



# 2024 FALL LUNCHEON

Join Us On

**MONDAY, SEP 30TH**  
**11:30AM to 1:00PM**

**The Plantation Golf & Country Club**  
10500 Dartington Drive, Fort Myers, Florida

A Review of the Award-Winning SAND DOLLAR the Lee Clerk's Annual Report on the County's Finance and Key Economic Factors Impacting County Residents! Participants will take home a copy of the SAND DOLLAR REPORT.

## FEATURED SPEAKER KEVIN KARNES *Lee County Clerk of the Circuit Court & Comptroller*



In the 24-page report, titled [The Sand Dollar](#), readers can learn how their tax dollars were collected, managed and spent. Learn trends in county property taxes, housing, employment, and major construction projects impacting residents. Learn information about tourism revenue, investments, debt, and Hurricane Ian relief & expenditures are also featured.

This issue of The Sand Dollar is based on fiscal year 2023, which began on Oct. 1, 2022, and ended on Sept. 30, 2023. Karnes is the county auditor, county recorder, and custodian of all county funds. Through the Comptroller function of his role, Clerk Karnes is responsible for managing and investing nearly \$2 billion of Lee County's tax dollars annually.

Clerk Kevin Karnes was appointed Clerk of the Circuit Court & Comptroller by Gov. DeSantis in March 2022 and was elected to the position in August 2022 by Lee County voters. Karnes holds a master's degree in Legal Studies from American Public University and a bachelor's degree from Florida Gulf Coast University. Kevin is also a Florida Supreme Court Certified Clerk and Comptroller. He is a veteran of the Clerk's office and has held a variety of leadership positions leading complex budgets, managing projects and implementing legislative changes.

Karnes manages and invests nearly \$2 billion of Lee County's tax dollars annually. The office also audits and pays more than \$1 billion in county bills and collects an average of \$50 million dollars in tourist tax annually.

Karnes proudly serves on the Board of Directors of the United Way of Lee, Hendry, and Glades. He also previously served as a Guardian Ad Litem and currently serves as a member on a Florida Bar Grievance Committee.

Karnes' goals are to prioritize initiatives related to property fraud prevention, cybersecurity preparedness, increasing online services, and demanding government transparency and accountability.

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 11:00 AM ARRIVE AS EARLY AS 11AM
- 11:30 AM OPENING REMARKS AND NETWORKING
- 11:45 AM LUNCH IS SERVED
- 12:00 PM SPONSORS AND ATTENDEES ARE INTRODUCED
- 12:15 PM KEVIN KARNES SPEAKS WITH Q & A AFTER
- 1:00 PM CLOSING REMARKS, NETWORKING OPEN TILL 1:30PM

### SPONSORSHIP - \$250

Includes one lunch, promotion online and in social media, recognition at the event, the ability to hand out promotional items, a moment to speak to the crowd, and reserved seating.

### SPONSORSHIP - \$150

Includes one lunch, recognition at the event, the ability to hand out promotional items, and a display at the event.

**REGISTER ONLINE**

**SWFLBA.COM**

**ATTENDANCE: \$45**

You can also RSVP to (239)470-5611

CONTACT KATRINA SALOKAR AT 239-470-5611 OR EMAIL [BOARD@SWFLBUSINESSALLIANCE.COM](mailto:BOARD@SWFLBUSINESSALLIANCE.COM)

