

FMCRC Banker of the Year



**Barbara L. Romani
Regional Director
Community Relations
Global Consumer Group-Citi**

Barbara L. Romani, Regional Director South, Community Relations, Citi.
has forty five years experience in the financial services industry.

Citibank appointed Ms. Romani to her current position in June 2007. Ms. Romani has held various operation/credit management and community relations positions for Citi in New York, Chicago and Florida.

Since arriving in Miami in 1991, Ms. Romani has been involved in the community by serving on the Advisory Board of the South Florida Local Initiatives Corporation, Neighborhood Housing Services and the Florida Community Loan Fund.. She is a member of the Board of Directors of the South Florida Community Development Coalition, the 79th Street Corridor Neighborhood Initiative, the Doral Business Council, ACCION, Miami, Vice- Chair of the Education Fund of Miami Dade County and an Honorary Trustee of the Museum of Contemporary Art. Barbara was also a Loaned Executive to We Will Rebuild after Hurricane Andrew in 1992.

Ms. Romani attended Pace University in New York and the Executive Development Program at Simmons College in Boston. She is a graduate of Leadership Florida, Class XIX. Ms. Romani is an Ecclesial Lay Minister at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. She resides with her husband, James J.Carroll, Jr., in Doral, Florida.



FMCRC Golden Eagle Awardees



Rosa E. Kasse

Founder and President of the Hispanic Coalition, which was established in 1987 to strengthen coalitions among ALL Hispanics living in Dade County.

She is a strong believer in freedom and equality. Her overriding concern is working with, not only the Hispanic community, but with all other nationalities to insure that everyone has the adequate representation that has long been denied them because of lack of sensitivity of both the public and private sectors who do not support their interests or needs. A strong advocate for Immigration issues and the needs of the immigrant community.

Born in the Dominican Republic, Mrs. Kasse graduated from St. Thomas University in Miami. She founded the Dominican Lions Club and the Dominican Children's Foundation. She is a consummate activist and has been a member of many boards within the community such as: Dade County Commission on the Status of Women, United Way FEMA Board, Dade County Public Schools Multi-Cultural Advisory Board, among others and nationally, Education Leadership Council and the National Council of La RAZA.

"My entire life, since childhood, has been serving those in need and my ambition is not to allow ego or the selling out of my ideals to keep me from continuing my goal of unity and progress for all people. It is about time that our community start making decisions to protect the interest, issues and concerns of our entire community especially, women, and children's issues.



Minister Kelvin d. Bodley

CEO/Founder-Fairness Ministries, LLC/Mercy Drive Revitalization Initiative

Minister Kelvin D. Bodley saw the need to stand up for what was spiritually right and sounded the trumpet to alert God's children that there is a battle going on and the workplace is the battlefield.

Minister Bodley shared his journey from his own experience battling against discrimination in the workplace to show you how to triumph using God's unfailing provisions. As a result, Minister Bodley became an author and wrote his first book entitled, "The Boiling Pot of Injustice" to expose Christians to the harsh reality of fighting against an organized system inundated with racial discrimination and hatred.

Fairness Ministries was birthed from the author's personal walk through the valley of the shadow of employment discrimination. The author's conviction and trust in God encouraged him to appeal to Christians and understand the significance of being supportive as your brother's keeper in addition to sharing words of encouragement. Minister Bodley is a native of Chicago, Illinois and relocated to Orlando, Florida in 1994.

As an architect of change, Minister Bodley plays a substantial role as an advocate for social change and is committed to countless special projects that enhance neighborhood economic development and community empowerment.

Minister Bodley has taken his experience and compassion and joined Bishop Billy Newton of Word of God church to launch an extensive job creation initiative in Mercy Drive (Orlando, Florida). The Mercy Drive Revitalization Initiative is a program of self sufficiency for minority families and organizations.



Johnson Ng

A Publisher and Community Builder

Johnson Ng has been Founder and Managing Editor of United Chinese News of Florida since 2001 and has served as Executive Director of United Chinese Association of Florida (UCAF) since 2003. He publishes the United Chinese News of Florida and travels around town to provide excellent news coverage that informs and educates the Chinese community about important issues. He organizes and coordinates the community so that people can take active participation in civic affairs. Through his outreach, he has successfully built a better, stronger, and more harmonious community for people to live in. Johnson manages and paddles the South Florida Dragon Boat Festival to promote and preserve a 2000-year-old fast growing Chinese water sport culture in the world.



Doug Mayorga

As the President and National Director of the Minority Chamber of Commerce in Miami Dade, since assuming his position in 2001, Mr. Mayorga has built the Chamber into a business and professional economic development with expanded influence across the United States and Central America nations.

He established and communicated the strategic importance of the multicultural markets to improve business relation with Corporate and governments to increase development to their members. He was responsible for translating and transforming the multicultural markets strategic objectives from the Minority Chamber of Commerce, into profitable initiatives for the Member nationally.

Mr. Mayorga, has taken every opportunity to leverage his bilingual and bi-cultural abilities throughout his professional career, using his numerous skills and multicultural sensitivity for develop different programs in “easy way” to understand commercial and economic issues for Minority members and communities with lack of opportunities. This has served him well in successful launches of marketing programs, but has also made it possible for him to sell the original business case and concept for multicultural marketing to forward thinking senior management in all type of industry for the Minority Chamber of Commerce.

Under Mr. Mayorga’s leadership, the Chamber has also emerged as a major player in contract opportunities and workforce development in Miami Dade. In this scenario, he supports executive business leaders at Minority Business groups to achieve their supplier diversity goals and objectives. He is responsibility for Minority Chamber of Commerce’s supplier diversity outreach efforts, and serves as the leader of the Chamber of Commerce’s national team of supplier diversity advocates in Miami Dade, Pembroke Pines, Coral Spring, and the City of Houston, Texas.

Prior to his current post, Mr. Mayorga served for 3 years as president and chief executive officer of the Commodities-USA magazine, the business publication for Executives, the national publication of the financial commodities.

Growth up in Puerto Rico, Mr. Mayorga bachelor's a bachelor’s degree from Puerto Rico Rio Piedras ’ University and take others courses in Economic Engineering and Finance with specialization in International Loans and economic development for disadvantage communities.

Mr. Mayorga, is divorce and have one son, three daughters and one grandchild.



VAL DAGANI

Valentin F. Dagani, Jr., is Supreme Archivist and past overall coordinator for the USA, deputy regional commander and founding chapter commander for Knights of Rizal in Central Florida. The Order of the Knights of Rizal is a civic, patriotic, cultural, non-sectarian, non-partisan and non-racial organization with over 10,000 members belonging to chapters located in countries throughout the world including the United States. Its goal is to train and develop the Filipino Youth in character building, citizenship training, democratic leadership, enlightened nationalism, and dedicated service to country and people.

Dagani's leadership goes well beyond the Knights of Rizal. In 2003, he co-founded the Filipino American Coalition of Florida made up of Filipino American community leaders from South, Central and North Florida interested in social and economic empowerment. In 2006, he facilitated the formation of the Filipino American Political Alliance of Florida, that aims to achieve political empowerment through active involvement in issues concerning the community. He is Vice-Chair for the Florida Chapter of the National Federation of Filipino American Associations, an umbrella organization that serves as an advocacy group, with national headquarters in Washington DC. He is also past president of the Filipino-American Association of Osceola County and chair of the Council for Filipino-American organizations, an administrative and coordinating body that serves as a common resource and channel of communication among 11 Filipino-American organizations in Central Florida.

Involved in the affairs of the Asian-American community, he co-founded the Asian American Chamber of Commerce, chaired several Asian civic and immigration groups and served as vice president of the Asian American Heritage Council, a conglomeration of more than 20 Asian American organizations in Central Florida.

A lawyer by profession, he was the practice consultant and legal representative of Cutillar, Dagani & Luayon, MD.PA and Osceola Anesthesia Associates in Kissimmee, Florida for years. Presently he is the president of the PrimeState Realty, Inc. Dagani Realty and Tri-Star, a business and recruitment consultation firm that assists in recruiting nurses from the Philippines and serves to protect the rights of immigrants, new entrants, and overseas Filipino workers.