

# **Kevin B. Ruane**

## **Mayor, City of Sanibel**

Mayor Ruane attended both undergraduate and graduate schools at Pace University with a concentration in Accounting and Taxation. Mr. Ruane's corporate career consisted of various senior executive positions including Senior Vice President, Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Controller of a subsidiary of a "Fortune 100" company.

Mr. Ruane took over the day-to-day responsibilities of running his family's CPA firm after his father's health deteriorated. In 1997, he successfully sold the family's CPA firm and in 2003, sold the finance company. Mr. Ruane and his family were visitors to Sanibel for 20 years before purchasing a home 2004 relocating full-time from New Jersey.

Immediately after Hurricane Charley hit, he became a member of the Hurricane Damage Assessment Team in Sanibel. He was hired as Project Manager at Gulfside Place Condominium to assess, oversee and restore 84 damaged units. He negotiated a \$13 million settlement, reviewed all contracts, hired all contractors and sub-contractors, directed the condo association board, and interacted with all owners.

In May 2005, Mr. Ruane started a finance company called Castleton Capital and purchased his old company Quest Resources back in 2010. The company provides financing to small businesses throughout the United States. His daughter, Shannon, works full time in the Mayor's newest financial venture. His son Kevin Jr., is a graduate of the University of Central Florida.

He served on boards such as Chemical Bank's small business loans, Crum & Forster, Reinsurance Recoverables, Eastern Association of Equipment Leasing Brokers, National Association of Equipment Leasing Brokers and Garden State Arts Center.

Mayor Ruane's community involvement includes President of the Sanibel School Fund, member of the Sanibel Structure Safety Inspector Team, board member of The Sanibel School Advisory Committee, President of the P.A.C. for Sanibel Rec Center, Certified Adult & Children CPR & AED, Kiwanis Club member, Campaign Chair and Treasurer for Mick Denham's City Council position, Coaching basketball, baseball and football as well as umpiring baseball for Sanibel leagues.

He was appointed to the Sanibel City Council to serve an interim position for a vacant seat in February 2007. In May 2007, he successfully ran for a permanent position on Sanibel City Council. He was re-elected in March 2009 and appointed by his peers as Vice Mayor for 2009-2010. In March 2010 Mr. Ruane was appointed by his peers as Mayor. He is currently serving his 8<sup>th</sup> consecutive term as Mayor. He was once again re-elected to City Council in 2017.

He served or is currently serving on the following Sanibel committees as council liaison: Employee Dependent Scholarship Committee, Sanibel Police Officers Pension Board of Trustees, the Sanibel Planning Commission, Redevelopment Project, Audit Committee, Contractors Review Board, liaison to the General Employees' Pension Board, Community Housing Resources (CHR) and the CHR Coast & Island Community Land Trust. Mayor Ruane also served as Council liaison to the Sanibel Captiva Chamber of Commerce Governmental Affairs Committee.

Mayor Ruane has served as the liaison and past chair to the Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) from 2009 through 2016. He also serves as the Treasurer of MPO, and is a member of the MPO Executive Committee. Ruane was a member of the

Lee County Tourist Development Council (TDC) from 2008 to 2015 and served on the Events Marketing Committee for 2014 and 2015. In June, 2017 he was again appointed to the Lee County Tourist Development Council. He served as a board member of the Florida Municipal Insurance Trust (FMIT) from January 2010 to 2015 and as Chairman since 2011. He was once again appointed to FMIT Board in December, 2017. He was appointed to serve on the Florida Municipal Insurance Investment Trust Committee (FMIVT) in 2011 and currently serves as Vice Chair. Mayor Ruane is also a member of the Florida Municipal Pension Trust (FMPT) and as a Director for the Florida Municipal Loan Council (FMLC) and currently serves as the Vice Chair. He was also appointed to serve on the Florida League of Cities (FLC) Legislative Policy Committee and the Resolutions Committee. He is a current board member of the Florida League of Mayors, is the voting delegate for the Florida League of Cities, and is the liaison for Lee County Mayors. In 2014, he was appointed by Governor Scott to serve on the South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Task Force.

Mayor Ruane was awarded the 2017 Florida League of Cities (FLC) esteemed Home Rule Hero Award. In 2017 and 2015 he was nominated for New Press Public Servant of the year. In 2016 he was recipient of the prestigious National Everglades Coalition James D. Webb award and chosen the 2016 Hometown Hero by Boy Scout Pack 1740. In 2015 Mayor Ruane was awarded the Citizen of the Year by Committee of the Islands (COTI).