

# **AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF GENITOURINARY SURGEONS**

***NEWSLETTER - MARCH, 2008***

## **RITZ-CARLTON GOLF RESORT NAPLES, FLORIDA**

We are looking forward to seeing you in Naples on April 9-12, 2008. Registrations have been received from many of you and we expect high attendance again this year. A receipt is enclosed for those who have paid. Please remember that registrations received after March 21, 2008 will be assessed a \$100 per member/invited guest and \$50 spouse/companion late fee.

### **Resort Information:**

AAGUS accommodations are located at the Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort, Naples, Florida. Located on the southwest coast of Florida, on the Gulf of Mexico, Naples is surrounded by protected wetlands, such as Everglades National Park. Boasting more than 80 championship golf courses, Naples is the self-titled Golf Capitol of the World, claiming to have more holes per capita than any other community on the planet. Downtown Naples features the city's shopping district, a variety of eclectic antique shops and the numerous art venues of Gallery Row. This beautiful beach community, surrounded by nature, leaves no wonder why the Naples area is often referred to as "Florida's Last Paradise."

The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort is 25 minutes from Southwest Florida International Airport in Fort Myers. Transportation is available through Dolphin Transportation (Phone: 239-417-1648 or Email: [mkalil@dolphincarey.com](mailto:mkalil@dolphincarey.com)) and a transportation request form is enclosed. Taxi cabs are also available through Dolphin on Demand (Phone: 239-825-5000). If you are coming from another country you may want to use Miami International Airport that is 120 minutes away.

If you choose to rent a vehicle, self-parking is complimentary at the Resort. Valet Parking (nightly) is \$20 per day.

Guests may retrieve their messages at the Business Center. The fax number is 239-254-3361.

### **Program Highlights:**

The opening cocktail reception will be held on Wednesday evening, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the Court of Palms. You may wish to make dinner reservations for Wednesday evening following the reception. Enclosed is a list of area restaurants. The Council will meet for dinner and a business meeting at 8:00 p.m. in the Montalcino Room.

The breakfast buffet for members will begin at 6:00 a.m. each morning in Tiburon 1. Scientific Sessions begin at 7:00 a.m. each morning in Tiburon 2 & 3. A breakfast buffet for spouses or guests will be available in the Tiburon 1 from 7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. each day. Lunch each day is on your own.

On Thursday evening there will be a reception and dinner at 7:00 p.m. at the Tiburon Poolside. Dress is casual.

Friday evening there will be the traditional President's Reception at 7:00 p.m. in the Court of Palms, followed by a Black Tie Dinner at 8:00 p.m. in the Tiburon Ballroom.

**Presentations:**

As a reminder, all presentations **MUST** be done using PowerPoint and should be brought to the meeting on a CD or memory stick. Audiovisual assistance will be provided by AV team led by Lee Redmond located at the Resort. Please have your presentation disk to Lee one-day prior to presentation. If you wish to speak with Lee, you may call him at 239-254-3354 or email him at Lee.Redmond@ritzcarlton.com. You may preview your talks starting Wednesday evening when our room will be set up. Bring a back up CD, memory stick or extra copy of your talk on a computer.

The Membership Committee will meet on Thursday afternoon at 12:00 p.m. in the Royal Palm. A list of proposed candidates for membership (Active/International) is enclosed. There are eight (8) vacancies on the Active Membership Roster for 2008. For your information, there will be six (6) vacancies in 2009 and four (4) vacancies in 2010. I have also enclosed the list of guests who will be attending the meeting.

The Women's Golf Tournament will be held on Thursday, April 10th. The tournament begins at 9:00 a.m.

The Men's Golf Tournament and the Tennis Tournament will be held on Friday, April 11th. The Men's Golf Tournament begins at 1:00 p.m. The Tennis Tournament begins at 2:00 p.m. There are still openings in the Golf Tournaments and Tennis Tournament for those who have not signed up yet. Guests and spouses are welcome to play! I have attached the Registration Forms for those who still would like to register.

**Your 2008 Program Book is included in this mailing.**

**Please remember to bring it with you to the meeting  
since we only printed a few extra copies.**

Bernie, Martha and I look forward to seeing all of you on April 9<sup>th</sup>.

Yours sincerely,

David A. Bloom, M. D.  
Secretary Treasurer, AAGUS

Enclosures:    1) Program Book  
                    2) Guest List  
                    3) Registration Receipt or Registration Form  
                    4) Transportation Request Form  
                    5) Suggested Area Restaurants List  
                    6) Proposed Member List  
                    7) Golf Registration Form  
                    8) Tennis Registration Form