



# TEA & HAT

KICK OFF LUNCHEON



**T**he Promise Fund welcomed a group of engaged community leaders and supporters to The Beach Club for a *Tea & Hat Kick Off Luncheon*, marking the launch of what is envisioned as a new signature event benefiting women's health.

Hosted by Event Chairs **Robin Fleming, Beth Fishel, and Lora Drasner**, the by-invitation gathering brought together women committed to advancing access to early detection, care, and support for those navigating breast and cervical health challenges. Guests arrived in spring attire with hats in full expression of the luncheon's spirit, gathering for conversation, connection, and a shared sense of purpose.

Development Officer **Julie Thayer** welcomed attendees, emphasizing the importance of community in expanding the Promise Fund's reach and impact. **Ambassador Nancy G. Brinker**, founder of Susan G. Komen and the Promise Fund, spoke about the organization's mission to ensure that no woman is left behind due to lack of access to screening, navigation, or care.

Robin Fleming shared that her connection to the mission began through her involvement with Miss America and the *Little Sisters Tea* program — the official mentoring program for Miss America and Miss America's Teen — highlighting the importance of early engagement and women supporting one another across generations. Beth Fishel, speaking on behalf of the event chairs, invited guests to take an active role in shaping the inaugural *Tea & Hat Luncheon* planned for Spring 2027.

The Chairs also noted plans for the event's continued development, including a partnership with **Karen Murray** of **Five Story** as the luncheon's fashion partner, along with **Heather Arney** of **Wellington Florist**, who is providing the floral arrangements. Both will play an expanded role in the main event, with additional committee members contributing creative elements to help shape next year's luncheon.

The luncheon served as both an introduction and a call to action, encouraging attendees to join the founding committee and help build a meaningful and enduring tradition in support of women's health.

For more information about The Promise Fund visit

**FIRST ROW:** Group on the stairs; Robin Fleming, Julie Thayer and Donna Dodson and Beth Fishel; **SECOND ROW:** Nancy Brinker, Johnna Pomasan and Grace Bender; Nancy Gansky and Valerie Cooper; **THIRD ROW:** Erica West and Lynn Shecter; Cameron Neth and Kristen Baran; **FOURTH ROW:** Karen Murray and Marzia Precoda; Amanda Knudson and Heather Arney.

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