



## 2016 Election for Everglades Bicycle Club Officers and Board

On Tuesday, January 12, the general membership of EBC will elect the 2016 Club officers and Board members.

Time: 7:00 PM (with refreshments beginning 6:30PM)

Location: Coral Gables Congregational Church Chapel (located directly across from the Biltmore Hotel)

[3010 De Soto Boulevard](#)  
[Coral Gables, Florida 33134](#)

You must be present to vote. You must be a current member in order to vote.

For your consideration, here are the biographies of the nominees.

### **President - Susan Kawalerski**



Sue is currently the Vice-President of EBC, having served as a Board member for the past two years.

In running for the Board, her objective was to help make EBC a “household name”, as the source for training rides to teach performance and safety skills, social rides to welcome newcomers to the sport and provide a fun experience for members, signature charity rides to give back to the community, and advocacy efforts to create a safe cycling environment.

Sue also worked on increasing Club membership to raise its visibility and influence in the community, and, to spread safe cycling techniques to the larger cycling population in South Florida.

The mission was launched through the EBC Membership Hangtag program in bike shops, and, through Sue’s work as the Bike305 Coordinator for Miami-Dade County Parks.

Her expanding goal is to ensure that EBC has a seat at the table of every level of government and private endeavor, working on plans to increase participation in the cycling movement and building infrastructure aimed at protecting vulnerable road users.

Sue was involved in Television News as a News Director, Producer and Consultant for CBS, NBC, ABC and FOX for over 35 years before “retiring” into the cycling business. As mentioned, she is currently the Bike305 Coordinator for Miami-Dade County’s Parks Department, and, is the special events manager and Team Captain for Mack Cycle & Fitness and its cycling teams.

### **Vice President - Art Lieberman**



Art was on the Everglades Bicycle Club Board of Directors from 2010 through 2013 and 2015, serving as Vice President in 2011 and President in 2012, when he worked with Mary Beth Garcia to launch the successful New Rider Training Program. Art was also a member of the EBC Masters 45+ Racing Team from 2005 – 2006. Prior charitable activities include service on the Board of Directors of East Ridge Retirement Village as Treasurer from 2000 – 2005; 2007 – 2008. Art also has a long history with many charitable organizations on a professional level, including the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, the National United Way organization, the National Children’s Hospital, the Miami Ballet, Fairchild Tropical Gardens, WPBT Channel 2, among many others.

Art currently works for Berkowitz Pollack Brant Advisors and Accountants as a Director of Tax Services, and is responsible for tax planning, research, forecasting, and compliance for many of the Firm's commercial real estate clients. Prior to joining the Berkowitz firm, Art worked for LNR Property LLC as its Vice President of Taxation for 14 1/2 years, for 2 1/2 years at Ernst & Young LLP where he was a Senior Tax Manager in the EY Kenneth Leventhal Real Estate Group in Washington, DC, and for 8 years at CRIIMI Mae/CRI, Inc. in Rockville, MD, where he was Vice President of Taxation and was responsible for all tax planning, research and compliance matters for their commercial real estate and low income housing portfolio.

Art holds a Bachelors of Science in Accounting and a Masters of Accounting in Taxation degree from the University of Florida. He is a member of the National Multi Housing Council Tax Committee, the National Housing Conference and the Florida Institute of CPA’s.....and EBC.

### **Treasurer - Bob Williams**



Bob has been biking for fun since the '60's wherever he's lived including Denver, Wyoming, Upstate NY, Washington DC, and Miami. He's gotten serious about biking in the past fifteen years in an attempt to stave off old age and has been with EBC for the past ten years. He's logged major road and/or mountain biking adventures in the Adirondacks, the Colorado Rockies, the Smokies, the Wallowa Mtns., Provence, and the Oregon Coast. He's also managed rest stops for a half dozen biking events including the Speedway, the Snowbird, and the Gran Fondo.

Bob is married to Joanne Koski and they have two grown sons, Ryan and Evan, who live in Manhattan. In 2012, he retired as Chief of the Traffic Signals and Signs Div. of Miami-Dade County Public Works where he was responsible for making sure those traffic signals, street lights, signs, and striping best served bicyclists and other less-important citizens. :-) He is now spending his time relaxing, road and mountain biking, canoeing, kayaking, camping, playing r-ball, and travelling. He also keeps busy w. ~6 volunteer jobs including serving as Treasurer of EBC for the

past three years. Even though it's a lot of work, and he is ready and willing to train another member to take a go at it, he's willing and honored to continue to serve the Club in this role if needed.

### **Secretary - Patricia Massey**



It has an honor and pleasure to serve EBC as Secretary for the past two years. If the membership chooses to, it would be pleasure to continue in this capacity.

In 2016, I hope to continue to improve the EBC web site, to work hard on our great EBC events and to expand my work as an advocate for cycling in our community. I am excited to see how strong EBC's reputation is in the cycling community and that EBC is respected for our unity, our enthusiasm and our inclusiveness.

My family has strong S. Florida roots, moving from the Bahamas and settling in Key West in the early 1800's. I am the first generation to move northward, born/raised in Miami, where I have returned after living in NC, NY, NJ, Germany and London. Where else can you have such incredible weather to enjoy cycling and other outdoor sports! I am single, live in South Miami with my Boston terrier, Zinger. In January 2015, I fully retired from Lenovo and IBM after a challenging 40 year career.

### **Board of Directors – Libia Casas**



I am honored to have been nominated for the position of Board Member -at – Large, a position I currently hold on the EBC's Board.

I have a long history of community involvement and volunteer work including Miami Children's Hospital, Coral Gables Junior's Woman's Club, and Gold-Diggers, INC ( if you are curious about the Gold-Diggers, just ask, I will tell you) as well as various professional organizations.

I choose to devote time to EBC because I feel it's important to support an organization that provides advocacy, community service, safety and training for cyclists.

As for myself, I grew up in Miami but am originally from Northern California. I am in private practice as a psychotherapist and Parenting Coordinator. I include my love of the outdoors, cycling and running in my work as I educate my clients on the need for hobbies and exercise as it helps to maintain both good mental and physical health.

If you don't know who I am, I am the woman with the tutu and Christmas jersey at the toy ride. While advocacy and community service is great, I think we need to have fun while at it.

I have always had at least one bike. I own a road, a hybrid, and a mountain bike, let's ride!

## **Board of Directors – Adriana Collado-Hudak**



I am a native Miamian and grew up in your typical Cuban-American household. I attended high school at St. Brendan and earned a Bachelor of Science in Communications from FIU. After working for a few years as a copywriter/editor, I taught Social Studies to middle-school students from 1998-2001. Then, I decided I needed a less stressful career, so I left to attend law school at the University of Florida. I have practiced criminal defense for over 10 years and am Senior Counsel at Greenspoon Marder, PA.

I am married to film critic Dan Hudak, and we share our home with a beautiful black cat named Gato. I love the outdoors, animals, traveling, running, and of course, cycling! I started riding about 4 years ago, found EBC, and haven't looked back. EBC rides are the highlight of my weekend, and the friends and camaraderie in this group is second to none.

When I was approached about joining the EBC Board in 2015, I knew this was an opportunity to give back to the club that I enjoy so much. I have served as a director at large these past few months and have learned much about what it takes to make this club a success. It truly does "take a village" to make things happen and keep EBC a vital force in the cycling community. I hope to continue to be a part of that village.

As such, I look forward to serving as a Director at Large for 2016 and ask for your vote.

Wishing you all a safe, happy and healthy New Year!

## **Board of Directors - Jose Cruz**



Started cycling in 2012 when I was told by my doctor that I needed to get my legs stronger by either swimming or riding bike. He said to get into cycling it is cheaper than getting a pool. I found out about EBC on the WEB, came out on a Saturday and the first person I saw was Greg and 2nd person was Sue K. My experiences with EBC has been great, I have met lots of new friends and some that I consider close friends. Because of EBC I have participated in several charity rides and fun rides. Cycling with friends has become a major part of my life.

## **Board of Directors - Pamela Dudkiewicz**



Pamela Dudkiewicz is a Nurse Practitioner working in area of Hematology/Oncology at University of Miami Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center. She received her Bachelor's of Science in Nursing from Florida International University in 1989, her Master's of Science in Nursing from the University of Miami in 1998, and received her Doctor of Nursing Practice from Florida Atlantic University in 2013. Pamela began working with the University of Miami in 2003. She has been an active member in the Miami-Dade Chapter of the Oncology Nursing Society and serving on their board

of directors for the past several years and is currently President-Elect. Pamela is a true native to Miami, Florida. She has always been physically active, completing 1 full marathon and 16 half marathons. Due to recurrent injury, she had to stop running and began cycling. She has been a member of Everglades Bicycle Club for almost 2 years. She has served on the board for the last 4 months and is currently running for another term. I believe that having a health professional on the board of a local cycling club is a great asset not only for the club, but also for the community.

## **Board of Directors - Fritz Mueller**



Born and raised in Miami, Fritz has been a lifelong cyclist and is also a past president of EBC. He has been an advocate of cycling in general, and for heightened bicycle safety at both the local and state level. Fritz' involvement in EBC came after many years racing for the Team Everglades racing team. He has lived and worked on 3 continents, and cycled in events both in the USA and abroad. As a resident of Miami Shores, he currently coordinates several ride groups originating out of the northern part of Miami.

Fritz' professional experience has covered a broad range of industries acting as a consultant in international business development, and speaks several languages. He is also a Realtor licensed in the State of Florida, and currently holds a captains license with the USCG/USMM. Fritz received his Bachelor's degree from Tufts University in Medford, MA.

## **Board of Directors – Angel Pendas**



Angel began cycling in Miami in 1981. He actually raced against Ozzie when both had plenty of long hair and only a cap to keep it from the wind. He remembers riding to Key Biscayne and feeling a sense of joy when seeing another cyclist, thinking: "I'm not the only weirdo in an Italian wool jersey and a love for an unknown sport". He admits to feeling the same joy now when riding with EBC - years pass and the body withers, but the camaraderie stays the same. As with many club members, cycling is important to him. Riding a bike has helped him become a better person in too many ways to mention and therefore believes that introducing new riders to our club is absolutely vital. Unfortunately his knee doesn't share his enthusiasm, but that may allow for his dedicating more volunteer time to our club since knee replacement surgery is on his 2016 schedule.

## **Board of Directors – Frank Urban**



I was born in Dayton, Ohio and raised in suburban Kettering, named after the world-famous inventor Charles F Kettering. It was a privilege to also grow up quite close to the home of some very famous cyclists, the Wright brothers. My father was very worried about bicycle injuries, he was a physician. I think I still carry a bit of his worries with me even to this day. So my first bicycle was a 24 inch Schwinn. Soon after I got a three speed "English" bicycle and used it to go everywhere and do everything. I delivered newspapers on it year around, riding through rain and snow and heat and cold. It was always enjoyable no matter what the conditions. I rode it to swim team practice. But I did not race and did not tour. My racing was in competitive swimming carried out through high school at the state and national level. Later I trained and swam AAU Masters for about a year.

In graduate school at the University of Florida I frequently used the bicycle to go to and from campus. But after graduation it was barely used. About four years ago I felt the urge and obtained my first road bike. I remember asking how long the tires would last and being told 1800 miles. I thought, oh my goodness, that is forever! Needless to say I have bought many, many new tires and have ridden 20,000+ miles since that day. Because of my friend Rick, I started my new bicycle career with Team Storm riders. I have participated in local cycling events at a rate of about one per month and train about 100 or more miles a week. I have ridden across Iowa three times in the RAGBRAI. I have been a member of the Everglades Bicycle Club which I joined to do my first metric century about five months into my riding career. In the meantime I have obtained a hard tail 29er mountain bike, another road bike, and an in-between Giant Anyroad bike. A tri-bike is on my wish list. I would like to do more rails-to-trails rides and gravel rides. I have no plans to ever stop cycling.

I love the cycling community for the abundant good cheer, healthy habits, and spirit of giving. I hope I have ridden long enough to be able to help newcomers. I have no idea how I would contribute to EBC but stand ready to learn and work. I am an engineering professor at FIU so I might want to bend your ear about bicycle physics from time to time. Thank you for your welcome, for your friendship and for the opportunity for service.