

Thought Leader Exchange...

Today's Decisions. Tomorrow's Future.

Tuesday, Feb. 20 Agenda

Manatee Performing Arts Center
502 3rd Avenue West, Bradenton, FL 34205

1:00pm Doors Open

More Information at: ThoughtLeader.Exchange

1:30pm Conference Opening Remarks

"Data: Visualize This!"

Walt Ritscher, Senior Staff Instructor at LinkedIn Learning and Lynda.com

More and more aspects of our lives and work are moving to the cloud, devices monitor and record our every move, all producing incredible amounts of data per individual. The implications are endless and overwhelming, with experts suggesting that this "data" is the new currency. What does it all mean? What use is it to you and your organization? And where do you start?

From Sand pile to Catalyst for Economic Growth."

Carl Callahan, City Administrator and Director of the Economic Development Department

Talked about for decades, once the BOLD decision was made to move forward with the Bradenton Riverwalk this internationally acclaimed 1.5 mile park was finished on time and under budget. Since the completion in November 2012, what have been the economic impacts on development and what can we learn as more than ever communities need leaders willing to be BOLD?

PANEL: "The Future is Here"

Glenn Palmiere, VP of Business Development MediVu - Kevin Burgoyne, President and CEO Florida Venture Forum - Cassandra Burns, Realtor. Business Owner. Consultant. Investor - Vinny Tafuro, Visionary. Economist. Hacker. Author

Visibly in just a few short years, connectivity, mobility and data have radically impacted the way we live and do business. What changes have you made and what will you need to do as you move into tomorrow?

3:45 – 4:15 Networking - Coffee Break

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"Moving Beyond Good...to Great!"

John Osborne, Infrastructure & Strategic Planning Official, Manatee County Government

Even the most sophisticated mapping tools require your current location before they can identify a route to your desired destination. Although many communities would like to be, "put any name here", understanding where you are currently: assets, economic clusters, history and culture is essential to develop authentic solutions that can move you from today into your tomorrow.

"Ideas for Us ... Real Solutions for Communities Around the World"

Clayton Ferrara, Executive Director/CEO Ideas for Us

Sharon Hammond, Hive Program Director, Ideas for Us

It can be easy to throw around the "live, work, play" buzzwords. However developing quality places that provide quality of life encompasses all public and private sectors and requires leaders to collaborate for any type of real results. Discover how one organization is fostering authentic solutions to transform communities here and around the world and make "live, work, play" sustainable and more than a buzzword.

Transforming Education and Industry – It Starts Here!

SIMP- Student Industrial Manufacturing Program and I AM Solutions

Albert Ales, Zack Morris, Anthony Sevarino, John Ferguson

Known for decades as the land of opportunity and as the leader in innovation, in recent years as some manufacturing has moved to foreign soils and as what were considered "third world" nations "emerge", the U.S. has faced numerous challenges. Find out what a few students and engineering educators are doing to bring engineering education, entrepreneurship and advanced manufacturing together into something that could transform education and industry. And it all really does start here!

Audience and Speaker Forum - "Today's Decisions. Tomorrow's Future."

Walt Ritscher, Chris Castro, John Osborne, Carl Callahan, Dominic Garcia, SIMP Representative, Clayton Ferrara, Sharon Hammond

What could we do? What should we do? What will we actually do to take our communities and businesses boldly into the future? Don't miss this open discussion as our speakers join us back on stage for a "What did we learn today discussion."

6:15 – 7:30 Networking Cocktail Reception and Buffet Dinner

Talk about a buzz of conversation...Connect with fellow attendees and don't forget your business cards.

"Business Pillars Speak on Community and Staying Relevant in a Dynamic Marketplace"

Ed Chiles, CEO Chiles Group - Bryan Green, ID8 & Little Geniuses – Jacki Dezelski, IOM, President and CEO Manatee Chamber of Commerce -Rae Dowling, External Affairs Manager Florida Power and Light

How do we define success? Hear how some business leaders define their roles in community, what they are doing to stay competitive.and what BOLD looks like as we step into tomorrow.

Thank you for investing your time with us today.

Sincerely,

Stan Schultes and Sara Hand, Spark Growth