

## **“FLIP, FLOP, KICKBACK” USNA 66 COMEAROUND 2024**

Composed this during Hurricane Idalia. The perfect stimulus for this missive about the plans for ComeAround 2024. It will be held in Jacksonville Beach, Florida from **23 April through the 25th of April**. Our host hotel is the **Margarita Hotel**. It is located right on the beach and has been open for less than 3 years. It is spacious, beautiful rooms, pool, two bars, a great restaurant and ready access to the beach. Jimmy Buffet knew what he was doing in creating this hotel. Perfect vibe for this “Flip, Flop, Kickback” Come Around!!! It’s a little pricey, but all of the planned events are within a short block and a half of the hotel. There is literally no parking around the hotel, so you are stuck with a \$27 daily valet charge. Ah well, “Life’s a beach and then you die.”

I have reserved a block of 30 rooms. Make reservations early. You can cancel up to within 48 hours of your check-in date. If you cancel, please alert me first so I can offer your room to a classmate still looking for one.

**To make reservations click on this linkage:**

<https://be.synxis.com/?Hotel=31083&Chain=23717&group=4053619>

Planned Activities (may change slightly, still negotiating): Monies needed and time details to be provided in Zgram #2

**Tuesday (23 April) :** “Meet and Greet” at **Lynch’s Irish Pub**. Have reserved the Whiskey Barrel Room and outdoor courtyard. Great fun place and wonderful pub grub menu. T shirts, shorts, flip flops encouraged. After all, this is the “Flip, Flop, Kickback Comearound”. No upfront monies for this event.

**Wednesday(24 April):** Cocktails in the courtyard and dinner in the dining room at the **Casa Marina Hotel**. This is a beautiful, intimate 99 year old hotel on the National Registry of Historic Hotels. Best of all it is less than 150 feet from our hotel. Not to be missed is the **Penthouse Bar** a rooftop bar overlooking the beach. Great cocktails and Hors D’oeuvres and open until 2 am every night.

**Thursday(25 April):** **SKIP & GO NAKED** Reception. Don’t take the title literally, it’s titular (no pun intended) only. Cocktails, Heavy Hors D’oeuvres and a Jimmy Buffett style band on the terrace (4th floor) of our hotel. Spectacular ocean view. Golf at **Windy Harbor** golf course on the **Mayport Naval Station** for those so inclined.

For the more ambulatory, vigorous and ambitious of our group I will have a flyer suggesting other activities when you check-in. Most will require transportation.

Leisurely lounging by the pool, strolling the beach, walking on the Jax Pier (it is very close to our hotel) and enjoying each other’s company is what the **Flip, Flop, Kickback ComeAround** is really all about. **DON’T MISS THIS ONE!!**