

Randolph H. “Randy” Knight Bio

Randolph H. “Randy” Knight is a businessman, consultant, community philanthropist, passionate art aficionado and collector and 52-year Virgin Islands resident originally from the New England area having grown up right outside of Boston, Massachusetts.

After attending Tulane University, he began his broadcasting career with his family’s radio stations group, Knight Quality Stations, which led to him arriving in September 1974 to operate Caribbean Communications Corp., eventually known as St. Thomas-St. John Cable TV.

He successfully owned and operated this company for over 20 years before selling it and the New England radio stations, and then put together a group of local radio stations in 1995 that he owned for another decade. In addition, he has been involved with extensive media and political consulting as well as local real estate development. Presently, he has ownership interests in New England and New York hotels as well as other diversified financial investments.

In addition to his own RHK Charitable Foundation that has been solely committed to providing significant local assistance, Randy has been involved either directly or indirectly with numerous local nonprofit and business organizations having served on their boards and committees.

Randy has been involved with the Humane Society of St. Thomas for decades facilitating the significant financial resources necessary to build the current HSSTT campus and supporting all its programs. He has served as President of the HSSTT Board of Directors for the past three years and would welcome the opportunity to continue his Board service which has been focused on vastly improving the organization’s infrastructure.



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John Matheson Biography

John Matheson has held several C-level roles within organizations including CEO, COO, Corporate Development and Chief Restructuring roles as well as General Counsel and Secretary. He has worked in over 25 countries with substantial executive management, legal and accounting experience over his 30-year career with both publicly-traded and private-equity sponsored companies in the international energy, power/utilities, field services, manufacturing, financial services, medical devices and real estate markets.

John is a graduate of Harvard Business School, Georgetown University Law Center and holds a degree with Highest Honors (summa cum laude) from the University of Oklahoma Price School of Business. In 2009, he was awarded the prestigious Ernst and Young Entrepreneur of the Year and inducted into E&Y's Hall of Fame for his executive leadership.

In the U.S. Virgin Islands John is Of Counsel with the Marjorie Rawls Roberts law firm in St. Thomas, specializing in corporate and tax incentive programs. John also served as the President and Chief Executive Officer and Board member of Global Power Equipment Group, a New York Stock Exchange traded company and a global engineering, manufacturing and project management provider to the utility power generation industry. During his tenure at Global Power, John held several other roles within the organization including Chief Operating Officer and as the company's General Counsel and Secretary. John was also responsible for restructuring and reorganizations, mergers and acquisitions and China ventures and operations headquartered in Nanjing, China.

John was formerly with The Williams Companies, Inc. (NYSE: WMB), a Fortune 500 company with energy and electricity generation assets. John was a partner with the law firm Spencer Fane (formerly Conner & Winters) as well as a Certified Public Accountant with PWC.

John has also served on nonprofit boards and has been an advocate of children for over 25 years by either providing direct legal pro bono counsel or serving on boards dedicated to helping at-risk youth in Oklahoma. John currently serves as a Board member of the Humane Society of St. Thomas. He is a member of the U.S. Virgin Islands Bar Association, Oklahoma Bar Association and serves as a Nominating Delegate to the Harvard Club of New York City and is a former long-time member of YPO.

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Steve Mayes

Steve Mayes is a U.S. Navy veteran, entrepreneur, and longtime small-business owner who has called St. Thomas home with his wife, Amie, since 2020. He founded Red Head Barrels in 2013 and brings extensive experience in business management, internet marketing, product development, organization, and problem-solving. Steve and Amie also own and operate Two Tickets to Paradise Cottage on St. Thomas. His previous community service includes serving as president of his church board and as a member of the Wylie Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, along with years of involvement in fundraising and community events.

Steve's connection to the Humane Society of St. Thomas began when Amie started volunteering with the organization in 2020. Since then, he has supported her and the Humane Society behind the scenes, helping with fundraising ideas, creating products for events and stepping in wherever an extra set of hands or a creative solution was needed. Before moving to St. Thomas, Steve and Amie shared their home with two rescue dogs, an experience that gave them a lasting appreciation for the difference rescue organizations can make in the lives of animals and the people who love them. Steve hopes to bring his business experience, creativity, resourcefulness, and willingness to get involved to help support the Humane Society's mission and its continued service to the St. Thomas community.

Elizabeth Ban Rohring

Elizabeth Ban Rohring is an accomplished leader with over 30 years of experience driving community engagement, strategic partnerships, and complex project and grants management. Following a 10-year career in advertising, Elizabeth transitioned to the public and not-for-profit sectors, where she developed successful initiatives that linked federal research with local needs. Throughout her career, Elizabeth led partnership programs across research universities, NGOs, federal agencies, and community organizations. Her leadership roles included Engagement and Resilience Program Lead for NOAA's Sea Grant Program, Senior Ocean Sciences Educator for the Smithsonian Institution, Sea Grant Extension Agent at the University of the Virgin Islands, and Public Information Officer for Chicago's Shedd Aquarium.

During her time in public service, Elizabeth secured competitive funding from federal agencies including NOAA, the EPA, and the National Science Foundation, while also authoring six peer-reviewed journal articles. She holds master's degrees from Yale University and George Mason University and used her unique advanced training in the social and behavioral sciences to create culturally responsive, stakeholder-driven programs. A skilled public speaker and active volunteer, her leadership was recognized with awards from NOAA, the U.S. Coral Reef Task Force, and the Friends of the Virgin Islands National Park. Since retiring in 2023, Elizabeth and her husband returned to the US Virgin Islands where she has been volunteering with the Humane Society of St. Thomas and enjoying the beauty of the islands.

Bryan Susor

I hold a BSBA Degree from Bowling Green State University.

I was a small business owner for 17 years.

I was also involved with the River East Economic Development Corporation in Toledo, Ohio for more than a decade.

In addition, I've helped out at Helping Hands of St. Louis, Catholic Charities, Toledo, Ohio. most of my adult life.