

New members elected to Creative 360 Board of Directors

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Midland – At its annual meeting on September 23, the Creative 360 board of directors welcomed new board members, elected officers, and approved the organization’s annual report.

The Creative 360 directors are as follows:

Denyse Clayton, theatre director, partner in the educational group Meta4 and co-developer of the Flying Pig Theatre Academy

Emma Clayton, sophomore at Midland High School, participant in many area performing arts activities and multi-year participant in Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp

Laurie Kroupa, Innovation Accelerator with the Dow Corning Corporation

Lance B. Lewis, Academic Dean at Northwood University

Rudolph R. Radosa, Vice President, Chemical Bank Wealth and Investment Management Services

Emma Clayton, Denyse Clayton, and Lewis are new members of the board. “The level of commitment of these newly-elected board members is truly gratifying,” said Board President Janet I. Martineau. “We are happy to welcome our first teen board member in Emma Clayton, and as a board we look forward to a year of great progress under our new Executive Director, Elizabeth Ruediger.”

The executive committee of the board will include:

Janet I. Martineau, President. Retired arts/entertainment editor of the *Saginaw News*

Jan Poppe, Vice President/Marketing & Secretary. Director of Integrated Marketing at Saginaw Valley State University

Bonnie McManus, Vice President/Governance. Retired Executive Director of Family & Child Services in Midland

David Burke, Treasurer. Retired from the Dow Chemical Company.

The 2009-10 annual report of the organization can be viewed online at www.becreative360.org.

After their brief meeting, the directors adjourned to join the Creative 360 15th anniversary celebration, at 6 pm. Over 100 guests attended the festive event, which included a retrospective by co-founders Linda Z. Smith and Cynthia Keefe; an introduction to the organization's new Executive Director, Elizabeth Ruediger; and program highlights presented by Amy Slabaugh, Assistant Principal at Central Middle School (the Facing Forward teen mentoring program); Jan List, former Board President of Creative Spirit Center (the John Pratt Mosaic House); Denyse Clayton (co-developer of the Flying Pig Theatre Academy); and Stephanie Cirihal (instructor of the fitness program Nia).

The artists' reception for the current exhibition **Anniversaries *Encore*** was featured during the evening. Works of Rebecca Houck of Auburn, Larry Butcher, Cynthia Keefe, Shurle Lee, Jan List, Sharon Pettijohn-Hill, and Barbe Pulver of Midland, and Mari Zimmerman-Thompson of Freeland will be on exhibit through October 23. Admission to the exhibit is free, with donations accepted.

About Creative 360

Creative 360 is a not-for-profit community arts and wellness organization. The organization incorporated in 1994 as Creative Spirit Center and began offering programs in fall of 1995. The Center's mission is help people of all ages to experience the creative process through ongoing classes, art exhibits, events, concerts, speakers and outreach programs; and its goal is to enhance the development of physical, mental and spiritual wellness through the arts and humanities. Visit www.becreative360.org for information about the offerings at Creative 360, or call (989) 837-1885 to request a mailed copy of the current schedule.

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