

# ***GULF BEACHES ROTARY NEWSLETTER***

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## **PRESIDENT'S UPDATE – DANUTE'S DIALOG**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!! Here's to 2023 being even better than what we have accomplished in 2022! We had two great fundraisers, a change in venue, several hurricane projects, a wonderful Pancake Breakfast, and now we're starting the time of year that is our busiest!!! Roll up your sleeves, get your volunteer pants on, and we are going to ROCK the town with our Golf and Tennis Challenge and our Springbreak Waterfront Festival! Let's do what we can to raise more money for our favorite charities!**

**At our last Board meeting we did donate \$500 to CART as well as \$2000 to PARC. Chuck updated us on our Foundation Binder, which now includes specific information on each charity we support. We have a new slate of Officers/Directors for 2023/24 to vote on in January. We have John Doctor for President Elect, Robin Gomez for Treasurer, Ric Krebs for Secretary, Nancy Hodges, Director, and Steve Carey, Director. Anyone else wishing to be on the Board for one of these positions, let me know.**

**The Board delighted in discussing the wonderful turnout for our Pancake Breakfast thanks to Mitchell's wonderful leadership. Mitchell took copious notes as the Board made a few suggestions to make the Breakfast even better next year! Thanks to all who volunteered and participated! Special thanks to Dave Coover and family/friends and Chris Manings for supplying the musical entertainment.**

**And finally ... John Doctor and Greg Tong paid for The UHaul truck which was driven to Ft. Myers by Mitchell and Mike Braddy. They delivered children's clothing to Kids Needs, with help from the Englewood Rotary Club and Kids Needs volunteers.**

**THANK YOU!!**

Ongoing Community Service  
Project

St. Petersburg Free Clinic  
December Donations: 208# of  
non-perishable food!

**January 24<sup>th</sup> drop off toiletries  
and baby diapers.** (Golden

Toilet Bowl competition?) Bring  
to

Rosemary's car in Parking lot.

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Volunteer Opportunity

Every third Saturday at former  
Tangerine Plaza, Positive Impact  
Church's Pop the Trunk food  
distribution day. Check with  
Mitchell Shenkman.



**24th Annual Gulf Beaches Rotary  
Golf & Tennis Challenge  
February 24 & 25, 2023**

**Treasure Bay Golf & Tennis Center**  
10315 Paradise Boulevard, Treasure Island, FL 33706

**Friday, February 24th**

4-6:30pm, SPC Women's Tennis Match

6pm-9pm Silent Auction & Draw Party Dinner  
(Silent Auction Bidding is Open to All!)

at the Community Center, One Park Place

Food Catered by **Simply Maggie**  
Dinner \$25 per person



(Reservations must be made in advance)

**Saturday, February 25th**

Check in starts at 8am

9am-11am Tennis Round Robin (Mixer Format)

9:30am Golf Scramble

\$25/person for either Tennis or Golf

Silent Auction Closes @ 11:30am

## **24<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf and Tennis Challenge** **Feb. 24-25, 2023**

How can you be a part of this major fundraiser?

1. Be a sponsor for \$100.00 or find a sponsor
2. Donate or find a donor for the Silent Auction
3. Play in the Tournament
4. Come to the Friday night dinner
5. Bid on Silent Auction items

(check with committee members\* for current already  
committed donors)

(\*Rosemary, Susan Smith, Vanessa Manings,  
Robin Gomez, Steve Carey, Joan Walker, )

## Clothing Distribution Event to help Florida Communities Effected by Hurricane Ian



### CLOTHING DISTRIBUTION

Mitchell Shenkman reports that donated new clothing has been distributed to: Suncoast Voices for Children, PARC, PAL, Jordan Park Housing, Positive Impact Worldwide Church, Santa's Angels, Micro school, MacDill AFB, Ready for Life, Next Step, Hawthorne elementary school, Lake Seminole Rotary Club, Kids Needs (Englewood Rotary Club) Mitchell and Mike Braddy drove with a truckload of clothes to the area affected by Hurricane Ian. Several GBR members helped to finance this mission.



Rotary  
Pancake  
Breakfast  
December 2022



## *January Social Event – Reminder!*



Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at the James Museum at 150 Central Ave. Details and sign-up will be shared at the January 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. Hoping to kick off our social calendar with several fun events for 2023!

----- Pam Brangaccio



## January Speakers: Host: Robin Gomez

January 10 - Steve Hayes, Executive Director, Visit St Pete/Clearwater - Tourism in Pinellas County

January 17 - Ilise James, Director of Corporate Philanthropy and Jessica Muroff, CEO, United Way Suncoast - United Way in Tampa Bay area

January 24 - Clint Belk, Madeira Beach Fire Chief - Fire response in MB and Redingtons

January 31 - Mary Ellen Upton, Executive Director and Gary Springer, President - World Partnerships, Inc - US Department of State International Visitor Leadership Program



During the busy season in Johns Pass parking for our weekly meetings at the VFW may be difficult. Ask Robin Gomez about a Parking Pass, which gives you the option of Free Parking!