

Jerome V. Kelly Lauded at Annual Appreciation Luncheon

Over 200 Palm Beach Countians attended the 16th Annual Community Appreciation Luncheon held Friday, October 26 at the J.D.M. Country Club in Palm Beach Gardens. Honored guest was Jerome V. Kelly, area developer, Real Estate Broker and resident for 30 years. Kelly was accompanied by his wife, Edna and their son Jerome V. Kelly, Jr.

Master of Ceremonies was John Remsen, with introduction of the guest speaker by Marian V. Lewis, president of the Chamber. George Firestone, Florida Secretary of State addressed the group on the topic of Florida's economy and used the comparison of Florida to Switzerland to show

how, and why, the State has prospered, and will continue to do so in the future.

Florida's proximity to the Caribbean and South America, was compared favorably by Firestone to Switzerland's location in regards to Europe and Africa. A bilingual populace and tri-cultural background have also added to the State's number one position in regards to tourism. The establishment of foreign warehouses with trade zones, and trade fairs which build interest of trade and commerce in industry seeking relocation to Florida, were some of the more prominent points used by Firestone to prove "Florida's immunity to a recession".

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HONORED GUESTS at the Community Appreciation Luncheon were "Jerry" Kelly, right, shown here with his wife, Edna and their son "Jerry", Jr. — Photo by Mike Hetherington.



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