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## Capitol Press Corps

*Review of the  
2017 Florida Legislative Session  
(and Special Session)*

- When:** Friday, June 30, 2017; 11:30 a.m. Buffet
- Where:** **Donald L. Tucker CIVIC CENTER**
- Guest(s):** Guest(s): \$30 per guest (payable by cash, check, MasterCard, or VISA on-site with no exceptions)
- RSVP:** Please RSVP no later than **Monday, June 26, 2017** by e-mail to [tigerbay@comcast.net](mailto:tigerbay@comcast.net) or at 850-906-0450 (including the **number** of guests you expect to bring). If we are provided the names of your guest(s) we will pre-print guest(s) badge(s). Guest Fees are \$30 per guest.

The 2017 Florida Legislative Session AND Special Session have just been completed. Many political experts and their observations claim that more was accomplished in the three day Special Session than the 60 days devoted to the regular, full Legislative Session--and who could argue? No final actions were taken on bombshell threats about eliminating Enterprise Florida, Inc., Florida's statewide economic development agency and VISIT Florida, Florida's national and international tourism marketing entity (both priorities of House Speaker Richard Corcoran), the disparate views on Florida's higher education and K-12 funding, and significant increased funding to address water issues in South Florida (all priorities of Senate President Joe Negron), or how to implement the recently approved Medical Marijuana amendment to the Florida Constitution. However, the "cardiac kids" were miraculously able to reach final resolution to all of the issues identified above in the three day Special Session--after Governor Scott utilized his red-line veto authority.

Still other bills, including a massive education bill that bolsters the presence of Charter Schools in Florida (a pet issue of Speaker Corcoran) still remain unsigned by the Governor at this point. While there are always accusations of back-door deal making, this session appeared to highlight the exploitation of legislative rules and procedural manipulation. One legislator

commented that "we could save a lot of money by having just the four leaders in the House and Senate, House and Senate staffers, and the Governor conduct the entire session by themselves." Oh, and let's not forget we have a relatively busy election year in 2018 with all statewide cabinet positions (including the Office of the Governor) and a U.S. Senate seat up for grabs--there was a little political posturing and positioning the Session seemed to serve for "some" candidates.

To provide their unique, personal critique and observations, and frankly to hear the dirt about what really happened in the halls (and behind the doors) of our Capitol--the Tiger Bay Club continues its tradition of reviewing the 2017 Florida Legislative session (and special session) through the eyes and ears of the Capitol Press Corps.

Please join us on **Friday, June 30, 2017** when Tiger Bay members get their opportunity to ask the Press questions about the actions (or inaction) of our Florida Legislature, and perhaps their view of the upcoming campaigns and critical elections in 2018

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