

# GREEN PASTURES

The Monthly Internal Newsletter of Massey Knakal Realty Services



*“Deep summer is when laziness finds respectability.”*  
- Sam Keen

## CONGRATS!

- **Pat and Lori O'Malley** welcomed their first son and third child, **Justin Patrick**, on 7/21. He weighed 8 lbs, 5 oz. **J.P.** joins big sisters Ella and Natalie.
- **Michael and Julie DeCheser** welcomed their second child, **Michael Francis, Jr.** He weighed 7 lbs. 8 oz. **Michael Jr.** joins big brother Oliver.
- **Hall Oster** is newly engaged to **Caroline Rippeteau.**

## CHARITY SOFTBALL CHAMPIONS REIGN SUPREME



Front row, l to r: Cameron Mitchell, Philip Huang, Philip's roommate Dave and Kathryn Wilson. Back row, l to r: Nancy's friend Dominic, Craig Waggner, Mike Azarian, Nancy Guo, Matt Parvin and John Stanton.

A handful of Massey Knakal employees participated in the **American Cancer Society's Round Robin Softball Tournament** June 20 at the East River Park in New York City. **The American Cancer Society** is dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by developing vital programs in research, education, advocacy and service. Advances in prevention, detection and treatment are helping patients live longer than ever. The event was the first of its kind in Manhattan. **Fundraising dollars generated through this tournament allow the organization to keep fighting cancer and provide outreach to community members in New York City.** Massey Knakal Associate **Matthew Parvin**, a cancer survivor, was responsible for spreading the word internally at the firm. The tournament was open to corporate employees. Additionally there was refreshments, entertainment and a sports auction. **The Massey Knakal Charitable Foundation** donated \$1,300 to ACS, and the remaining \$1,875 raised by the team came from its members and their family, friends and co-workers. **Go team!**

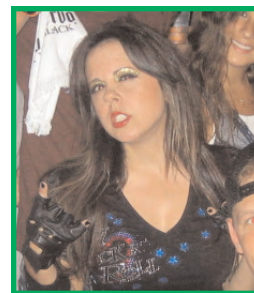
## IN LOVING MEMORY...

Matthew Rudert



## Monthly Interview - Marin Nelson

Associate to Director of Sales Kenneth Freeman, Brooklyn Office



### **Nelson, that name sounds familiar. What's it like being the cousin of Partner James Nelson?**

James is my only family in NYC so it's fun to get to work at the same company; although being in separate offices means I really only see him, (his wife) Alison and the boys at my "summer home" in Old Greenwich, i.e. James' house. I'm definitely lucky to have both him and my dad to go to for advice about the field.

### **Judging by the photo to the right, you have an alter ego. Shimmyhard? Or is it Pee Wee Sanchez? Explain.**

It's true. I tried for years to get my friends to call my ShimmyJazz. It didn't stick until I got to NYC and started going out dancing on the regular. My girls and I are known to do a little shimmy shaking over the weekend. The chance to enter the U.S. Regionals Air Guitar Championship recently came up and so I took the opportunity to go public with my nickname, only this time with a twist of rock (hence, ShimmyHard). Peewee Sanchez is another story. In short, he's my tiny Chihuahua/Terrier mix. He came right off the streets of Brooklyn so he's a bit of a scrapper. When I first found him he would only eat ripped up pieces of tortilla out of my hand, hence the last name.

### **You recently competed in the AirGuitar Hero championships. What was your strategy?**

It's one of those things you start out treating as a big joke and then all of a sudden, it feels very serious, which makes it even funnier. I had an air coach, an air stylist and a plethora of air groupies (thanks to all who came out from the Manhattan and Brooklyn offices!). I may not have won but I think I succeeded in entertaining my friends, which was the only reason I entered. That and the excuse to wear my outrageous gold leggings, which was part of my "Super Fresh Superhero" Halloween costume.

### **You graduated from the University of Wisconsin. Go Big 10! Are you a Midwestern girl?**

Go Badgers! I'm definitely a Midwestern girl at heart. Luckily I escaped Minnesota without sounding too much like the movie "Fargo" but when I get mad or am tired my "ohhh yaaahs" come out. I like to turn it on in the office for laughs. I'm tempted to make cold calls with that accent but I don't know how much new business that would stir up.

### **Your degree was in sociology. How did real estate enter your life?**

I absolutely loved all my sociology classes. Without consciously realizing it at the time, my degree definitely taught me how to look critically and analytically at human interaction and organizational structure – both play directly into commercial real estate. My dad has his own firm in the Twin Cities so I grew up around it. My dad and I have very similar personalities so it makes sense that I ended up in the same career. James actually helped with my making the leap into real estate. I spent some time talking to him about what I wanted from a job and what I thought my strengths were. I'm very happy that I took his advice since I feel like I've found my niche.

### **I like your name, it's different. Where did your parents get it from?**

Thanks Kari. I was named after a great aunt from Denmark. She was very independent for her time. In the 1920s she traveled to the United States solo, bought a Harley Davidson, rode it cross country and then got back on the boat to Denmark with her new bike. Despite my tiny stature, I'm determined to fulfill my legacy. I only want to alter it slightly by getting a tiny side car for Peewee Sanchez to ride along in.

*Which employee would you like to see interviewed in the next issue of Green Pastures?*

*Email Kari Neering at [kneering@masseyknakal.com](mailto:kneering@masseyknakal.com) no later than August 15. Who are you curious about?*

Elysa Berlin - 8/6 (1)  
Jason Maier - 8/15 (3)  
Victor Sozio - 8/15 (3)  
Paul Trupia - 8/15 (1)  
Tom Gammino - 8/20 (5)  
Chris Lefferts - 8/22 (3)  
Stephen Palmese - 8/23 (4)  
Rich D'Andrea - 8/27 (1)  
Jessica Pandidis - 8/28 (1)

ANNIVERSARIES!

Jonathan Berman 8/4  
Tanea Bakare 8/4  
Judy Luo 8/4  
Zachary Cherney 8/6  
Evan Daniel 8/6  
Marina Laginova 8/8  
Mark Massucco 8/9  
Brian Sarath 8/14  
Veronica Quinones 8/14

Michael Azarian 8/17  
Michael Amirkhanian 8/17  
Joane Pritchard 8/21  
James Nelson 8/23  
Philip Kean 8/23  
Chantelle Moore 8/26  
Rubin Isakharov 8/27  
Courtney Puttick 8/27  
Wayne Naylor 8/28

Elysa Berlin 8/28  
Lauren Pollack 8/28  
Niamh Delaney 8/28  
Brian Hanson 8/30

BIRTHDAYS!

Please submit your opinion or perspective regarding any issue related to maximizing the company's best interests (100-125 words) to Kari Neering, Director of Public Relations, at 212-660-7735 or [kneering@masseyknakal.com](mailto:kneering@masseyknakal.com).