

Englewood Chamber of Commerce presents  
**Fun after 5**



■ About 250 people recently turned out for Michael Saunders & Company's ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the grand reopening of its newly renovated sales office in Englewood. Company leaders, agents and members of the community toured the remodeled office at the event, which was held in conjunction with the Englewood Chamber of Commerce's Fun After 5.

The 17,000-square-foot waterfront building at 1200 S. McCall Rd. underwent extensive renovations aimed at updating and making better use of office space for agents and staff, as well as hosting various community events. Upgrades included exterior and interior painting, new roof, awning, signage and carpet, fully updated bathrooms and kitchen upgrades. The project also included upgrading four conference rooms, the addition of a training room that can accommodate up to 40 people, new furniture in the reception area and new artwork throughout.

"Damage to the office from Hurricane Ian last September precipitated repairs and resulted in the company's decision to move forward with other needed renovations," said Paula Rees, vice president of operations for Sarasota-based Michael Saunders & Company.

"We're very community-minded, involved with local organizations in the Englewood area and work with the Chamber on a lot of events," said Mary Smedley, branch manager of the company's Englewood and Boca Grande offices. "I'm looking forward to using our revamped space to meet with customers, hold training sessions and host community events."

The Manasota Mystique theme was also revealed at the meeting as "The Grande Gala" to be held October 7 at the Boca Bay Pass Club, Boca Grande.

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