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## Marco Island City Council Candidates

MICA hosted its City Council Candidates Night on January 25 at the United Church of Marco. It was the first opportunity for the 150 people in attendance to meet the seven candidates and hear what they had to say.

MICA President Jim Arnold moderated the evening and posed many relevant questions to the candidates.

The Marco Island residents who filed and qualified to run for Marco Island City Council are Joseph Batte, Heyward

Boyce, Ted Forcht, Chuck Kiester, Rob Popoff, Joseph Simons, and Steve Stefanides. Some very interesting responses came forth. Some of the questions and the candidates' responses are listed on page 14.



# President's Letter

Welcome back to all you snowbirds! We're glad to see you again and appreciate your returning.

MICA has had an extremely busy couple of months. We have hosted our Annual Meeting, a Marco Island City Council Candidates Night, co-sponsored health seminars, and unveiled a wonderful piece of sculpture at Sarazen Park. In addition, we surveyed our members regarding a proposed waterways ordinance and represented the members before City Council regarding decreasing density on our beautiful island. This edition is full of articles and pictures of some of these events.

MICA's 2006 Humanitarian of the Year Award was presented at our Annual Meeting to a very deserving Luise Romano. As always, Luise was gracious in accepting the award, stating that she felt honored to follow past recipients. Please read the full article on page 8.

The Residents' Beach Pavilion has been under construction since June and is so very close to opening. We look forward to taking down the construction tape and signs and opening the doors to this fabulous new facility to our members!

Please enjoy reading this issue of the *MICAWAVE*, possibly sitting under a palm tree!

## Anchoring - How Long?

by Ruth McCann

The Marco Island Civic Association recently surveyed its members with regard to the length of time boats should be permitted to anchor in the Marco Island waterways. On December 6 MICA mailed 5,930 surveys to our members. The survey consisted of just one question, which is listed below along with the number of respective responses.

How long should a boat be permitted to anchor in the waterways within the corporate limits of the City of Marco Island?

One day	536
Two days	280
Three days	692
Four to seven days	329
Eight to fourteen days	111
Fifteen days or more	120

Although "zero" and "thirty" days were not options from which to choose, 34 members wrote in votes for "zero" days and one member wrote in "thirty" days. We also received various notes from members saying they did not live on the water, did not feel qualified to answer the question, and therefore, did not enter any number of days.

Based upon the fact that 75% of the respondents wished to limit anchoring to three days or less, the MICA Board of Directors voted unanimously to endorse an anchoring limit of three days or less. In addition, to protect the sanctity of the single-family homes and neighborhoods, the MICA Board also recommends anchoring at no less than 200 feet from any man-made structure. To make the City Council aware of the wishes of property owners on Marco Island and to assist in their decision making, this information was supplied to the seven members of City Council.

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# MICA Celebrates 20 Years of Deed Restriction Oversight

*by Bill Patterson, Deed Restriction Specialist*

Homeowners associations and their counterparts, such as condominium or cooperative owners associations, have undergone explosive growth in the past few decades. In 1965 there were only 500 such associations. The latest information from the Community Associations Institute (CAI), the trade group for homeowners associations, indicates there are more than 250,000 associations in the United States.

Approximately 50 million people now live in developments governed by homeowners associations. This growth is accelerating, with an estimated four out of every five housing starts included in a homeowners association.

In the absence of state legislation to the contrary, an association's rules will take precedence over less restrictive local land use regulations because the residents of the association have agreed contractually to be bound by those rules. Thus, a homeowners association is able to restrict, or even prohibit, uses of property that would be allowed under the community's zoning.

Most homeowners associations have mandatory membership requirements, however, the Marco Island Civic Association is a voluntary membership of \$35 per year. With the year



*October 30, 1986 - Deltona assigns deed restriction authority to MICA. Richard McManon, Esq., J Barrett White, MICA President, James Stackpoole, Vice President Deltona Corporation.*

ending August 31, 2005, there were 6,700 MICA members. This number does not include Residents' Beach members.

Deed Restrictions were assigned to MICA from Deltona in 1986. Although the deed restrictions were not as well written compared to our standards of today, they remain an important part of our function. Thirty years ago the Mackle Brothers did not foresee a 5,000 square foot house on an 8,800 square foot lot.

Homeowners associations are organized on a democratic model. Members of the Marco Island Civic Association elect a board of directors from among its members. An association

board meeting is roughly comparable to a city council meeting.

There are several important benefits to living in a development governed by a civic association. The most significant is the proven track record homeowners associations have in maintaining, and often enhancing, property values. Developments with civic associations better protect property values because the associations provide some critical benefits to residents that they normally would not be able to obtain on their own.

The association provides greater certainty that the community will remain

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# American Artist's Sculpture Displayed at MICA's Sarazen Park

by Ruth McCann

Sarazen Park is sporting a wonderful piece of sculpture that feels right at home! On January 26 "It's Only a Game" was officially unveiled. MICA's Sarazen Park is named after golf legend and Marco Island resident Gene Sarazen.

As you can see in these pictures on the page opposite, "It's Only a Game" is a tribute to the great game of golf. It stands 7'3" tall and features three golfers, two men and a woman, from the 1900's fighting over a ball.

The Marco Island Foundation for the Arts launched "ArtQuest," a fine arts project that illustrates the organization's mission of promoting the display of art in public places on Marco Island. The Marco Island Civic Association, along with 14 other businesses on Marco, is sponsoring a sculpture, which will be displayed throughout the year. An ArtQuest tour map is available and each piece is listed along with information regarding the artist and the sponsor.

Bill Bond, the sculptor of "It's Only a Game", spent his youth in the ranching country of the Texas panhandle. He went on to complete his studies at the Art Center School in Los Angeles, California. Moving to Dallas, Bill had a successful career in advertising — winning over 100 awards throughout the U.S. He



*"It's Only A Game"*

was also named Art Director of the year in the Dallas/Fort Worth area during his career. In 1980, Bill moved into fine art with his first sculpting efforts, using traditional western themes. Creativity and ideas led to other themes — including Biblical and historical. Then, after moving to Loveland, Colorado, he added a fun type of art that he refers to as 'whimsical'.

In all of Bill's bronzes, humor is evident in a subtle way. "I'm trying to take you to the barely perceptive edge of humor — to a point where you laugh, but are hard-put to explain why," says Bill. He says further, "Style is not art. Art is good design, studied exaggeration,

interesting rhythm...just about any theme can be legitimately explored in art, and humor certainly is one of them." Bill has exhibited in the Cowboy Artists of America Museum in Kerrville, TX; the Delaware Museum in Wilmington; the Panhandle Plains Historical Museum in Canyon, TX; and the Gilcrease Museum in Tulsa, OK. The Knox Gallery in Naples displays Mr. Bond's artwork, which is available for purchase.

We invite you to stop by MICA's Sarazen Park, on the corner of South Collier Bld. and Swallow Avenue, to view this outstanding American work of art!



# The Shell Game

*by Jo Anne Youman*

There are many interesting varieties of shells on the sandy beaches of Marco Island...and now is a good time of year to collect them. Here are a few of the little known facts about sea life...see how many you can guess correctly. (Answers are on page 18)

The best time of day to go shelling is:

1. At high tide
2. Mid-afternoon, after all the walkers are through
3. Before a storm
4. Early morning

Where do shells come from?

1. Grow in the sea in egg-casings
2. Live under the sand and rocks
3. Egg cartons at the grocery store
4. Fish bring them to beach areas

What is the official state shell of Florida?

1. Lightening Whelk
2. Murex
3. Conch
4. Coquina

What is the name of the animal inside the shell?

1. Worm
2. Charley
3. Mollusks
4. Glob

How many types of shells are there?

1. Painted shells
2. Bivalve
3. Soft Shells
4. Univalve

Where is the largest shells museum in the USA?

1. Marco Island
2. Hawaii
3. Sanibel
4. Fort Myers

What is the name of the study of shells?

1. Shellology
2. Conchology
3. Aqua-ology
4. Murexology

Name the most common shell found on Marco Island

1. Conch
2. Sand Dollar
3. Coquina
4. Olive

Since there are so many varieties of shells, where do they get their names?

1. From a landmark
2. Person who discovered and recorded it
3. Book of shells
4. Ask a friend

Shells are:

1. Home for a mollusk
2. Grown for jewelry
3. Used for musical instruments
4. Indestructible

Urchins are a round ball-type shell with long spines. What is the best way to clean them?

1. With tweezers
2. Snap off the spines with fingers
3. Soak in water and bleach overnight

4. Roll in the sand

What shell has been used to manufacture buttons?

1. Clam
2. Pen Shell
3. Conch
4. Sand Dollar

What shell has the outline of a poinsettia on its bottom?

1. Clam
2. Tulip
3. Sand dollar
4. Olive

What has no head or tail, nor left or right side and eats mollusks such as oysters and scallops?

1. Cowries
2. Turtle
3. Starfish
4. Coquina

Which shell has rows of eyes and each eye has its own lens and retina?

1. Sand Dollar
2. Cockles
3. Scallops
4. Olive

Turn to page 18 for the answers!

If you are interested in shells, the Marco Island Shell Club will sponsor a show at the Presbyterian Church on March 23<sup>rd</sup> through 25<sup>th</sup>, 2006 from 10am to 4pm. You won't believe the amazing items you can make from shells.

# Collier Regional Medical Center – Closest Hospital to Marco Island

*by Ruth McCann*

At MICA's Annual Meeting on January 19 Mike Mastej, Chief Executive Officer of Collier Regional Medical Center, explained that there will soon be a state of the art, 100-bed acute care hospital that will serve the healthcare needs of Collier County, and it will be situated as the closest hospital to Marco Island. Collier Regional Medical Center is currently under construction along Route 951 (Collier Boulevard) at Rattlesnake Hammock Road and is part of the Health Management Associates (HMA) organization. The 260,000-square-foot facility is being constructed on a 60-acre site east of the Florida Sports Park on the south side of Collier Boulevard. The new facility will also include an 80,000 square foot professional building. The hospital opening is planned for January 2007.

This advanced medical center will have emergency services, outpatient services, and obstetrical services as well as a host of other advanced care services, such as clinical laboratory services, MRI, C/T scanner, nuclear medicine and angiography. All 100 rooms are private, which Mr. Mastej stressed is

vital to the recovery of their patients. He also stated that the facility could grow to 400 rooms in the future. The breakdown of rooms is as follows:

## **100 All Private Rooms**

Medical/Surgical - 60 beds  
Obstetrics/Gynecology - 14 beds  
Intensive Care Unit - 12 beds  
Step Down - 7 beds  
Pediatrics - 7 beds

Mr. Mastej emphasized that communication with all county citizens is important in that residents will support the hospital financially through the use of the services offered. The hospital will add the equivalent of 300 full-time positions to the community. HMA cares about and supports their employees through training and education, who in turn are caring and committed to patients and the organization. At the same time, HMA is a stable organization that is financially sound and will provide approximately \$3.5 million annually in tax revenue to the county, state and federal government.

Just days following MICA's Annual Meeting HMA announced that it had entered

into an agreement to purchase Cleveland Clinic Naples. The transaction should be completed by June 30, HMA said in a statement.

"We believe this acquisition will complement our de novo project, the 100-bed Collier Regional Medical Center, currently under construction in southern Collier County, thereby providing more effective competition in Collier County," Joseph Vumbacco, HMA's chief executive officer and vice chairman, said. "Upon completing the transaction, the existing Cleveland Clinic - Naples Hospital medical staff will soon be able to serve the community at two Collier County hospitals, effectively improving access to more of the area's residents."

After completing the Cleveland Clinic transaction in Naples and two other announced transactions, HMA will operate 62 hospitals in 16 states with about 8,995 beds. The Cleveland Clinic - Naples hospital has 83 beds.

You can access Collier Regional Medical Center's new website for further information about this hospital which is approximately 10 miles from our island – [collierregional.com](http://collierregional.com).

# The 2006 MICA Humanitarian of the Year Award

*by Lynn Bradeen*

The MICA Humanitarian of the Year Award has become the most prestigious award on Marco Island. This valued award was developed to honor the unsung heroes of Marco Island, the people who do so much for so many. The wonderful people you do not hear much about.

Past recipients of this prestigious award include Mimi Torbush; Shirlee and Brian Barcic; Ward Bradeen; D'Ann and David Brandt; Dr. Sam and Mary Ann Durso; Judy and Arturo Perez; Maury Dailey; Art Segal and Stevi Walthour.

The 2006 honoree is a very special person with a heart of gold and a long, long history of being there for others. Our honoree has led a very courageous and giving life. The most obvious and impressive attribute that comes to the surface over and over is the loving and giving compassion our honoree extends to others.

Our honoree was selected class Salutatorian and the "most likely to succeed" in high school. University was completed at night after work by our honoree. Our 2006 honoree was a scout and PTA leader and an auxiliary member of her local fire department.

Here on Marco Island our honoree was active with the YMCA teens, President of



*Luise Romano, 2006 Humanitarian of the Year*

Kiwanis Club, co-chair of the Feast of San Gennaro, a volunteer at the Cancer Society and a willing and eager volunteer at Habitat for Humanity, building houses for others. Our honoree is a Eucharistic Minister at San Marco Catholic Church, and I am proud to say our honoree is a hard working member of the MICA Residents' Beach Advisory Committee.

Our Humanitarian of the Year can often be found cleaning, working and care giving, free of charge, to our community's elderly who need assistance.

Of the many accomplishments the one I find the most impressive is the untold hours our honoree spends with cancer patients. As

a two-time cancer survivor our honoree knows first hand the trials and tribulations of this dreaded disease. Our honoree steadfastly refused to be brought down by the evils of cancer. While fighting the victorious battles over cancer our honoree was an inspiration to everyone around. Today our honoree quietly shares this inspiration and love of life with others who need help fighting the battle.

These are just a few of the outstanding contributions to life our 2006 MICA Humanitarian of the Year, Luise Romano, has given to those around her. Congratulations, Luise, and we thank you!