

Orlando Business Journal names 10 Businessmen to Watch

BY ROBYN SIDERSKY

JOHN ASHWORTH

Title: President/CEO, Seminole County Regional Chamber of Commerce

Age: 34

Line of business: Focus on bettering Seminole County's business environment, economic growth and quality of life

First job: Door-to-door sales

Little-known fact: I was born in Guam on a Marine base.

Last book read: *Getting Things Done* by David Allen

Favorite Web site: money.com

Favorite eatery: Seasons 52

Favorite place: Vermont

Pet peeve: Disorganization

Hobbies: Basketball, poker

Family: Wife, Nicole; sons: Nicholas, age 6; Colin, age 2

Important lesson: Plan, plan, plan — but remain agile.

How you hope to wield your influence in 2009: Support commuter rail, the Wekiva Beltway and our school system, and oppose the growth-crushing Hometown Democracy movement.

DAN BROWN

Title: Executive vice president and general manager, SeaWorld Orlando, Discovery Cove and Aquatica

Age: 54

Line of business: Provide up-close animal encounters and entertainment

First job: In a hotel restaurant

Little-known fact: I was raised in a



Ashworth



Brown



Carter



Chatmon



Crossman



Haymaker

military family, moved all over the U.S and lived in Japan.

Last book read: *Blue Ocean Strategy* by W. Chan Kim and Renee Maubargne

Favorite Web site: USA Today.com

Best eatery: Sharks Underwater Grill

Favorite place: North Lake Tahoe

Pet peeve: Slow service

Hobbies: Travel, sports

Family: Wife, Rose; two kids

Significant accomplishment this year: Being part of the opening and inaugural year of Aquatica, SeaWorld's new water park

Important lesson: You have two ears and one mouth; use them proportionately.

How you hope to wield your influence in 2009: To inspire environmental stewardship

DARYL M. CARTER

Title: President, Maury L. Carter & Associates Inc.

Age: 45

Line of business: Land and commercial real estate investment

First job: Bag boy at a grocery store

Little-known fact: My wife is an in-

ternal medicine doctor who volunteers for the homeless and working poor.

Last book read: *The Treasure Principle* by Randy Alcorn

Best Web site: www.generousgiving.org

Favorite eatery: Bubbalou's Bodacious Bar-b-que

Favorite place: Providence Ranch

Pet peeve: Pretentious people

Hobbies: Running, hunting, water and snow skiing

Family: Wife, Kirsten; three sons

Significant accomplishment this year: Getting permits for Wildwood Avenue, a new roadway which crosses over Interstate 4, connecting I-Drive to Palm Parkway and Apopka-Vineland

Important lesson: Avoid debt

How you hope to wield your influence in 2009: To encourage others to live a generous life

THOMAS C. CHATMON JR.

Title: Executive director, Downtown Development Board/Community Redevelopment Agency

Age: 53

Line of business: Downtown real estate development and management

First job: Paper boy

Little-known fact: I dislike cheese.
Last book read: *The Option of Urbanism*

Favorite Web site: *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*

Favorite eatery: Ceviche

Favorite place: Maui

Pet peeve: Inconsiderate people

Spend most disposable income on: Travel, clothing

Family: Wife, Brenetta; children: Vorn, 32; Cory, 30; Brittany, 22

Important lesson: Be passionate; take the high road; deliver as promised

How you hope to wield your influence in 2009: To enhance downtown's retail component

JOHN M. CROSSMAN

Title: President, Crossman & Co.

Age: 37

Line of business: Commercial real estate

First job: At the Palm Beach County Political Elections Office assembling butterfly ballots

Little-known fact: Part of me wants to be Michael Scott on *The Office*

Last book read: *Love & Respect* by Emerson Eggerichs

Best Web site: www.thevillages.com

Favorite eatery: VKI at Lake Sumter Landing

Pet peeve: College football comments that are neither witty or insightful

Spend most disposable income on: Little Mermaid items for my daughters

Hobbies: Cheering for FSU track and field

Family: Wife, Angie; two daughters

Significant accomplishment this year: Fresh Market, Red Lobster, Olive Garden and JoS A. Banks signing leases in The Villages

Important lesson: Love your co-workers, your clients and your product.