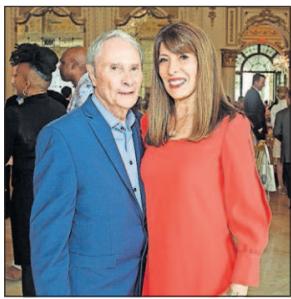


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A season break, not a season broken



Shannon Donnelly

So, there's bad news and good news. The bad news is that the coronavirus threat

is shortening the Palm Beach social season.

The good news is the coronavirus threat is shortening the Palm Beach social season.

Be honest, now. It's mid-March and we've been at this society thing for almost five months now. A two- or three-week respite from the air kisses, the cheese puffs, the pinch-y shoes and the

small talk minefield sounds pretty good, doesn't it?

Put away the fancy duds. Tomorrow night's DeTocqueville dinner? Canceled. Fellowship luncheon? Canceled. The CHS luncheon and the Hospice dinner? Canceled.

Red Cross, Hopital Albert Schweitzer, FoundCare and Rainbow Babies? Canceled, canceled,

canceled and canceled.

"We're postponing until next year," said Sharon Klonowski, a development director at UH Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital in Cleveland. "University Hospitals has a domestic and international travel ban on all employees. While our guests are in Palm Beach

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BEYOND THE HEDGES

Real estate pros remain upbeat



Darrell Hofheinz

After a week during which fears about coronavirus-related illness soared while the stock market reeled, Palm Beach real estate professionals were remarkably calm Friday, by and large hopeful that the island's enduring property values will help it weather both storms.

But, they cautioned, it's too soon to predict the ultimate effects of the fallout — economic and otherwise — from COVID-19, the illness caused by the novel coronavirus.

And that means taking precautions, brokers and agents said, to help prevent the spread of the disease. They're washing their hands regularly, avoiding handshaking, eschewing large gatherings and trying to maintain "social distance" in smaller groups.

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Mar-a-Lago visitors test positive



Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro, right, shakes hands with President Donald Trump on March 7 at Mar-a-Lago. Three top Brazilian officials at the event have tested positive for COVID-19. [ALLEN EYESTONE/PALMBEACHDAILYNEWS.COM]

By Jane Musgrave
Daily News Staff Writer

President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago is earning a reputation as a coronavirus hot spot after four recent visitors have tested positive.

After attending a birthday party for the girlfriend of Trump's oldest son on March 7, three top Brazilian officials tested positive for COVID-19, according to statements they have released.

Republican Party officials said an unidentified donor tested positive

after joining roughly 1,000 others at a Sunday luncheon at Mar-a-Lago that was hosted by Trump Victory, according to a Washington Post story late Friday night.

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Restaurants have 'tripled down' on safety protocols

By M.M. Cloutier
Special to the Daily News

As concerns over the COVID-19 disease continue to mount, restaurants in Palm Beach say

they're tripling down on their cleanliness and safety protocols.

Among their efforts aimed at protect their customers and staffs: sanitizing — again and again.

"We have always had high standards, but we have doubled and tripled down on safety and cleanliness procedures," said Jose-Luis Duran, managing partner of Renato's and its

Palm Beach sister restaurants Pizza al Fresco, Al Fresco and Acqua Café. "Menus, wine lists, door handles, handrails, salt and pepper shakers, place-mats — basically everything that

is touched is constantly being sanitized. Being proactive in our safety measures is of utmost importance."

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Showing their Red Team spirit

Natasha Yedinak spray paints Katie Teubner's hair just prior to a ribbon cutting for the renovated Jake Rubin field that kicked off Field Day Friday at Rosarian Academy. More photos, C10 and 11.

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Renovation completed, Rosarian holds Field Day

The Rosarian Academy held a ribbon-cutting ceremony Friday for the opening of the renovated Jake Rubin Field. The ceremony preceded the school's annual Field Day activities.

Several teams — clad in team colors of red, orange, yellow, green, blue, pink, purple, black and white — participated.

The middle school Field Day traditionally occurs each October but was postponed this year due to resurfacing and renovating the field and outdoor play areas. The construction

has been ongoing since the end of last school year.

"The Rosarian Academy outdoor play areas and field were in need of repair. Thanks to generous donors, over \$500,000 was raised to update the Early Childhood and Kindergarten play areas; install a new Lower School play structure; and to resurface the Jake Rubin Field. The renewed and reconfigured outdoor space includes an astroturf practice field (named the Smith Moore Field) and two outdoor basketball courts and two outdoor sports courts," school officials said in a release.



Eighth grader Tucker Yavinsky sprints by with a flag just prior to a ribbon cutting for the renovated Jake Rubin field that kicked off field day Friday at Rosarian Academy. [PHOTOS BY DAMON HIGGINS/PALMBEACHDAILYNEWS.COM]



Joseph Cioffi, 12, wears a purple mask to the ribbon cutting.



Black team member Declan Coates leapfrogs Mark Albury during kickoff.



Elizabeth Sellers and Francesca Finck wear green afros and mustaches to the festivities.



Green team members perform a cheer.

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