

From:

Anthony R. Morales

Vice President, Commercial Insurance Advisor



What I can say about Roger is that from a personal experience and in observing his interactions with people around him, he made everyone around him better. He did this through accountability. Roger truly was the smartest man in the room. In my 10+ years working in insurance, I have never met a more well versed friend and business relationship in insurance that was not in my field of insurance.

In my more recent interactions with Roger, I started to have a little fun with our meetings and always tried to bring Roger a new profound thought or news coming down the pike that would be valuable to share with the group.....that never happened because Roger was always so well in the know and I was never able to surprise him! Oh well, I still had fun with it and it was always worthy of trying and I think Roger appreciated that. I thoroughly enjoyed the fact that Roger would take time to talk with me one on one, including on weekends. For whatever reason, I genuinely felt that Roger took a liking to me for which I will always be grateful. He truly made everyone feel important.

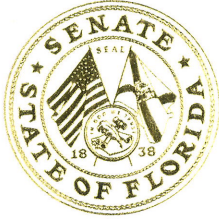
From:

Clay Witt, former SCCA Treasurer & Webmaster

Some brief reflections on working with Roger Kesselbach

I had the honor of working with Roger for some years on numerous Space Coast Communities Association projects while serving the association in various capacities. It was, at times, a bit like being caught up in a hurricane. Roger was a real force of nature—decisive, full of energy and passionate about upholding the interests of community associations and the owners they represented.

He did not hesitate to act, even at the highest levels of state and local government, when those interests were under threat and became widely recognized as an expert in association matters. He worked tirelessly with the state legislature to make sure that legislation affecting associations was fair and equitable, but he was also a go-to resource for our member associations when they needed help or advice in problem solving. And he became a loyal friend. His shoes will be hard to fill.



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SENATOR DEBBIE MAYFIELD

19th District

September 16 2023

RE: Senator Mayfield's Statement on Roger Kesselbach

Dear Family and Friends of Roger,

I truly wish I could join you in person to memorialize Roger. I will start out by acknowledging that I am in the Senate because of Roger. I will always be grateful for Roger's friendship when I served in the House of Representatives but it was Roger's support and confidence in me during my 2016 Senate campaign that I will forever be grateful for.

Roger was truly one of a kind in so many special ways. Roger was never shy to call and express his dissatisfaction with legislation.

What I recall perhaps most vividly about Roger was his honesty and unapologetic dedication to protecting the quality of life and cost of living for all the members of the Space Coast Communities Association (SCCA). And because of Roger, all Florida homeowners became the beneficiaries of his leadership. Whether it was defeating The Home Tax in 2016, which would have increased fees and costs on SCCA's homeowners; or defeating short term rental legislation; or fighting for lower property insurance rates, Roger truly loved his work and cared about the people he represented in the Space Coast Communities Association.

I could always count on Roger to tell me the truth and keep me informed on issues that mattered the most to his people. He will be missed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Debbie Mayfield".

Senator Debbie Mayfield
Chair, Senate Committee on Rules
Florida Senate District 19

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From:

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Board Certified Condominium and Planned Development Law Attorney

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Roger was legendary in his leadership of the SCCA. He was very passionate and knowledgeable in all things dealing with condominium law and operation. I appreciated his tenacity, and we had some very interesting conversations discussing condominium safety and the recent legislation. He had a very keen insight on what these sweeping changes would mean to Associations and their members, and I was able to take some of that feedback back to the legislative task force as we worked on our recommendations for the SB-154 Legislation, the Condo Safety Glitch Bill.

He always showed me a great deal of courtesy and respect, and I took it as a great honor any time he would ask us to come and present to the SCCA, because I know how greatly he admired all its members and he wanted to provide nothing less than the best information and guidance for you all.

He will be sincerely missed, and leaves some very big shoes to fill, but I know you all will continue his good work so that his legacy will certainly live on.

My thoughts are with you, and I hope you have a wonderful turnout tomorrow to celebrate a life well-lived.

Warm regards,

Eryn McConnell

August J. Stanton, Jr.
Attorney at Law
SCCA BOD Member

As with virtually every one of you, I know Roger because of his selfless sacrifices serving our Space Coast Community Association. My accolade to Roger is particularly important to me not just because of his work for all of us, but I was asked to serve on our Board of Directors only because of his passing, and because of his loss, as the captain said in the movie Jaws "We're gonna need a bigger Board." It is not hard to picture Roger standing in the vestibule, perhaps ready to light a cigarette, and with that snide smile saying, "Stanton, if you must say something, make it short!" I will.

When it came to supporting the interests of our members, Roger was simply a very astute and very tough character. Roger was a character equally suited for a role in Goodfellows as to serve as our president. And fortunately for the New Jersey Goodfellows he chose us.

One day, after praising all he was doing for our organization, I asked him how he was able to do what he did. Again, with that snide smile and cigarette in hand, he told me about the "War Room." He explained that in another life he was tasked with developing a secure and separate communications system for several government agencies. And when that was done, they asked him to develop a program allowing an interagency communication system. And he did. And when he retired to Florida, he brought that technology and built his War Room.

The War Room monitored workings in Tallahassee from committee meetings to chamber floors. And with over 12 large TV screens, maybe more, he watched and learned in real time everything going on in Tallahassee that impacted the tens of thousands of people he represented as our president. He knew what was happening before most of the legislators did. He smiled with deserved pride when he talked about the energy his war room consumed. If you ever noticed the lights in your home inexplicably dim from time to time, it wasn't a storm or an electrocution in Tallahassee. Roger was in the War Room.

To keep my promise to be brief, I end with if you own a community association residential unit, Roger has helped you, and what he did for our organization will continue to help you for decades to come. Thank you, Roger, we will never forget you and your support of Space Coast Community Association.

From:

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I always enjoyed Roger's conversation, he was like the Secret Service or the Head of NCIS when it came to the Condominium and HOA world in the Central Florida area!

Very candid and patient, and I noticed several times he would explain while at our SCCA get togethers whoever the individual was, he would converse to the individual no matter what the question or subject was he explained the issue. If it was out of his realm, he would not hesitate to put that person in touch with the right person, plus Roger would follow up the next business day without wanting anything for personal gain.

Roger was also extremely classy, always spoke with the understanding of the level of expertise, intelligence & comprehension of the individual he was speaking to. Never sounding condescending, treated everyone with the same respect.

Roger was very open minded, and a couple of times contacted me for contractor information and placement of someone that used our Firm as a reference, he wanted to ensure us that if the potential candidate had a good background and excellent references, not only for his reputation but for the SCCA community. He even screened an employee candidate for us that we were going to possibly hire at one of our offices. I was glad he did, he dug up some interesting information, that made our decision not to hire that individual. Roger was always very professional and had a terrific sense of humor, snappy dresser and witty.

Roger set the bar very high, and it will be difficult to repeat or even duplicate. He is truly missed.

From:



Mark Anderson, Owner

MAGC

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Deeply honest and straightforward, Roger was committed to SCCA and it showed in everything he did.

Among the many things I remember about Roger, it was his uncanny ability to detect BS a mile (or 10 miles) away; and to know (somehow) with scary precision what government was up to way before it actually happened (I'm sure Netflix is already looking into this).

He fiercely advocated for SCCA – and everyone knew it.

He fearlessly held politicians accountable – and they knew it.

Most of all, he was my friend – and I knew it.

He is already missed.

Mark Anderson

From:

Pete Dunbar, Dean-Mead
Condo Concepts Author

I regret that I am unable to be present in person when SCCA recognizes and remembers Roger Kesselbach.

Working with Roger for many years has been special, and it helped me to understand his devotion to community living and his commitment to help officers, directors, and owners in community associations to understand the procedures and objectives of a well-run community.

Roger reenforced the quality standards of SCCA for educating community leaders, and he leaves a strong foundation for SCCA to continue its important contributions to community living. He will be truly missed.

Sincerely, Pete Dunbar

From:
Steve Kinder
Anthony Insurance
Director of CAAMP

I would just like to say that in the almost 9 years that I knew Roger, he took me under his wing. He was very much a mentor to me even when I was working with Servpro.

When I became president of CAAMP, we spoke at least four times a month. We talked about the different issues that were going on with the communities. He was very instrumental in helping us learn how to work together.

He told me when I left Servpro, to venture out into something new. He said, "Steve, you were very well respected, very well known in this community, and if there's anything you'd ever need - just ask me".

If there was one word I can use to describe Roger, it would be "friend". I truly miss his counsel, his wisdom, and his unique and singular wit. I miss his stories that he tells of all the wonderful things that he's done. There's definitely a hole in my life now that he is no longer with us. I pray that God continues to bless him throughout eternity.

Thank you again Jackie & SCCA, I wish I could be there and deliver this myself but it just wasn't in the cards this time, the plans just could not be changed.

Steve

From:
Will Simons
President
FL Association Reserves

Roger always impressed me as a charismatic, smart and hard-working man who looked out for his friends and neighbors in so many ways.

I had the pleasure of getting to know him a little over the years and he was always kind to me. He generously gave me some important opportunities early in my career and I always looked forward to the next time we'd get to chat.

I know he'll be dearly missed by many people, myself included.

Thank you,