



# SFBTA Newsletter

December 2022



## From the Founder's desk

I hope you and your families had a wonderful Thanksgiving! I'm grateful for you and appreciate the opportunity to serve our industry and community together.

I'm pleased to share with you that, as a charity partner at last month's SPI USA Forum awards dinner in West Palm Beach, the SFBTA helped raise over \$15,000 for [The Hands and Feet](#), an organization that delivers resources and provides essential items to foster children and families throughout South Florida. A special thank you to SFBTA Board Member Alain Troadec, who donated an autographed framed Peyton Manning jersey for the live auction!

Over the last decade, the South Florida Bond Traders Association [has raised \\$300,000 for 50 different charities](#), and as we look toward the future we will continue finding new ways to give back to those in need.

With thanks and appreciation,  
George Barbar  
SFBTA Founder and President



*SFBTA Board Members Krista Martin and George Barbar at the SPi USA Forum awards dinner on October 27, 2022 in West Palm Beach with [The Hands and Feet](#) Founder and CEO Bailey Hughes and Executive Director Kristin West.*

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## Annual Conference Registration Spots Still Open

Join other fixed income professionals from around the country for our annual education and networking event!

- Participate in product-specific discussions on current issues facing our industry
- Attend social events to help develop and deepen your professional relationships
- Support local charities as a portion of conference proceeds are donated back to the community

[View the full conference agenda and register here](#)

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## Conference Speakers Announced

### Keynote Speaker

Tom Ricketts

*Chairman*

*Chicago Cubs and InspereX*

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## Economic Update

Jim Bianco

*President and Macro Strategist*

*Bianco Research, L.L.C.*

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## Industry Update

Mike Nicholas

*Chief Executive Officer*

*Bond Dealers of America*

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Robert Cook

*Chief Executive Officer*

*FINRA*

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for the 2023 SFBTA Annual Conference?  
Go [here](#) for details.*

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## Board of Directors Spotlight on...

### ***Mike Drews***

#### ***Vice Chairman, Multi-Bank Securities, Inc.***

Michael (Mike) Drews has been in the securities business in sales and trading since 1986 and currently holds the position of vice chairman of Multi-Bank Securities, Inc. (MBS). Mike served as the chief financial officer and chief compliance officer for MBS before his appointment to president in 2000.

Mike oversees the trading operations of MBS and the daily operations of the Fort Lauderdale office. He exhibits expertise in fixed-income securities, such as government agencies, certificates of deposit (CDs), mortgage-backed securities, CMOs, corporate bonds and Treasuries.

He holds the following FINRA licenses: a Compliance Registered Options Principal (Series 4), a General Securities Representative (Series 7), a General Securities Principal (Series 24), a Financial and Operations Principal (Series 27), a Municipal Securities Principal (Series 53) and a Uniform Securities Agent State Law (Series 63).

Mike has a heart for the community both local and afar. He continues to be actively involved in several charities. He is an active participant with [Habitat for Humanity](#), working locally assisting in providing affordable, safe homes.

In addition to his work with Habitat for Humanity Mike has been focusing on assisting our Military Veterans. [Operation Healing Forces](#) and [Operation Homefront](#) are two veteran focused charities that Mike has dedicated his time towards recently.

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## Have a Charity Suggestion?

One of the SFBTA's main objectives is to offer financial assistance to educational and charitable organizations in the local area, in order to give back to the South Florida community.

We have supported [50 non-profit organizations](#) to date, and invite you to submit

suggestions to us for the future.

Please [contact us](#) to request a Charity Submission Form. We look forward to hearing your ideas!

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## Have a "Bond Talks" Suggestion?

We're always looking for interesting and valuable presentation content for our events - and we want to hear from YOU!

Send your "Bond Talks" session topic and/or speaker suggestions to [info@SouthFloridaBondTraders.org](mailto:info@SouthFloridaBondTraders.org).

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## Individual Membership

Individual SFBTA membership provides a forum for networking and sharing industry information, along with access to industry leaders and decision-makers. For an annual fee, you will receive:

- Early access to the SFBTA newsletter, delivered by email
- Reduced registration fee at the Annual Conference
- Complimentary admission to additional SFBTA events throughout the year
- SFBTA t-shirts at community volunteer events
- Recognition of your firm on the annual list of "Member Firms" on the Association's website

For more information, please [visit the Membership section of our website](#).

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## Corporate Partnership

The [SFBTA Corporate Partnership Program](#) provides the opportunity for organizations to be involved in our industry and the local community, along with gaining exposure for their company in a number of ways throughout the year.

For an annual fee, your firm will receive:

- Recognition (logo and link) all year as a Corporate Partner on the SFBTA website

- Recognition throughout the year on press releases and marketing materials
- Logo on SFBTA shirts when made for the year's community volunteer events
- Recognition on signage at SFBTA events throughout the year
- Gold Sponsor benefits at the SFBTA Annual Conference

[Contact SFBTA today](#) to learn more about becoming an Annual Corporate Partner!

## SFBTA Corporate Partners

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### About SFBTA

*South Florida Bond Traders Association, Inc. (SFBTA) is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization under IRS Section 501(c)(6) whose membership is comprised of investment and trading professionals from the South Florida area. We represent many firms involved in the buying, selling and trading of all fixed income securities.*



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