensity including residential, outpatient counseling, and group therapy. In addition, SWFAS provides

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detoxification services for adults, prevention programming for all ages, and an Employee Assistance Program for about 80 Southwest Florida businesses. SWFAS is a United Way agency.

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