

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT
Glenn Heran | Year End 2013

2013 was a great year for the Taxpayer's Association of Indian River County. As we focused on the Taxpayers' traditionally conservative values, we saw membership grow. We believe that limited government with a focus on providing those essential services which the private sector cannot perform more efficiently is the best prism to evaluate the role of government. These values will minimize taxation, ensure the efficient use of our taxes, eliminate unnecessary bureaucracy and allow liberty to flourish. Consistent with our mission, the Taxpayers' Association continued its leadership role promoting keys issues including the electric issue and employee benefit and pension reform and defeating Seven/50. We also hosted both the Sebastian and Vero Beach City Council candidate forums helping the public identify candidate's values on the role of government.

2014 looks to be another busy year and it is good to know that the leadership of our organization rests in very capable hands. Our new President is John Kistler. He is a native of Indian River County, respected accountant and solid fiscal conservative. We are also fortunate to have the support of Vice Presidents Dan Stump and Stuart Kennedy, Treasurer Alice Johnson and Secretary Jackie Solari as we continue the great mission of the Taxpayers.

We wrapped up the year with our annual awards ceremony. This year's Miser of the Year, by unanimous vote, was awarded to Pilar Turner. In her new minority position on an increasingly progressive city council, her tenacity in questioning the role of government, pressing for fiscal accountability and defending us against unelected bureaucracies earned our gratitude and respect. Dennis Bartholomew earned the Volunteer of the Year award for exceptional service to the public. Dennis is the Executive Director of The Source, the only outreach ministry in Indian River County. Apart from The Source, Dennis gives of his time to be involved in many local charities, education groups, and other advisory boards that help the less fortunate.

Like any successful volunteer organization, the Taxpayers' Association depends on your support. I encourage all of our members to get involved this year as we share our mission with the community.

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