

Hello GCEA:

We had another great Happy Hour last week! Thanks again to Richard & Charlene Gurian for hosting. The driveway parties are great as everything happens on the driveway, people bring great food, their own drinks and GCEA provides tables to use. Amy & Paul Literski will host in February and Melissa and I will host in March. We will need volunteers for April and May. Please let me know if you are interested.

We will do our Happy New Year/Holiday Party/Board of Directors elections on January 22 at 2 PM at FINS Seafood & Dive Bar on Del Prado at the inside bar. The cost will be \$21/person, which will get you Pork Tenderloin Sliders, Swedish Meatballs, Coconut Shrimp and assorted cut vegetables. There will be a cash bar. We will need a good count & RSVP one week prior to the event. Please e-mail your RSVP to: president@goldcoaststates.org with the number attending.

We will get together for fun and also have an election for the new GCEA Board. All current board members except Guido Minaya have agreed to stay on for another year. That leaves our secretary position open, but we also have the ability to expand the board and the current board's thought is the more the merrier. Several expressed interest to me at the last Happy Hour and we're happy to have those folks included. Please assure me you can make the meeting. We will have a vote at this January event.

We will also be doing our normal Cape Coral Caring Center food drive. It's always voluntary, but if you have a can or two of food to contribute, it would be great. The Caring Center really appreciates when we bring them our food donations. For this event, our 50/50 contest proceeds will also go to the Caring Center. If you would like to make an additional donation, please feel free.

Lastly, we have had a Chinese auction in the past which was always fun, but it requires a lot of organization that no one really has time for right now. So, for some fun to make up for that, we have decided to do a holiday gift exchange game. Here's how it works:

Everyone who would like to participate brings a wrapped gift not to exceed \$15 in value. You can play as a single, couple or family.

On arrival, your gift goes on the gift table and you pick a number from a bowl.

When the game starts, the person with number 1, picks a gift, opens it and shows everyone.

The person with number 2 has two options: They can pick a gift from the table or steal the gift from person #1.

The game continues through all numbers with each subsequent player able to pick a gift or steal from any previous player.

Anyone who's gift gets stolen goes back to the gift table to pick another.

In this game, the person with the highest number has the best deal!

When all numbers have gone, anyone can trade any gift with anyone else.

We played this several times at office parties in the past and it was always a lot of fun.

Also, if you haven't renewed your GCEA dues, please do so as soon as you can. Dues are normally \$25, but only \$20 if we receive funds before 12/31/2021. Checks should be made out to Gold Coast Estates Association. You can give your check to any board member, or mail to: GCEA c/o Kurt Godwin, 2710 Del Prado Blvd S, PMB 2-291, Cape Coral, FL 33904. You can also send a check for the holiday party to the same address, also made out to Gold Coast Estates Association.

Also, a big shout out to John Camp for working on our entrance light issue. The wind may cause some issues with resolution today, but John hopes to have the problem solved very shortly.

Lastly, Melissa and I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and Happy New Year!

Please stay safe and healthy.

Kurt Godwin
President
Gold Coast Estates Association