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• NEWLY RE-ELECTED SUPERVISOR MANDELMAN

• BOARD ELECTIONS
President’s Update
2018 November
Mark D McHale

We’re almost to the holidays, can you believe it? I love these days of fall temperatures and colors; the shorter daylight hours bring longer shadows and longer nights to enjoy indoors and the comforts of a cozy home. Last edition, we focused on Quality of Life Issues around the neighborhood and the city, and witness just how much the city is doing and poised to do to address what’s happening on our streets. In this edition, we’re looking at the many local faces of giving, generosity and kindness that bring us together as neighbors.

October’s first ever EVNA Movie Night was a big success- the board hosted the event (thanks to everyone!), setting up the screen and welcome booth, and getting the complimentary popcorn popped and distributed to all. We counted 75 guests from all over the neighborhood and surrounding areas. It was fun to see COCO up on the big screen and being outdoors brought back a lot of fond memories of my own small town, close knit community experience. The kids (and there were MANY!) really seemed to enjoy singing along and watching the story unfold. I’d like to have your comments and feedback on the idea of making this an annual social event for ENVA.

Next upon us are the elections- the EVNA elections, that is. As I watch with shame and shock the events unfolding on a national level, I am even more convinced of the importance of service on the local level- where we actually meet each other face to face and engage with one another as neighbors. We need more good in this world, especially right now, and it’s easier to be kind close up to someone. You can do good by being a part of EVNA, and serving on the board or on a committee is a great way to build relationships and create the bond of community.

Giving and Generosity- essential elements to being a good neighbor to each other has many faces and takes many shapes. Did you know that the owners of Orphan Andy’s- Bill and Dennis- have been donating the plants at Jane Warner Plaza for years? Bill also makes a mean plate of brownies that he’s donated to Castro Cares fundraisers. There are many among us who donate sums of money to worthy causes, others give of their time to volunteer as a class room aid at the school, and others do volunteer work to help those in need. We wouldn’t be the community we are without understanding the vital and necessary benefits of giving something back. Read about Cliff’s philosophy of giving in our business spotlight. Better yet, shop there this season.

Our next General Meeting is Nov 28th, 2018 in the Harvey Milk Civil Rights Academy cafeteria from 7-8:30

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Become involved in your neighborhood!
We are always looking to expand our Board of Directors with committed, active members of the community.
If you’d like to learn more, email President@EVNA.org.
First Ever EVNA Movie Night! COCO!

by Mark McHale

It was a lot of effort in the making, but EVNA pulled off our very own neighborhood movie night on October 13th at the EV Rec Center, Rikki Streicher Field (across 19th from the Harvey Milk Civil Rights Academy). Mark McHale spearheaded the effort, working with the Rec and Park Department to plan the event and meet the long list of requirements to get the event and sound permits. I have to admit, the help received from Mark Scheuer at Duboce Triangle Neighborhood Association, and from Douglas Woo the Friends of Duboce Park, really made the process easier.

For our first movie- we chose an all-time family favorite: COCO (2017). The entire Board of Directors and a few volunteers showed up early to set up the move venue, and welcomed about 75 guests from Eureka Valley and other parts of town. Guests pitched blankets and pillows, wore sweatshirts and coats, grabbed a free popcorn, and snuggled into the cool evening air for a bigger than life animated story about following your dreams. The kids loved it!

If you’ve ever had to interact with a city entity like police for filing a report, getting building permits, or even getting approval for a simple street party, you know it’s more often than not an arduous experience and can be frustrating. Granted, the process for having an event on public land involves a lot of moving parts and many, many players, though it was made much easier with the help of Rec and Park’s Shauna Bogetz- she’s helped us steer through the entire process. On movie night itself, The EV Rec Center’s Adela Dominguez and her right hand employee Christopher, donated the popcorn maker, supplies, and their time to make sure all our guests got delicious popcorn for the movie! Thanks also to Robby Roller (pictured) at the Duboce Park Rec Center for making that possible!

We had an informational table at the entrance with details about the EVNA and encouraging visitors to join. Rafael Mandelman stopped by to say hello to everyone.

While our attendance goal was set at a pretty modest 50 attendees, I can say it was a resounding success- we cut our teeth on the city process paving the way for an easier time of it next year, we received a lot of help from our neighbors at DTNA, Friends of Duboce Park, Rec and Parks, and the various vendors involved. We had fun working together to make it all happen, and we met some wonderful new neighbors along the way. Looking forward to having even more Eureka Valley neighbors and members attend next year!

Let’s give special thanks to all who made the movie night possible: Vanguard Properties/Castro Street Office contributed $2,500 as a sponsor. Special thanks to Rec and Parks for waiving the permits fees, too.
(President’s column from page 2)

(doors open at 6:40-ish). We’ll have EVNA elections at this meeting, and then focused our attention on our theme for the holidays: “Good Neighbor.” We’ll take a well-deserved look at those among us who volunteer for service and give of themselves and their resources to make our neighborhood closer and more caring. There’s a LONG list to consider!

See you around the neighborhood!
Say “Hi!” when you see me!

Mark D McHale

December Castro Art Walk
Thursday, December 6th, from 6-9 pm
Supervisor's Update

By Supervisor MRafael Mandelman

Dear EVNA Members,

It's been four months since I had the honor of becoming your Supervisor, and in that time my office has been working hard for District 8. Our top priority has been taking on homelessness and working every day to get sick and mentally ill people off the streets and into care.

Back in August, we started on a citywide survey to learn more about what’s being done by our city and our nonprofit partners to address homelessness. Since then, we’ve made more than 30 visits, including stops at the new Navigation Center on Division Street, Most Holy Redeemer to serve Wednesday Supper, and the Medical Respite & Sobering Center, where a third of the clients are managing 6 or more chronic conditions.

I’ve also convened monthly meetings between the city departments responsible for homelessness and neighborhood groups, including EVNA, to create a plan for the neighborhoods of District 8 and monitor our progress on addressing the issue.

People often ask me what they can do to help combat homelessness and while there are seemingly endless places to volunteer and donate, here are three organizations doing indispensable work, all of whom are worthy of your time and support.

- St Anthony’s Foundation, where each day they serve 2,400 meals, provide 150 people with clean clothing, and support 70 people with addiction recovery services. (www.stanthonysf.org)

- Larkin Street Youth Services, which serves at-risk youth in San Francisco, and does incredible work to transition young people off the street and on a path to stability, with facilities that include a 300-bed shelter, performance arts space and instruction, and college prep programs. (www.larkinstreetyouth.org)

- Homeless Prenatal Program, which for the past 25 years, has helped poor and homeless families facing childhood poverty, serving more than 4,000 families each year. (www.homelessprenatal.org)

On the legislative front, my first piece of legislation is a measure to encourage more Board and Care facilities in San Francisco. Over the last five years, our city has lost 19 Board and Care facilities, and with them hundreds of beds for the most vulnerable. My legislation would streamline the planning approval process to open such residential care facilities.

In addition, my office has been leading local implementation efforts to expand conservatorships, an important tool for the City to get sick people into services and care, following the passage of state law SB1045.

While homelessness has been the top issue for my office, the second most frequent area of concern from our constituents has related to trees. One year into the City’s StreetTreeSF program, I called for a hearing to better understand the program’s initial impacts, challenges, and successes.

If you have a question or concern, don’t hesitate to reach out to my office, at mandelmanstaff@sfgov.org
Mission Station Update

by Captain Gaetano Caltagirone

Good day and thank you for the opportunity to contribute to your neighborhood newsletter. The officers at Mission Station are an exceptional group of men and women who are dedicated to our community and the enforcement of our laws and city ordinance’s. We currently have approximately 150 officers who patrol the largest district in San Francisco and handle anything from homeless encampments to gang related violence and everything in between.

We currently have eight foot beat officers who are dedicated to Castro Street and the surrounding area as well as officers who patrol what is designated at the “Once Car” which encompasses Eureka Valley. Recently our officers have been busy conducting Buy Bust Operations where an officer goes out and attempts to purchase Narcotics from a Narcotics dealer. We also implemented a Bike Abatement Enforcement. This is where we place a locked bicycle and wait for an individual to cut the bike lock off and attempt to steal the bike, the officers rush in as soon as the criminal begins to pedal away.

Officer’s at Mission Station have also been working hard on combating vehicle break in’s, in the District. Approaching the vehicle break in’s, is difficult and takes team work. The team work is with the assistance of citizens in conjunction with police officers. A few weeks ago a citizen observed an individual who looked suspicious looking into vehicles. The citizen called the police immediately and gave a great description head to toe of the suspect individual who officers were able to locate quickly and apprehend along with the stolen items.

We would like to remind anyone and everyone who parks their vehicle on the city streets to treat their vehicle as if it were a convertible. Which is to say, please remove all items of value and lock the remainder items in the trunk and out of view of prying eyes. We remind you to please Park Smart.

There are numerous times that we can use the assistance from citizens like you. I ask if you do see anything suspicious please call immediately. Your help, helps everyone around us.

I would like any and all of you to attend our monthly Community Meetings which are held at Mission Station on the last Tuesday of the month at 6pm in the Community Room. I look forward to meeting each of you and again, thank you for letting me keep you abreast of what we are accomplishing here at Mission Police Station.
SF SAFE: Building a Safer San Francisco
Kathy Chouteau
SF Safe

For 40 years, SF SAFE has worked to engage, educate and empower San Franciscans to build safer neighborhoods through crime prevention, education and public safety services that result in stronger, more vibrant and resilient communities.

Originally created in 1976 as a project of the San Francisco Police Department (SFPD), SF SAFE became a nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation in 1980 and continues to act as the crime prevention component of the police department.

The organization’s array of services provide people with the tools, knowledge and skills to help address and prevent crime and violence, and to become advocates for safety and wellness in their neighborhoods.

SF SAFE’s diverse range of initiatives include forming/facilitating Neighborhood Watch Groups; providing personal safety presentations, residential and business security surveys/presentations and workplace violence prevention trainings; managing the SAFE Bikes program; creating safety events; and acting as a liaison to the SFPD and other City agencies.

One way to help SF SAFE achieve a safer San Francisco is by starting a Neighborhood Watch Group. The program brings neighbors together to improve safety in their neighborhood via activities that include hosting four meetings annually; inviting informative guest speakers to meetings; taking safety classes together; and organizing volunteer activities.

To get started, recruit a few neighbors on your block; contact SF SAFE for assistance; and create a planning committee to meet with an SF SAFE rep. Click here for more info and to download the brochure about starting an “NWG” today.

To support or learn more about SF SAFE visit: sfsafe.org
**Handy Resources for Home**

**Call 311 for:**
Report Litter and Graffiti, St. Cleaning, Abandoned Vehicles, St. Signs Missing/Damaged, Pot Holes

**Police:**
Non-Emergency: 553-0123
Report nuisance and non-urgent issues. Always ask for a CAD #.

Mission Station: 558-5400
Captain Gaetano Caltagirone email:
SFPDMissionStation@sfgov.org

**Homeless issues:**
Community Awareness & Treatment Service (CATS)
non-emergency: 734-4233

**Parking and Traffic Issues:**
SFMTA Parking Enforcement: 553-1200
SFMTA Parking Tickets: 701-3000

**District. 8 Supervisor:** 554-6968,
mandelmanstaff@sfgov.org
Business Spotlight: Cliff’s Hardware and Variety

Iconic Cliff’s Hardware has been around since 1936, and if you live in the Castro/Eureka Valley, you’ve undoubtedly stopped in to shop their wide selection of merchandise and interacted with their friendly and knowledgeable staff. The store seems to have everything you could possibly need: hardware and tools, garden supplies, costumes, stationery, cookware of all sorts, toys, and gifts, as well as the more traditional elements you’d think as belonging in a hardware store: lightbulbs, pipes, keys, hooks, locks and paint. It’s a rare event not to find what you came in for.

Terry Asten Bennett is the daughter of the founder of Cliff’s, and is the current owner. Along with her husband Rich and 40 other employees and staff, she is the face and the backbone of the store’s operations. Over the years, the family has found creative ways to adapt to ever changing consumer needs, and more recently, the changing retail market. An obvious reason for their continued presence.

Terry says “Since the beginning, my family knew the importance of giving back to the community that supports us. One can’t exist without the other.” Cliff’s has always had a philosophy of giving, and their track record backs it up. Terry admits, it’s one of the reasons they’ve survived and thrived through the tough times and the good times. Giving- we’ve always wanted to be a good neighbor.

For Terry, being a good neighbor means giving. Cliff’s is a long standing major contributor to The Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence who’ve devoted themselves to community service, ministry and outreach to those on the margins of society. (www.thesisters.org)

Another giving opportunity is the weekend after Thanksgiving, when the store donates a percentage of all sales to buy school supplies for students at our very own Harvey Milk Civil Rights Academy (K-6th grades). It’s one of Terry’s favorites, because it models the generosity and good behavior she strives to live by directly to the students, who she hopes will model the same generosity in turn.

In December, you’ll notice big barrels installed around the store for their toy drive hosted in association with the Mission Station Police Captain, Gaetano Caltagirone. The staff seed each barrel with donated toys to get the giving spirit flowing with customers.

Most memorable to me as a community activist are the many times that I’ve gone to Terry over the years asking for contributions for various charitable contests or drawings - and she’s always made sure I left with more than I asked for. Terry told me her secret this week: It’s easy for her to give when it’s a valued customer with a local story, or there’s a neighborhood connection or a passion to help others- that’s enough. Giving is a way of life for her, her family, and for Cliff’s Hardware. The next time you’re in the store, be sure to donate a toy into the barrel, or at least give her a big hug and a “thank you” for being such a good neighbor to our community.
How to be a Hyper-Local Good Neighbor
by Psyche Philips

The content of this newsletter will be finalized before we see any results from the midterm elections. Regardless of the election results, most of us are feeling discouraged by the current state of politics in America. Senator Ben Sasse of Nebraska (love him or hate him) recently came out with a new book which he discussed on NPR. Some of his thoughts from the book and interview are below; I encourage you to think them over. When we are feeling helpless and frustrated, the most tangible way to make an impact is focusing on the hyper-local. Knowing your barista's name, volunteering at the nonprofit around the corner from where you live, and taking the time to say hello to your neighbors when you see them on the street will make a bigger difference in your daily experience of life than who sits in the oval office. Read on for some food for thought and to discover organizations in the Castro that can use your help.

The American system assumes that politics do a limited number of things. But the really interesting things happen in your family, in your neighborhood, in your workplace, in your local worshipping community. And right now, so many of those local tribes of textured meaning are in collapse, and people are looking for substitute tribes in politics. And I don’t think that’s going to work out very well. . . . The things that make Americans happy are - do you have a nuclear family? Do you have a few deep friendships? Do you have meaningful callings? Do you have shared work? Do you have shared vocations? All of those things are connected to place . . .

What we need are new habits of mind and heart. We need new practices of neighborliness. We need to get our hands dirty replenishing the soil that nourishes rooted, purposeful lives.

If America is going to survive—and that’s never an assumption to be taken for granted in a republic—we will have to find a way to restore the bonds of community that give individuals a place in the world where they can enjoy the love of family and friends, express their talents, and serve others in fulfilling ways.

To hear the full NPR Interview with Ben Sasse:
https://www.npr.org/2018/10/15/657588629/in-them-s-dividing-americans. His new book is called “THEM: Why We Hate Each Other, and How to Heal”

Where to start? See below. A recent search on VolunteerMatch (www.volunteermatch.org) found over 100 volunteer opportunities within 1 mile of zip code 94114.

Local opportunities to volunteer and donate:

Eureka Valley Neighborhood Association (yes, we’re listing ourselves first!) EVNA.org
The EVNA provides a public forum for the people who live, work, and play in the greater Eureka Valley area to discuss common issues and concerns, and help develop solutions to improve the neighborhood. They meet every other month.

LYRIC
127 Collingwood Street
Lyric.org
LYRIC provides a Castro district meeting place and social services for LBGTQ youth (ages 24 and younger). Their mission is to build community and inspire positive

Looking for a new kind of workout? Sweat the funk out with The Boombox
By Alexandra Mogannam - Founder, Co-owner and Head Trainer of The Boombox

I’m not a stranger to fitness. After nearly 10 years as a personal trainer, I’ve had the opportunity to work with athletes, weight-loss clients, teens, and seniors. I’ve worked for chains and have operated an in-home private training service. While immersed in the industry, I’ve taken many opportunities to explore the fitness landscape in San Francisco. What I’ve often found is an array of private training and large box gyms or boutique classes, but have rarely found anything in between. I don’t know about you, but I’ve also arrived at the conclusion that fitness is taken so seriously these days. And for what reason? Sure, physical activity should be consistent to maintain a healthy lifestyle, but (in my opinion) it should also be balanced, modified for your needs, and...yes...enjoyable. And so I decided to do something about it.

The Boombox studio was built to provide the missing in-between—a studio that encourages clients to take training seriously without taking themselves too seriously. A space that others (with my in-between mindset) could attend and appreciate. A space that is warm, intimate and inclusive to all. A space that offers a new kind of community for the Castro community. Our workouts are designed to burn fat and build muscle, but are easily modified to fit your needs. We train in groups of six with various pieces of equipment (kettlebells, powerblocks, TRX, medicine balls, resistance bands, and more) and incorporate different training styles to keep the body guessing and boost metabolism.

We like to do things a bit different than what you’re used to. And we’re confident you’ll be pleasantly surprised.

The Boombox Studio | 2109 Market Street, San Francisco | 415.622.8721

Sen-ben-sasse-says-politics-are-not-whats-dividing-americans

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Every Saturday & Sunday
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11AM Seating
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Get to Know the Neighborhood: Most Holy Redeemer
by Eunice Park

The Most Holy Redeemer Catholic Church in the Castro has a number of ministries and programs that serve our neighbors in the Eureka Valley neighborhood in particular, as well as the larger San Francisco community.

One of our best known programs is our long-standing AIDS support ministry, which started in 1985 as a service to our own parishioners, but grew quickly to include support to clients from the neighborhood and throughout the city. Over these years, we have provided care and assistance to more than 4,000 persons with HIV, their families and loved ones. We continue to provide support in the form of telephone support, visits from volunteers, emergency financial support, and a weekly professionally facilitated support group.

Another long standing program is our Wednesday Night Supper. Every week, volunteers cook and serve a four-course family style meal for up to 100 of our neighborhood homeless and near-homeless. But the focus of the supper is on fellowship, not food. Our goal is to cultivate relationships with these neighbors – with a special emphasis on homeless youth – in order to affirm their dignity and serve their needs. After dinner, the guests are offered a bag lunch, donated toiletries, clothing, haircuts, consultations with a medical providers, and a movie or other programs.

A program we host at our parish is through a collaboration with the Golden Gate Senior Center (which uses our large hall at a very low cost) to host seniors from the area, Monday through Friday from 9am to 3pm. The seniors are offered a hot lunch and different activities each day, such as movies, exercise classes, music activities, and games.

We also host various prayerful events that are open to anyone, including a weekly Centering Prayer, special prayer vigils for tragedies, a pet blessing in the garden every October, an altar of remembrance each November for those who have died in the past year, and for which anyone can bring a photo of a loved one.

And we do a variety of fundraising and donation activities, such as our annual coat and blanket drive, and our recent fundraising event for the fire victims in Sonoma who are undocumented. We also host special events throughout the year on different topics, such as voice lessons, political topics, and our recent workshop on wills and trusts.

Rainbow World Fund
4111 18th St
www.rainbowfund.org
Rainbow World Fund (RWF) is an all-volunteer international humanitarian service agency based in the gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender (LGBT) and friend’s community. RWF’s mission is to promote LGBT philanthropy in the area of world humanitarian relief.

MAGNET/Strut
470 Castro St
www.magnetsf.org
Magnet, a program of the SF AIDS Foundation, provides free sexual health services in the heart of the Castro. In addition to clinical services such as HIV testing and counseling, they also provide an art gallery, lounge, and internet-café where people can meet and relax.

Queer LifeSpace
2275 Market St
www.queerlifespace.org
Queer LifeSpace is a nonprofit counseling agency that seeks to bring sustainable mental health and substance abuse services to the LGBTQQI community. Queer LifeSpace will provide long-term, low fee mental health and substance abuse therapy for the queer community.

Castro Cares
Castrocares.org
584 Castro St
A unique, community collaborative effort providing dedicated homeless outreach & uniformed law enforcement in addition to the City’s baseline services.

OurTown SF
ourtowns.org
A promotional tool for San Francisco’s LGBT nonprofit service providers, arts and athletic groups to recruit and connect with clients, donors & volunteers. On October 20, OurTown hosted a nonprofit expo at the Eureka Valley Rec Center.

Eureka Valley/Harvey Milk Memorial Branch SF Public Library
1 Jose Sarria Ct
sfpl.org
In addition to offering popular books, magazines, CDs and DVDs, this public lending library has a special collection of LGBT materials on the culture, history and experience of the LGBT community. The library also offers a variety of ongoing educational programs for children and adults.
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4072 18th Street
San Francisco, CA 94114
(415) 252-9325
www.poesiasf.com

“A tavola non si invecchia mai...”

4127 18th St
www.glbthistory.org
The society’s GLBT History Museum is the first full scale, stand alone museum of its kind in the United States. Celebrating 100 years of San Francisco’s vast queer past (continued on page 13) through dynamic and surprising exhibitions and programs.

Castro County Club
4058 18th St
www.castrocountryclub.org
The Country Club provides a clean and sober gathering place for all people and a home for the queer recovery community in the heart of the Castro. Programs include AA and other 12-step meetings, an espresso bar that also provides job training and skills building for people in recovery, and a wide variety of social and fellowship events.

Castro Ambassadors
www.castrocbd.org/ambassador
The Ambassadors are a volunteer group that helps tourists find their way in the Castro neighborhood, providing them with maps and information about local attractions, and answering visitor’s questions. They provide their services free of charge on weekends from June through October.

Castro Community on Patrol
www.castropatrol.org
Castro Community on Patrol (CCOP), founded in November 2006, is a grassroots non-profit organization dedicated to promoting safety and safety awareness in the Castro and Duboce neighborhoods. CCOP volunteers patrol the neighborhood, note and report violence and property crimes, and create a visible safety presence.

EVNA Membership Drive: We NEED you!
EVNA is only as strong as our membership. A robust membership helps fulfill our mission to improve the neighborhood AND provides much-needed clout with city agencies.

Please join or renew your membership today, http://evna.org/join.
Time for Membership Voting: EVNA Elections- Candidates Standing for Office

The Board of Directors is pleased to present the following candidates for your consideration. Board members serve for two year terms, and half are up for re-election each year. Elections will take place at our next General Meeting- Wednesday, Nov 28, 2018. You must be a member to cast your vote.

**Vice President**- Alex Lemberg (current board member)
Alex Lemberg has lived in the Castro on Caselli Avenue with his now-husband Kevin since 2013. Serving on the EVNA Board of Directors for the past year has been a highlight of Alex’s year and he wants to keep building up the Castro community through service, events, collecting meaningful community feedback, and strengthening community bonds. He is also proud to serve on the board of the GLBT Historical Society, another amazing nonprofit that serves the Castro, and works as a staff attorney at Open Door Legal in the Bayview/Hunters Point neighborhood of San Francisco, helping SF residents keep their homes. Alex would be honored to have your vote as Vice President of the EVNA.

**Secretary**- (currently filled by Leila Decker) No candidate

**Treasurer**- Kevin Cureton
Kevin Cureton has lived in Eureka Valley since 2003 and in San Francisco since 1997. He lives with his husband Alex, and their roommate Steve, in a cozy condo on Caselli Avenue that Kevin has owned since moving into the neighborhood. Kevin has worked as a software engineer since moving to San Francisco and is currently employed with Netflix. Kevin is concerned about the quality of life issues that impact our neighborhood and he feels the neighborhood association is uniquely positioned to help positively influence policy on these issues. Kevin will bring a high-degree of transparency to the role of Treasurer, simplifying financial processes and reporting, and using best practices for the EVNA.

**Board Member at Large**- Desmond Morgan
Desmond Morgan has lived in San Francisco for over 20 years with his husband of one year, Romwald Connolly. They are new to the Castro Neighborhood. Recently, Desmond and Romwald (Ray) purchased 3987-3989 17th St.; and Desmond is looking forward to getting involved in the community. If elected to EVNA Board of Directors at Large, he looks forward to helping out in any capacity. Desmond Morgan has been in the BioTech industry for over 15 years. Currently, he’s a Territory Account Manager at Relypsa, Inc.