CHAMBER'S ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT
IS FRIDAY, JUNE 26 — REGISTER TODAY

The Chamber’s Annual Golf Tournament is one of the most popular events on our calendar, attracting a wide range of decision makers and community leaders. The day starts with a continental breakfast at 7 a.m., and a four person scramble shotgun start at 8:15 a.m.

Various competitions along the course will include:
- Longest drive (men’s and women’s)
- Closest to the pin
- Hole-in-one

Lunch and awards ceremony will follow the tournament. Be sure to stop by the raffle table to see if you won Southwest Airlines ticket or one of our other amazing prizes.

Fourrooms will be held for the honor of the Chamber Cup that is proudly displayed in the Chamber lobby. A photo of the winning team will be featured in the Business Watch section of the Palm Beach Post. Space is limited, register online at www.PalmBeaches.org.

CHAMBER TRUSTEES receive economic update from Florida Chamber during April meeting

Dr. Jerry Parrish, Chief Economist for the Florida Chamber of Commerce, Foundation, addressed the Chamber Trustees at their April meeting. Dr. Parrish shared his most recent economic data on the State of Florida and Palm Beach County with the group.

Parrish, who had just completed a presentation to Government Officials’ COVID-19 Recovery Task Force, also provided a very insightful look at projections for our local and state economies for the next 60 days. He will address the group again in early June. Dr. Parrish maintains the Florida Scorecard™, which provides a look at our leaders and local stakeholders with the metrics needed to measure progress within their own communities. We urge you to visit thefloridascorecard.org.

TRUSTEE SPOTLIGHT
Richard Gieseler

Richard Gieseler is group vice president for M&T Bank Corporation and the regional president for M&T Bank’s Florida region.

He graduated from West Point with a bachelor’s degree in Economics and went on to serve his country as an Army officer and aviator. In 1999, he joined MBNA America Bank where he led multiple departments as a consumer and small business risk manager.

Gieseler joined M&T Bank in 2007 as a commercial real estate relationship manager after earning his MBA from the University of Pennsylvania’s Wharton School of Business. In 2016, Gieseler was promoted to lead the bank’s newest commercial region in Florida.

He has presented M&T’s engagement and support for Palm Beach County’s Business Development Board and the PBC Corridor Association. He is particularly excited to join the Chamber of Commerce of the Palm Beaches as a Trustee and look forward to actively serving the organization and its membership.

Grab your lunch and join us virtually from your home office or wherever you live, for some online business interactions and sharing of inspirational stories. Each person will get 60 seconds to introduce themselves and their organization to share with the group their most successful “Rainmaking” idea. A prize will be given to the person with the best story shared! Expand your network in one hour, virtually, once a month! This zoom event will be held on Wednesday, May 13, from 12-1 p.m. Register online at PalmBeaches.org.
Like the rest of the world, Palm Beach County businesses and their workers and families are experiencing solid growth and its impact on our future. Our businesses and residents continue to demonstrate unique economic challenges created by the COVID-19 crisis. The resulting economic challenges we are facing were not created by a business slowdown but a "health crisis," in his opinion. The resulting stay-at-home orders and social distancing have negatively impacted businesses small and large. He added that, in his opinion, our economy was working well over the past 11 years and we were only challenged by bad weather and properly during COVID-19. The Federal Reserve has responded with support of PPP and Main Street lending programs as prepared by the government. Bostic emphasized that in his opinion the Congress has responded well to the current crisis. Dr. Bostic reminded the listeners that there are no economic models or history in how to deal with this challenge. However, he hoped that we would maintain consumer confidence sooner rather than later. Finally, he asked that the Chamber of Commerce of the Palm Beaches, Greater Ft. Lauderdale Chamber and Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce continue to work with the staff in Atlanta in providing information on the state of our local economies.

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