



**Roster of Officers and Trustees of
Carroll McKenney Foundation for Public Media, Inc.
(as of 1/30/09)**

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	Name & Affiliation	Title
1.	Judith M. Duda , Citizen Advocate	Chair, Trustee
2.	Stephen McKenney Steck , former President and Chief Executive Officer, WMFE-TV & Radio	President, CEO, Trustee
3.	Aldo Vivona , former Senior VP and Chief Financial Officer, WMFE-TV & Radio	Treasurer, Trustee
4.	Marena Grant Morrisey , Executive Director, Orlando Museum of Art	Secretary, Trustee
5.	David Albertson , President, Albertson International	Trustee
6.	Linda W. Chapin , Director, Metropolitan Center for Regional Studies; former Orange County Mayor	Trustee
7.	Jose A. Fajardo , President and Chief Executive Officer, WMFE-TV & Radio	Trustee
8.	Desta L. Horner , Citizen Advocate; former Winter Springs High School teacher	Trustee
9.	Robert Kovacevich , Principal, Avatar Company	Trustee
10.	Bob Opsahl , Anchor, Eyewitness News, WFTV-Channel 9	Trustee
11.	Manning Pynn , former Public Editor, <i>Orlando Sentinel</i>	Trustee
12.	Nanci Schwartz , President, TheCommConnection	Trustee
13.	Charles S. Stuart , President, Essence Marketing	Trustee
14.	Richard C. Steck II , Travel writer, <i>Where To Go Next</i>	Trustee
15.	Marjorie Bekaert Thomas , President, Ivanhoe Broadcast News	Trustee
16.	Emerson R. Thompson, Jr. , Senior Judge, State of Florida	Trustee



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Inaugural Board of Trustees

Board Chair

Judith (Judy) Duda was born in Chicago, but has lived in Central Florida since 1958. Educated at Concordia University and Rollins College, Ms. Duda served in several teaching and music director positions in private schools between 1958-1979, while raising her family of four children and has served as an organist for St. Luke's Lutheran Church/Oviedo, FL for many years.

Her interests in education, music and the arts and social ministry are reflected in the volunteer leadership roles she has filled as a member of the Board of Regents (Concordia University, Nebraska); Chair of the Dean's Executive Council: Colleges of Arts & Humanities/University of Central FL; Vice-President of the Board of Trustees: WMFE, the Central Florida NPR/PBS affiliate; the Florida Historical Society; President's Council: Concordia University, Chicago; the Christian Service Center, Lutheran Services Florida, Lutheran Counseling Services, the Polasek Foundation and other entities.

She is the founder and Coordinator of the St. Luke's Concert Series, now in its 15th season, and has chaired Capital Campaigns, Executive searches and special events on behalf of various community endeavors.

The highest priority in her life, however, is "family," which includes two sons, two daughters and nine grandchildren.

Founder, President & CEO

Stephen McKenney Steck serves as the foundation's president and CEO. Steck is a fifty-year broadcasting veteran. He retired in 2008 after 35 consecutive years of holding the CEO position at WMFE-TV and radio – Central Florida's public broadcasting stations. Upon his retirement, he was ranked as the most tenured CEO in the nation's public broadcasting field and the "dean" of Central Florida's broadcasting executives. Steck's recognized skills as a leader in a community based non-profit media organization like WMFE give credence and standing to the public media vision and mission he is establishing for the foundation. In his pro bono role as foundation CEO, Steck's depth of experience in non-profit media administration, programming, production, fundraising and community relations will be a significant asset for the foundation's community acceptance.

Treasurer

Aldo Vivona retired in January 2008 from a 44-year career in broadcasting, working 40 of those years at WMFE where he was progressively promoted to his final role as Senior Vice President for Administration & Technology/ Secretary-Treasurer, then added Executive Development responsibilities as he trained his successors. He now is an independent management consultant and executive trainer.

Vivona is a graduate of the Capital Radio Engineering Institute and the Wharton School Management Development Program. He has served on the boards of the American Red Cross, Residents Opposed to Airport Roar, The Dover Manor Homeowners Association and Toastmasters. He lives in Orlando and enjoys automobiles, electronics, home improvement, computers, singing and dancing. He currently sings in popular music shows. Aldo and his wife Paula have two adult children and three grandchildren.

Secretary

Marena Grant Morrissey is Executive Director, the Orlando Museum of Art. During her tenure, OMA has grown from a small art center into a nationally accredited museum, critically acclaimed in Art in America, Art & Antiques, New York Times, Wall Street Journal, etc. It has been ranked consistently by the State as one of the top major art museums in Florida and by United Arts as the number one cultural organization in Central Florida.

Marena has served in leadership roles in national, regional and state organizations and is named in many Who's Who publications, including Who's Who Worldwide.

David Albertson, President, Albertson International, Inc. was graduated from Harvard University with a BA in Economics. He has been involved in agribusiness as a citrus grower, a full-scale citrus processor, and partner in a large fresh fruit packing operation. His activities include real estate developments and venture capital investments.

He has maintained a longstanding civic commitment to Central Florida. He has previously served on the boards of the Orlando Science Center and is past Chairman of WMFE TV/Radio. He is also past Chairman of the Florida Symphony Orchestra, and has served on the Board of the American Friends of the Hebrew University as well as the Oceanographic Institute in Haifa, Israel. Albertson was a Founder of the Orlando Magic NBA Franchise, and served on the Executive Committee of the General Partnership until 1984 when it was sold. He presently serves as President of the University of Central Florida Athletics Association.

Linda W. Chapin, currently Director, Metropolitan Center for Regional Studies, University of Central Florida, has been involved in issues affecting the state and region for decades. She served as the first elected mayor for Orange County, and her tenure included the construction of the nation's second-largest convention center, a new courthouse, the Regional History Center, and fifteen parks and trails. She has received recognition as the Outstanding Elected Official of the Year from the Florida Planning Association; Alumni of the Year from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University; and as the first female recipient of the James B. Greene Economic Development Award from the Metro Orlando Economic Development Commission. She joined the University of Central Florida in 2001, and her work there is focused on growth, the environment, and other social policy issues.

José A. Fajardo serves as President & CEO for WMFE-TV/DT and 90.7 WMFE-FM, the member supported, not-for-profit public broadcasting stations of Central Florida. José serves as a Director on the National Public Radio Board of Directors. He serves as Immediate Past Chair of the Florida Public Broadcasting Board. Locally, he serves as First Vice President of Tiger Bay Club of Central Florida, as board member of the Valencia Community College Foundation and as Vice Chair of the Orange County Mayor's Fund Foundation. José holds a Masters of Science Degree in Human Resource Management and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Technology from the University of Central Texas. He is the 2008 recipient of the Martin Bell Scholarship from the Crummer School of Business at Rollins College to obtain an MBA degree.

Co-Founder

Desta L. Horner is a former high school teacher who served 31 years in Seminole County Public Schools. She is a graduate of the University of Florida and holds a Master's Degree from the University of Central Florida. During her teaching career Horner traveled extensively, visiting every continent. These trips included educational research in Nigeria and Israel made possible by Fulbright scholarship seminars. She eagerly embraces her role as grandmother to five wonderful children and volunteers in early childhood literacy and at the Hope Foundation for the homeless. Horner brings skills in writing, editing and research and a strong background in public issues to the foundation in its mission to illuminate those issues through public media.

Robert Kovacevich formed Avatar Company after more than a decade of service as a nationally awarded Public Broadcast Service senior executive. The new consultancy's thrust was to apply market researched solutions to the challenges of nonprofit-sector strategic decision making and fundraising. This focus was prompted by the vexing issue that many nonprofit organizations' missions or strategic plans were simply incompatible with the interests of their audiences; hence, chronic financial instability and underachieving strategic advancement.

A sampling of current/former clients include: strategic planning funded by the Winthrop Rockefeller Foundation for the Hot Springs, Arkansas's Documentary Film Institute & Festival; fund development services for PBS' Jim Lehrer NewsHour; capital campaign services for the Boca Raton Museum of Art and School, Sugden Theatre-Naples and Naples Botanical Garden; campaign readiness/feasibility study funded by the Donald Reynolds Foundation for Oklahoma's Mabee-Gerrer Museum of Art; capital, grant and strategic planning services for the Cornell Fine Arts Museum-Rollins College; multi year fundraising plan funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation for the nationally awarded MicheLee Puppets.

Bob Opsahl, anchor, Eyewitness News, WFTV-Channel 9. Born in Minneapolis, Minnesota, I grew up in a military family. My dad was a B-52 bomber pilot, so we were often transferred to different Air Force bases, around the country. After 8 or 9 moves, we wound up in Orlando in 1968. And I've been here ever since... minus the four years I spent in the Navy, as an Interior Communications Technician.

During my senior year at UCF, I started my career in broadcasting, at WMFE-TV... thanks to the man who ran the station until recently, Stephen McKenney Steck. My two years at Channel 24 laid the foundation for what would become a long career in television news. Since 1978, I have worked as a reporter and anchor, at WFTV Channel 9.

During my forty-plus years in Orlando, I was married (for twenty years)... now divorced (for ten).

I have three grown children, and three grandchildren. And after a childhood of too many moves, I'm happy to have put down solid roots in Central Florida.

Manning Pynn has spent more than 40 years in journalism, beginning as a copyboy at The Orlando Sentinel in the 1960s and retiring recently as that newspaper's public editor. In between, he was a reporter and editor at The Tampa Tribune and at The Miami Herald, directing local, state, national, foreign and business newsgathering and, for eight years, chairing the Sentinel's editorial board. As public editor, Pynn was an officer and board member of the international Organization of News Ombudsmen. He is a native of Massachusetts but grew up in Central Florida. He has a degree in political science from the University of South Florida and now teaches journalism ethics at the University of Central Florida. Pynn and his wife have a daughter and son and live in Maitland.

Nanci Schwartz is a seasoned communications professional with a 20-plus year background in broadcast news reporting and producing, public and media relations, political and crisis communications and event planning.

As President of The CommConnection, Inc., Schwartz is dedicated to helping clients create the big picture strategy needed to maximize their key messages to customers, employees, media, partners and other important audiences.

Schwartz graduated from the University of Florida with a Bachelors of Science in Telecommunications News. She volunteers her time and efforts to CMF, Take Stock in Children, Girl Scouts of Citrus Council as a Daisy Troop Leader and to the Caring Canines Therapy Dogs of Lake County.

Co-Founder

Richard C. Steck II served in the US Counter Intelligence Corps in France before beginning a lifetime career in communications: 18 years in broadcasting (NBC, ABC, PBS, NPR and cable newscasting pre-CNN), then public relations with Royal Caribbean International for 20 years. Most recently, he returned to the news field, writing about travel for print media, the Web and "Where To Go Next," a daily emailed travel newsletter launched in 2003. Steck's newest venture is hosting, with his wife Judi Janofsky, Provence Escapes, week-long small-group tours in Provence, France.

Charlie Stuart's career has been spent in marketing and sales. After graduating from the University of Florida where he started on the freshman football team for the Gators, Charlie joined the family business, rising from warehouse manager to president by the age of 27. The business closed in 1989 and Charlie spent the next 15 years as a consultant, speaker and author, traveling the United States and Canada working with organizations and companies of all sizes. An avid student of U.S. history, Charlie twice ran unsuccessfully for U.S. Congress. Today, Charlie is developing a program to engage the faith community in the public sphere representing the full range of "the least of these" principles. Charlie, 57, has been married to Barbara Larson Stuart for 34 years. They have 3 grown children.

Marjorie Bekaert Thomas is President of Ivanhoe Broadcast News, a national news service providing health and consumer news programming to subscribing stations reaching 80 million television households and to a worldwide audience via the Internet. Thomas holds a JD from University of Florida and an undergraduate degree in economics from Duke University. She practiced law from 1976 until founding Ivanhoe in 1982

Thomas has served as chairman of the boards of Florida Hospital Foundation and WMFE Public Broadcasting. Previously, she held director positions on the boards of Winter Park Memorial Hospital and Paul Newman's Boggy Creek Cancer Camp. Currently, she serves on the boards of Florida Hospital and Duke University Board of Visitors.

The Honorable Emerson R. Thompson, Jr. has spent 33 years as a jurist in the State of Florida. Thompson served 15-years as a judge for the Fifth District Court of Appeal including a 3-year term as Chief Judge. Thompson is currently a Senior Judge, having retired from active service in 2008. Thompson's previous judicial service included 15-years on the state's Ninth Judicial Circuit as well as 3-years as a judge in Orange County Court and 4 additional years as an Assistant State Attorney. He was awarded his JD from Florida State University and holds an undergraduate degree in political science from the University of Florida. Thompson is a member of the National, Florida and Orange County Bar associations and is a former trustee on the board of WMFE public broadcasting.