



MEETING NOTICE

March 29-31, 2011
PGA National Resort & Spa
Palm Beach, Florida

Where is the PGA National Resort & Spa?

The PGA National Resort & Spa is located 20 minutes from the Palm Beach International Airport and 40 minutes from the Fort Lauderdale Hollywood International Airport. It features 5 tournament-level golf courses, a 40,000-square-foot European spa, a Health and Racquet Club, and is only minutes from high-end shopping and the beach.

400 Avenue of the Champions
Palm Beach Gardens, Florida 33418
Phone: 800-863-2819

Online Registration

Register online at www.gasketfab.com/events.asp. The deadline to register is **February 25, 2011**.

Hotel Reservations

Hotel reservations are to be made directly with the hotel by calling **800-633-9150**. The cutoff date to ensure a reservation at the hotel is **February 25, 2011**. Make sure to mention that you are with the GFA when reserving your room in order to receive the group rate.

CEO Luncheon Meeting

Based on feedback from GFA members, we will again have a CEO Luncheon Meeting on Tuesday. The session will feature a roundtable discussion of items that would be of interest to CEOs.

Attendance will be limited to CEOs and senior officers with P/L responsibility. A maximum of two people per member company may attend, provided that they both meet the provisions. There will be a \$45 per person fee in addition to the meeting registration fee to attend this session.

Program Highlights

Beyond the *Great* Recession

*Dr. Jeff Dietrich, Senior Analyst
Institute for Trend Research*

According to the Bureau of Economic Research, the great recession lasted 17 months, from December 2007 until June 2009 - the steepest and longest in the post-war era. However, not many businesses felt much like celebrating the end, nor have they felt confident in the mild recovery since.

Dr. Dietrich returns to this year's meeting to provide an overview of the US and global economies, with specific focus on the industries and markets most germane to the gasket fabricating industry. In addition to the forecasts for 2012 and beyond, Dr. Dietrich will provide practical objectives on how to profit during the changing phases of the business cycle.

Dr. Dietrich previously spoke at the GFA's Fall 2006, 2008, and 2009 meetings, where he presented timely and sharply-focused economic programs that received unanimously positive reviews from attendees.

Fitness for the Road Warrior

Chet Conte, NCSF Certified Personal Trainer

Chet Conte, a long time GFA Member and Personal Trainer certified by the National Council of Strength and Fitness, will show you how to design an exercise and wellness program that meets your individual needs.

Learn how to set proper goals, how to eat your way to weight loss, how to stay fit while busy and traveling, and even how to avoid the gym and still stay in shape. You will also see how your personal health impacts the success of your business and bottom line, both indirectly and directly.

Fabricator Forum - NEW!

You asked for it so we added it - Tuesday afternoon will feature a brand new forum devoted exclusively to Fabricator members of the GFA. The session will include an interactive, roundtable discussion of topics that are of specific interest to Fabricators.

Enjoy an opportunity to discuss the issues that are most relevant to you and your company with your colleagues and peers in the industry. Pre-registration for this session is not required, but attendance will be limited to Fabricator members of the GFA.

Registration Fees

Member Registration	\$445/person
Reduced Member Registration <i>To be eligible for this rate, at least 2 other representatives from your company must be paying the full fee.</i>	\$200/person
Spouse Registration <i>Spouses who are full-time employees of GFA member companies must pay the full member registration fee.</i>	\$200/person
Table Top Fee	\$200/table

Accommodations

Each room features a private balcony or patio, flat screen TV, and on-demand video service.

Our group rate is \$169 plus 11.5% state and local taxes. The resort fee, which has been waived for GFA attendees, includes high-speed wireless internet access in all guest rooms and unlimited admission to the Health and Racquet Club facilities and classes.

The check-in time is 3:00 pm and the check-out time is noon.

GFA Private Pool Area

Based on the positive response from attendees of the last few meetings, we have again reserved an area by the pool on Wednesday from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm exclusively for attendees of the GFA's meeting.

The area will serve as a meeting place for attendees, who are not planning to golf or go on the tour, to gather and network informally.

Light snacks and refreshments will be available. Spouses and guests are welcome.

Golf

The Member and Spouse Golf Tournaments will begin at 1:00 pm on Wednesday on the **Squire Course**. Designed by Tom and George Fazio, the Squire is the shortest and most exacting of the courses at the PGA National Resort & Spa.

Both groups are teeing off at the same time because it is a shotgun start, but the members and spouses are playing separately. The tournament is a 4-person scramble so that golfers of all skill levels may participate.

The cost is \$160 plus 6.5% tax per person. Club rental is \$85. All golf charges will be billed to your room if you are staying at PGA National Resort & Spa. If you plan to stay at another hotel, you will need to stop by the Pro Shop to arrange payment.

Golf Cancellation - Due to the resort's policy, if you cancel less than 14 days in advance, you will be charged the regular fee.

Check Out These Web Sites

www.pgaresort.com
www.palmbeachfl.com
www.pbgfl.com
www.westpalmbeach.com

Palm Beach Tour

On Wednesday, we have planned an excursion that kicks off with a **water taxi tour**, where you will enjoy seeing and hearing about the mansions and yachts of the "rich and famous." Cruise past the newly renovated Peanut Island and hear the history of Palm Beach, as well as up to date information on what's happening on the island.

Next up is a tour of the home and grounds of **Henry Flagler**, the pioneer railroader who brought civilization to the area (and the state of Florida). A 1902 story in the *New York Herald* described his home as "more wonderful than any palace in Europe, grander and more magnificent than any other private dwelling in the world."

The tour will conclude with a walking tour of **Worth Avenue**, where you will have a chance to visit Wally Finlay Galleries, Maus & Hoffman, Gucci, Feragamo, and the countless high-end stores occupying this famous street. The tour will last for a total of approximately four and a half hours, and the cost is \$95 per person.

Ground Transportation/Parking

Yellow Express Shuttle provides shared ride, door-to-door service to and from the Palm Beach International Airport from 5:00 am to midnight. No reservations are needed for arriving passengers. The cost is \$22 for the first person and \$8 for each additional person in your party. Call 561-242-6444 for information or outgoing reservations.

Metro Car provides sedan service to and from the Palm Beach International Airport for \$73.30 (includes gratuity). Each car holds two people with luggage and golf clubs comfortably. Call 561-227-2682 for more information.

Taxi service between the airport and the resort is approximately \$60.

Valet parking is \$17 per day. Self-parking is complimentary.

New Member/First Timer Orientation

All new members and first-time attendees, along with their spouses, are invited to a brief orientation on Tuesday evening at 6:00 pm. This meeting will give you a very brief overview of the workings of the Association and will give you a chance to meet a few people before the general meeting.

May I go to the meetings?

Meetings are open to all attendees except as noted on the schedule.

Please note that Manufacturer Representatives are NOT permitted to attend any GFA functions.

Spouse Activities

The spouse registration fee includes admission to all sessions, unless otherwise noted on the program. This includes the continental breakfasts on Wednesday and Thursday, the Supplier Expo Luncheon on Wednesday, all cocktail receptions, and the dinner on Wednesday evening. Please note that spouses who are full-time employees of GFA member companies must pay the full member registration fee.

At the continental breakfast on Wednesday, the hotel concierge will make a brief presentation at 8:30 am on area and onsite activities. Spouse representatives will also be there to help introduce you to a few of the other spouses.

Proper Attire

For all committee meetings and general sessions, the attire is casual - slacks or shorts are appropriate. The cocktail receptions and dinner are informal - slacks, shirts, and casual shoes are appropriate.

Weather

The daytime temperature is expected to average about 82°. Evening temperatures are expected to average about 65°.

MEETING PROGRAM

MONDAY, MARCH 28, 2011

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Cocktail Reception for
Early Arrivals

7:00 pm Dinner on Individual Basis

TUESDAY, MARCH 29, 2011

11:30 am - 1:00 pm **CEO Luncheon Meeting**
- Attendance is limited to
CEOs and senior officers
with P/L responsibility of
GFA member companies

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm Communications Committee
Meeting

2:00 pm - 3:30 pm Concurrent Meetings of
the Program & Locations
and Membership
Committees

3:30 pm - 4:30 pm Technical Committee
Meeting

4:30 pm - 5:30 pm **Fabricator Forum - NEW!**
- Attendance is limited to
GFA Fabricator members

6:00 pm - 6:30 pm New Member/First-Time
Attendee Orientation

6:30 pm - 7:30 pm Cocktail Reception

7:30 pm Dinner on Individual Basis

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30, 2011

7:30 am - 9:30 am Continental Breakfast
- Open to Members,
Spouses, and Guests

7:30 am - 9:30 am Board of Directors Meeting

8:30 am - 9:30 am **Member Company Profile
Presentations**

9:30 am - Noon **Supplier Expo &
Luncheon**
- Open to Members,
Spouses, and Guests

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm GFA Private Pool Area

1:00 pm Member & Spouse Golf
Tournaments

1:00 pm Tour

7:30 pm - 8:00 pm Cocktail Reception

8:00 pm Dinner & Entertainment

THURSDAY, MARCH 31, 2011

7:30 am - 8:30 am Continental Breakfast

7:45 am - 8:30 am Roundtable Discussion

8:30 am - 11:30 am General Session/Program

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GFA SUPPLIER EXPO **TABLE TOP GUIDELINES**

Table Top Fee: \$200 per table*

** This fee does not include the member registration fee.*

1. Exhibits must be set-up on 6' tables provided by the GFA.
2. Exhibitors will receive randomly assigned tables given out at the meeting.
3. Set-up will be on Wednesday from 7:30 am - 9:30 am. Tear-down will be immediately following the Expo.
4. All table top items are to be supplied by the Exhibitor and must fit on the top of the table.
5. **Display items must be no higher than four feet from the top of the table.**
6. **No floor stands or backdrops are permitted.**
7. No electrical devices, with the exception of laptops, are permitted. Outlets will not be available.
8. Table top exhibit material may be shipped to arrive up to 3 days prior to the meeting and should be addressed to:

PGA National Resort & Spa
400 Avenue of the Champions
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Attn: Flora Wright, Conference Service Manager
GFA Supplier Expo
Hold For: Your Name and Company
9. All table top personnel must register for the meeting.
10. A hotel representative will be present at the end of the Expo to assist with shipping your packages back to your company.

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