



Ric Base

President of the Sanibel & Captiva Islands Chamber of Commerce

Ric joined the Chamber in August 2006 is the President of the Sanibel Captiva Islands Chamber of Commerce. Ric has spent 11 years in the Chamber business with tours of duty in Fort Lauderdale and Coral Springs.

Previous to his Chamber life, Ric owned and managed a training company specializing in sales training. Before this he spent a number of years in the hotel industry.

Ric and his wife Alicia, a teacher at the Sanibel School have lived in Florida since 1986. They have two children, Lindsay who is in Tampa getting her Nursing degree and Eric, who is working for the IRS.

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Bridgit Stone-Budd

*Sanibel & Captiva Islands Chamber of Commerce
Director of Membership and Marketing*

Bridgit Stone-Budd joined the Sanibel & Captiva Islands Chamber of Commerce in November 2006 as Director of Membership and Marketing. She is responsible for marketing and sales at the Chamber of Commerce and she is also responsible for all new memberships, membership renewal and membership networking events. Bridgit works one-on-one with chamber members to help them promote their businesses and increase their revenues through Chamber activity. She also works directly with journalists from all over the world, promoting the sanctuary islands of Sanibel and Captiva.

Bridgit who was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, has extensive marketing and sales experience in the hospitality and food industry sectors. She has also worked in the media sales and marketing sectors in New York and in Southwest Florida. Bridgit lives on Sanibel with her husband Dan, and their four teenage children.

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Steve Ehrhart

*Sanibel & Captiva Islands Chamber of Commerce
Director of Operations*

Steve joined the Chamber in February 2004, working in the Visitor Center welcoming island visitors and providing information about the islands. He was promoted the following year managing the IT and website support for the Chamber of Commerce website.

In January 2008, Steve was promoted to the position of Director of Operations and is responsible for all day to day operations at the Chamber, technical support for the very busy Chamber website, which attracts more than 1.5 million visitors a year and is responsible for the Visitor Center and staff at the Chamber.

Prior to working at the Chamber Steve worked for many years as a Technical Support Manager at IBM.

A Sanibel resident, Steve, in his free time loves to fish and garden.

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Candy Thompson

*Sanibel and Captiva Islands Chamber of Commerce
Visitor Center Supervisor*

Candy Thompson is the Visitor Center Supervisor at the Chamber of Commerce. She supervises eight part-time staff and 18 volunteers for the Visitor Center, open seven days a week, 365 days per year and including holidays. Candy works closely with all Chamber members to maintain and stock brochures, menus and update accurate daily information for our visitors. She is a Notary Public in the State of Florida.

Candy has over 17 years of hotel/resort group sales experience, which included marketing and conference planning at 3-Diamond and 4-Diamond properties. In 2002, she received her CMP designation (Certified Meeting Professional) while working at Albany Law School Science & Technology Law Center where she coordinated educational programs for early start-up technology companies and venture forums.

Candy received an Associate's Degree in education from Houghton College.

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