

# Charlotte County tax collector receives state award for excellence



**Charlotte County Tax Collector Vickie Potts** has earned a special designation for excellence in the field of financial operations. A judging panel performed a detailed review of the Tax Collector's financial records, practices and use of technology in considering Potts for the honor.



**POTTS**

"The Legacy Award is one of the highest achievements the Florida Tax Collector's Association can award a local Tax Collector," said Florida Tax Collectors Association Past-President Lisa Cullen of Brevard County. "The judging process was arduous and included a detailed review of the financial functions of the Tax Collector's Office. I am very proud to say that the Honorable Vickie Potts has earned the designation. She represents the very top echelon of elected officials."

Previously, Potts earned the Excellence in Financial Operations Award after demonstrating proficiency in four areas of expertise: Innovation and Automation; a Perfect Annual Audit Report; Customer Focus; and Budgeting. For the 2015 Legacy Award, Potts had to demonstrate that her office had further enhanced its

financial operations. "The citizens of Charlotte County can be very proud of Honorable Vickie Potts for the award-winning manner in which she operates the Tax Collector's Office," said Eric Zwyer, President of the Florida Tax Collectors Association. "The panelists' review of her office went far and above reviewing her perfect audit report. The review included methods utilized by Ms. Potts to deliver service to the people she serves and consideration of the technological innovations she has developed and put into place."

Tax Collectors carry out state of Florida work at the local level on behalf of Florida's citizens including property tax collections and enforcement; driver's licenses and motor vehicle services; hunting and fishing licenses; birth certificates, and so much more.

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**Merritt Brown, Eric DeYoung, Sandy Dressler and Mike Ruiz.**

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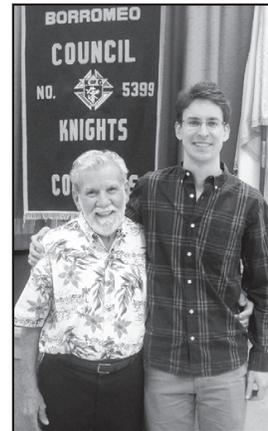


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Pictured are five generations who recently celebrated the first birthday of Knox Brown. He is seated on, his great-grandmother Karen Arlington's lap. Seated next to them is Eleanor Heil, his great-great-grandmother. Standing on the left is Jody Dodge, his grandmother and on the right is his mother, Ashley Hills.



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