## **2021 YEAR IN REVIEW**



### GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS AND ADVOCACY



- Everglades Conference
- Tourism Day Successfully lobbied for long term funding and reauthorization of Visit FL.
- SWFL Days Successfully lobbied for sustained EAA funding and water quality projects.
- Water Quality Round Table Held round table with local business leaders and Governor DeSantis.
- Round Table and Tour Congressman Byron Donalds held a round table after a water quality tour of our local estuaries and waterways in collaboration with "Ding" Darling and SCCF.

## **EVENTS**



#### **Highlights Include:**

- Florida Tourism and Hospitality Discussion Dana Young, CEO Visit Florida and Samantha Padgett, General Counsel, Florida Restaurant Lodging Association
- Water Quality Discussion Chauncey Goss, South Florida Water Management District Board Chairman and James Evans, SCCF Environmental Policy Director
- Lake Okeechobee Systems Operating Manual (LOSOM) Colonel Andrew Kelly, US Army Corps of Engineers
- Sanibel Causeway Enhancement Projects and Erosion-Control Improvements Jesse Lavender, Director of Lee County Parks & Recreation

# LOCAL AND STATE COLLABORATION



- SWFL Alliance of Chambers Board of Directors
- Florida Association of Chamber Professionals Chair Elect
- Florida Restaurant and Lodging Association Lee County Chapter Board of Directors
- South Florida Water Management District Water Resource Accountability and Collaboration Committee



#### 13 SANIBEL-CAPTIVA CHAMBER MEMBER RIBBON CUTTINGS

NEW SANIBEL-CAPTIVA Chamber Members 445 😤 SANIBEL-CAPTIVA

CHAMBER MEMBERS







VISITS





SOCIAL MEDIA

**3,252,931** TOTAL SOCIAL REACH



**F 72,400** FACEBOOK LIKES









INCREASE IN TOTAL NUMBER OF VISITORS IN VISITOR CENTER FROM 2020 TO 2021