

2017 Kiplinger Literacy Award Luncheon

Monday, January 23, 2017

Presented by The Library Foundation of Martin County, Inc.



Keynote Speaker

KNIGHT KIPLINGER

Editor in Chief, Kiplinger Publications
"What's Ahead for 2017?"

Kiplinger Family Support of the Martin County Library has Deep Roots

The bond between the Kiplinger family and the Martin County Library System has been a strong tie for decades. The influence and generosity of the family dates back to 1954, when W. M. Kiplinger, the Washington journalist and publisher, donated a block of land on East Ocean Boulevard for the construction of the first public library and the Woman's Club of Stuart.

Knight Kiplinger writes, in his introduction to Sandra Thurlow's book *Sewall's Point*, that his grandfather discovered the "peacefulness and natural beauty" of the Stuart region on his first visit here in 1952. He was "looking for a quiet refuge from the political hubbub of Washington," and he bought Bay Tree Lodge on Sewall's Point "with a vague thought of retiring there" someday. He never did retire, but he made Bay Tree into a vacation retreat for the employees and retirees of his publishing company, the function it still serves today, while also providing the Kiplinger family with a beloved winter home.

When the 1909 main building of Bay Tree Lodge was destroyed by fire in 1990, "there was never a thought of not replacing it," Knight writes. "We immediately set about designing a faithful reproduction."

When the Library Foundation established the Literacy Award in 2009, the Board of Directors seized the opportunity to recognize the Kiplingers in a significant manner. The wisdom of this decision

is reinforced annually when Knight Kiplinger, editor in chief and chairman of the Kiplinger organization and W. M. Kiplinger's grandson, joins us as the keynote speaker at the Literacy Award Luncheon.

Mr. Kiplinger offers listeners a unique ringside perspective on the leaders and policies that shape our future, the nation and the world. Speaking from first-hand knowledge forged at the epicenter of our nation's capital and seasoned with decades of experience, Kiplinger's annual not-to-be-missed remarks are an authentic spotlight on the current financial and political scenario.

Established in 1923, *The Kiplinger Letter* is the most widely read and longest-published business forecasting publication in the world. Mr. Kiplinger also oversees *Kiplinger's Personal Finance* magazine, *The Kiplinger Tax Letter*, *Kiplinger's Retirement Report*, and *Kiplinger.com*. The privately held company publishes an array of single-topic newsstand issues and special products, DVDs, and Web video features. The total paid circulation of its periodicals exceeds 850,000, and its website receives more than three million unique visits per month.

The company has been managed for more than nine decades by three generations of Kiplinger family members. Austin Kiplinger, Knight's father and editor emeritus, died in late 2015 at the age of 97.

A unique aspect of the company, which contributes greatly to its success, is that the imperative of editorial quality takes precedence over the pressures of the business side, especially advertising. Among other accolades, the company has received the American Business Ethics Award, was named "one of America's most ethical companies" by *Ethisphere* Magazine, and was named a 2009 General Excellence Award winner by the Society of American Business Editors and Writers.

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Leo Clancy Selected as the 2017 Kiplinger Literacy Award Honoree



Kiplinger Literacy Award Honoree

LEO CLANCY

STUART, FL -- The Library Foundation of Martin County, Inc. is pleased to announce that Leo Clancy is the recipient of the 2017 Kiplinger Literacy Award. Mr. Clancy will receive the award at a luncheon on January 23, 2017 that will be held at the Harbour Ridge Yacht and Country Club. Noreen Fisher, President of the Board of Directors said, "Leo Clancy's commitment to the adult literacy outreach initiative of the Library Foundation was instrumental in the creation of the program that has allowed so many Martin County residents to learn English. His guidance and insightful planning set the initiative on its path to success. We are pleased to be able to recognize his past and continuing contribution."

Leo Clancy was born and raised in Boston and is a graduate of Dartmouth College. Upon his retirement, Leo and his wife Dolores moved to Harbour Ridge Yacht and Country Club in 1995. In the early years of his career, he spent three years in the Asia-Pacific region with the Army Security Agency and later worked with two major industrial corporations in New York City from 1956 to 1963. During this time, he began working in human resources, which ultimately became his vocation. In 1963 Leo joined Booz Allen Hamilton, a strategy and technology consulting firm; he was elected a partner in 1968 and a senior partner in 1974. He worked in Chicago, Paris and London and returned to New York City in 1980. In his final years with the firm, he was the world-wide Chief Human Resources Officer.

During his career, Leo's primary volunteer involvement was a 25-year association with the United Negro College Fund, where he served on its board of directors. When he relocated to Palm City,

Leo became involved with United Way of Martin County and served on its board of directors for many years. He found his passion in directing United Way's fund raising activities in 34 gated communities which generated 45% of its annual income. He also served on the Harbour Ridge Board of Directors and lent his time and talents to the long-range planning, finance and architectural review committees.

Leo served on the Library Foundation Board of Directors from 2006 to 2012. During his tenure he served as treasurer, vice-president and president. He chaired the capital campaign to expand the Palm City library.

Following the conclusion of the successful capital campaigns to build the Cummings Library in Palm City, Hoke Library in Jensen Beach, the Morgade Library in south Stuart, the Blake Library in Stuart, the Elisabeth Lahti Library in Indiantown and the Hobe Sound Library, the Foundation was ready to assume new challenges and began to actively consider various projects. Ultimately, adult literacy outreach was selected. Leo's guidance and strategic thinking enabled the Foundation to play a critical role in advancing the Library's goals for literacy activities throughout the community. Once the adult literacy program was in place, Leo helped secure a state grant that funded the startup costs. He was also influential in securing a major bequest that is designated for literacy education.

The Library Foundation of Martin County is grateful for the many ways that Leo has shared his life's experience and knowledge and continues to be a supportive friend of the Foundation.

As Leo looks forward to the future, his priorities are clear: to spend time with Dolores and his six daughters, fourteen grandchildren and one great grandchild; enjoy good health so he can continue to read, play bridge, visit with friends; and continue his public service that he finds so eminently rewarding.