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Stuart Mainstreet Hosts Inaugural Networking Breakfast to Large Crowd

STUART, FL – December 21, 2012 – With more than 100 residents, business owners and historic downtown Stuart aficionados in attendance, Stuart Mainstreet kicked off its “**Mornings on Mainstreet**” networking breakfast on Wednesday, December 12 at the Stuart Feed Store. The event, hosted by Stuart Mainstreet, a non-profit community membership organization that focuses attention on the downtown corridor and making it user friendly and fun, was sponsored by downtown businesses Osceola Street Café and Stuart Coffee Company.

“We were so impressed with the turnout for our first breakfast. It speaks to the perennial attraction of downtown not only as an economic destination for visitors, but a place for commerce and collaboration for our residents,” said Thondra Lanese, Stuart Main Street manage. “We are eagerly looking forward to our next breakfast in January and invite anyone who has interest in, business in or lives in downtown to attend.”

The free networking and social breakfasts will focus attention on the downtown corridor and include important downtown news and announcements. The first breakfast gave residents and business owners a glimpse into Stuart’s upcoming centennial celebration, and very appropriately, was held at the Stuart Feed Store and Museum, one of downtown’s most important historical cultural assets.

The next quarterly “**Mornings on Mainstreet**” breakfast will be on Wednesday, January 23, at



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Seacoast National Bank, the only bank headquartered in the City of Stuart. Seacoast Chairman and CEO Dennis S. Hudson, III will give a "State of the City" assessment and offer his economic forecast for the coming year for the City. The public is invited.

Mornings on Mainstreet are "must attend" gatherings with a focus on Downtown Stuart, an opportunity to meet like-minded people with a shared concern for downtown, and real information on current topics – plus breakfast from our local businesses.

Stuart Main Street is a non-profit organization. Main Street is not a place, it's an idea. It includes people who love and are inspired by Historic Downtown Stuart. It's everywhere local business owners and residents are. The Main Street mission is simple, yet vital: to improve the appearance and economic stability of Historic Downtown Stuart through historic preservation, downtown improvements and community events. Formed in 1987, the group follows the Main Street Four-Point Approach® as established by the National Trust for Historic Preservation's National Main Street Center and practiced in over 1600 communities across the country. Stuart Main Street meets the second Tuesday of every month at 4:30 p.m. in the City Hall Chambers at 121 SW Flagler Avenue, Stuart. For more information, visit stuartmainstreet.org or call 772-286-2848.

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Bill Moore of Stuart Coffee Company, Stuart City Manager Paul Nicoletti, and Stuart Main Street Board Member Bernie Malone at Mornings on Main Street.

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