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Space Coast Women in Defense celebrates four years

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Pam Gillespie, left, is part of the five-member team to launch Space Coast Women in Defense four years ago and Susan Glasgow is the current president and founding member.

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Space Coast Women in Defense marks a four-year milestone this month. WID's mission is to cultivate and support the advancement and recognition of women in all aspects of national security and provide women with a formal environment for professional growth through networking, education, and career development.

"The Florida Space Coast is a unique area with several rapidly expanding national defense industries and a very prevalent military presence," said Susan Glasgow, named president of Space Coast WID in October 2016.

"By forming a Space Coast Chapter on Jan. 21, 2013, WID can now provide networking and professional development opportunities to promote the role of women in national defense and security, to support military service members, and to encourage partnerships within the local contractor community, defense industry and military personnel."

The group will celebrate its milestone with a night of networking from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 28, at Larsen Motorsports in Palm Bay to support Space Coast STEM activities – Science, Technology, Engineering and Math, for local students. Cost is \$35 for members and active U.S. military members and \$50 for non-members until Jan. 22, and \$45 and \$60 after that date. Cost for students age 12 through college age is \$25.

The 2014 and 2015 International Hot Rod Association Jet Dragster World Champion Elaine Larsen, driver of the Florida Institute of Technology dragster, will speak. Live music will be performed by Brevard Brass.

"In our third full year of operations, we have grown substantially thanks to those that share their time supporting this organization," said Glasgow, founding member of Space Coast WID. She is also the president/CEO of Kegman Inc. an Economically Disadvantaged Women Owned Small Business and a Veteran Owned Business that provides a myriad of services, including Information Technology, security, and Special Sensor System design, testing and integration.

The five-person team that led the charge to launch the local WID chapter included Karen Gregory, HRSS Consulting Group & USAFR; Pam Gillespie, then-Community Relations Director for Congressman Bill Posey; Joanne Longo, Barry University; Mary Kinberg, Kinberg & Associates; and Elizabeth May, AhtnaSTS. The team worked with the guidance of the Central Florida Chapter president Terri Smith and past president Debbie Berry.

"We are really looking forward to spending the evening getting to know and enjoy Elaine Larsen," Gillespie said of the local personality with worldwide celebrity status. Larsen appeared on the popular TV game show "To Tell the Truth" Jan. 8 and was recently featured on "Jay Leno's Garage."

"This is the perfect place to host this special event with a woman who not only excels in a high-tech world, but is champion of it and has a passion to create champions in other women who follow behind her, and all students who wish to pursue a career in space, defense and other high-tech business applications."

Also at the event, honors will be awarded for:

STEM Leadership Star of the Year

STEM Business Innovator of the Year

STEM Nonprofit Innovator of the Year

STEM Educator of the Year, and

STEM Mentor of the Year

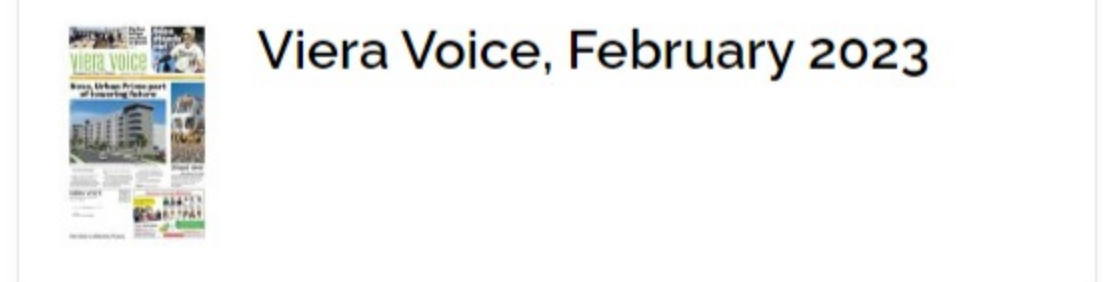
For more information or to purchase event tickets, go to scwid.org and click Events.



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