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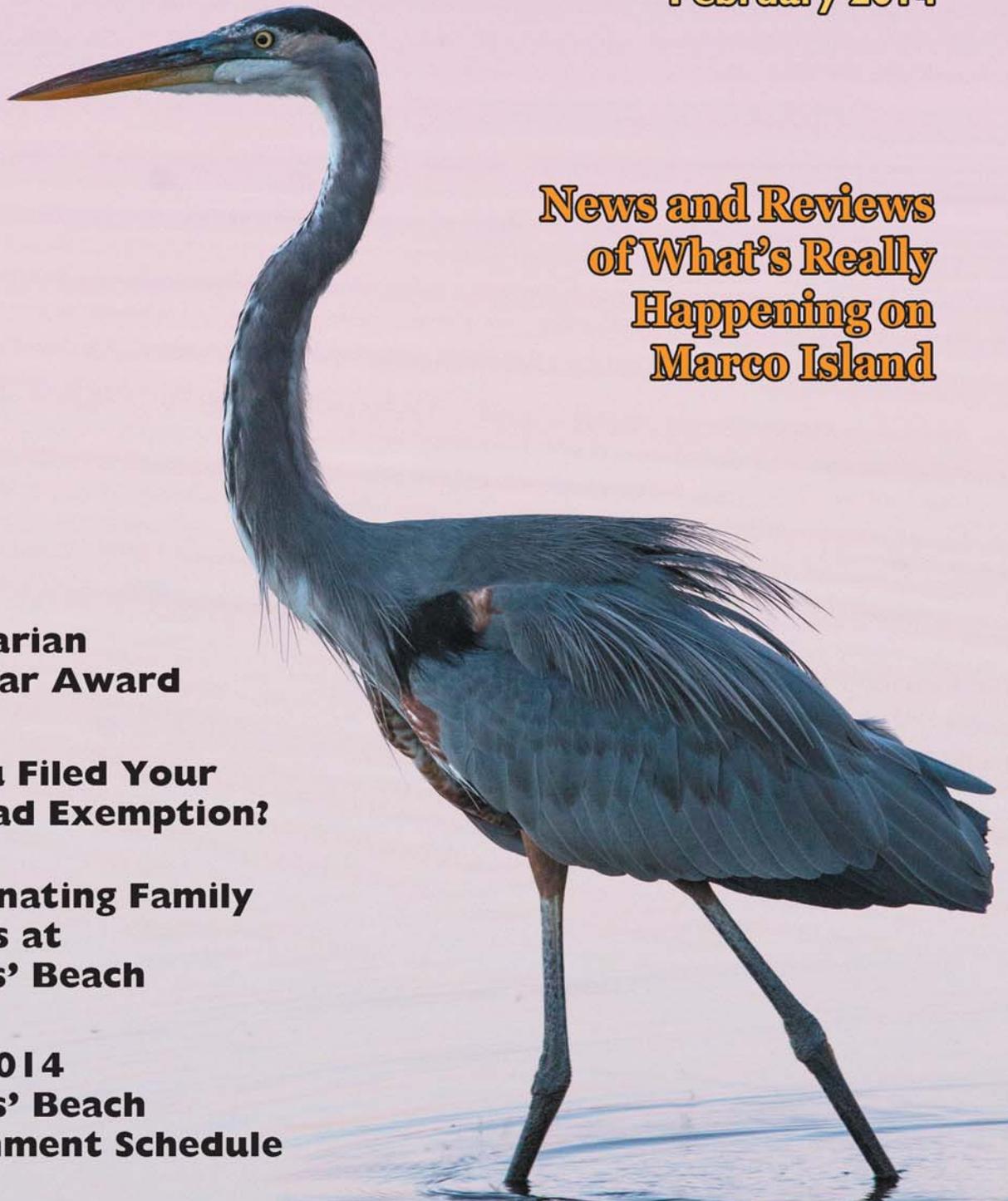
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# President's Letter

by Dick Adams

On January 24 MICA held its Annual Meeting at Residents' Beach. More than 140 people braved the 60 degree temperature and huddled under the pavilion! Not quite 12 below, but cool by Marco standards!

As MICA's President, I explained that MICA's mission is threefold: to exercise our fiduciary responsibility to enforce the Deltona deed restrictions on affected properties; to manage the Residents' Beach facilities; and to improve the civic environment on our island. Through the membership surveys, there is a strong sense that our organization should maintain a balance by presenting educational events and advocating on community affairs.

To that end, your board is working toward increasing the MICA visibility and has hosted an open symposium presented by NCH on Obamacare; hosted a beach cleanup in October; sponsored refreshments at a town hall meeting conducted by Councilman Sacher (hopefully first of many); was a major sponsor of the July Fourth fireworks; and participated in the annual Chamber of Commerce recognition dinner.

The MICA Board of Directors supports the concept of the town hall meeting that brings City Council members and their constituents together in an informal setting and without time constraints. As a result, the MICA Board offered to pay for coffee and donuts at any town hall meetings that City Council members schedule. This was offered to improve communication and transparency between our elected officials and the community.

Community affairs continue to be a high priority, with your board and executive director monitoring Planning Board and City Council meetings.

Key issues continue to be the Mackle Park building and the Smokehouse Bay Bridge plans. In addition, the Marco Island Marriott Resort expansion has finally been submitted to the City, with the first presentation to the Planning Board on February 21. We will evaluate the filing to arrive at a position regarding the planned expansion. Also, Rose Marina has submitted plans to the City for a 60' tall boat storage facility. We urge all of you to get involved and let your City Council members know how you feel. You can email all council members by sending one email to [council@marcocitycouncil.com](mailto:council@marcocitycouncil.com).

A development company is rumored to be preparing a submission to redevelop the CVS Plaza at Bald Eagle Drive and Collier Boulevard to include adjacent properties. The details are not established, and we will continue to monitor this closely.

Our work in enforcing the deed restrictions continues to be challenged and has resulted in litigation during the past year. A property owner intentionally violated the restrictions on his property in an effort to have the court rule that MICA lacked authority to enforce its responsibilities. The case was tried and the court rendered a decision that affirmed MICA's authority to enforce the deed restrictions.

The MICA Humanitarian of the Year Award was presented to Cheryl and Mike Mueller, a very deserving couple who work tirelessly on behalf of those less fortunate. Please read the article on page 3. We are lucky to have the Muellers as part of our community!

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# Cheryl & Mike Mueller, Humanitarians of the Year

On January 23, at MICA's Annual Social board member Dianna Dohm presented MICA's 2014 Humanitarian of the Year Award to Mike and Cheryl Mueller. They were honored for their countless hours of volunteering on behalf of the less fortunate residents of Marco Island and Collier County.

The MICA Humanitarian of the Year Award was first presented in 1998 and has become one of the most prestigious awards on Marco Island. It honors the unsung heroes of our island, the people who do so much for so many. Past recipients include Mimi Torbush, Shirlee and Brian Barcic, Ward Bradeen, D'Ann and David Brandt, Dr. Sam and Mary Ann Durso, Judy Barney, Arturo Perez, Maury Dailey, Art Segal, Stevi Walthour, Luise Romano, Jane Williams, Karen Saeks, Nicki Davis, Bert and Jann Brewer, Maria Elena Pujol, Howard Jordan and Jack Simmen.

Cheryl and Mike Mueller met during their senior year in college at Indiana State, from which they graduated. They married in 1975 and have two children and three grandchildren.

They have lived in several different places including Houston, TX; Lawrenceville, IL; Lafayette, LA; Cody, WY; Aberdeen, Scotland; and then Marco Island in 2005 when Mike retired from his position as Vice President of Marathon Oil.

Cheryl joined Newcomers and was asked to be on their board where she served for several years. She walked to raise money for Alzheimer's, is a member of the League Club (she was in the Junior League since 1988), and is an active member of Gamma Phi.

Cheryl and Mike were instrumental in starting ESL Classes (English as a second language) that ran for three years at St. Mark's Church. They are very active in their church, where they coordinate the book and CD sales for the Flea Market and spend countless hours in the "shed" sorting donations for the Flea Market.

Cheryl has been involved in Bedtime Bundles since the very beginning; even before there was a "formal" Bedtime Bundles, which helps the migrant children who practically live in our backyards. She was at their first formal meeting in 2008 and has been there ever since. Of course, when Cheryl is involved, so is Mike. They both have spent innumerable hours doing whatever



*Mike and Cheryl Mueller joined by some of their family after receiving the 2014 Humanitarian Award*

needs to be done and always with a smile, including delivering bread to the camps, delivering food, clothing and household items to the camps, purchasing, sorting and delivering food for the summer food drive. Cheryl chaired Bedtime Bundles' yearly fundraiser, Mutts & Martinis Yappy Hour, last year and raised over \$24,000.

Mike has been on the Board of Directors for Habitat for Humanity of Collier County for a number of years and currently serves as Secretary. He is also on the build sites at least once, if not twice every week, with hammer and nails in hand!

Somehow they manage to even fit in some down time. Cheryl needle points and Mike is an EXCELLENT fisherman, which was relayed by his buddies in the Marco Island Sport Fishing Club.

It's Cheryl and Mike's actions that bring the community of Marco Island together through a common goal; helping those in our community who have so little. They have always been the people you could go to for anything!

Mike and Cheryl have always been involved where ever they have lived. They are selfless givers, living their faith by giving back to the community whenever asked. They recognize needs beyond our insulated world and help without hesitation; many, many times paying for items out of their own pockets. We are truly blessed on Marco to have such a loving, caring couple.



# Power Up Your New Year With Energy Savings

by Karen Ryan, APR, CPRC, Lee County Electric Company

There are simple low-cost or no-cost things that you can do to help reduce your electric bill. Although most utilities are increasing their rates LCEC will not raise rates in 2014! In fact the power cost adjustment will be decreased beginning with the January bills! Managing your usage will reduce that bill even more!

- When cooling your home, set the thermostat at 78 degrees. Each degree below adds eight percent to the cooling costs.
- When heating your home, set the thermostat at 65 degrees. Since heating costs three times more than cooling, consider using a space heater or electric blanket.
- While away from home for more than two hours, set the thermostat at 83 degrees.
- Install a programmable thermostat that will automatically raise and lower the temperature at certain times of the day.
- Service your air conditioning system annually.
- Repair duct leaks using metal foil tape reinforced with mastic adhesive.
- Change or clean filters monthly.
- Keep windows and exterior doors closed when running your air conditioner or heater. Also, use

- caulk and weather strip around windows and doors.
- Do not locate refrigerators/freezers in a garage or other non-air conditioned space.
- Full freezers use less power. Use plastic bottles filled with water, or bags of ice to fill empty space.
- Test your refrigerator door gasket with a crisp dollar bill. A good gasket will hold the bill in place.
- Replace standard light bulbs with compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs) and use 75 percent less energy.
- Turn off fans when the room is not occupied. Each continuously running fan costs approximately \$7 per month on your electric bill.
- Run pool pumps for a maximum of 8 hours a day in the summer, and 6 hours per day in the winter, unless you are heating the pool.
- Install reflective window tint/film that will reflect 65 percent or better on windows facing east, west or south. LCEC also recommends installing awnings, storm shutters and planting shade trees.
- Use a minimum of R-30 insulation in the ceiling/attic floor to save on heating and air conditioning costs.

Visit [www.lcec.net](http://www.lcec.net) to learn about more energy saving tips! Like us on Facebook!

## LCEC Update

LCEC construction and maintenance crews and their contractors, PIKE and MasTec, can often be seen around the island working on various projects. These projects are part of an ongoing effort to continually improve reliability of the electric system. LCEC has a 10-year engineering plan that is updated annually and projects are scheduled as funding and resources allow. Several recent projects include:

1. Replacement of the wire and poles along Barfield from Collier to San Marco Rd. (almost complete)
2. Upgrading of the electric system on San Marco Rd. from Sand Hill to Barfield. (75% complete)

*Fun fact: The orange plastic covers often seen on the electric lines where crews are working are protective safety devices. Because crews are working on the lines while they are energized, this equipment helps to keep them safe.*



# MICA Board Member Appointed to Collier County Planning Commission



*Charlette Roman*

The Board of County Commissioners appointed MICA Board member, Charlette Roman, to a two-year term on the Collier County Planning Commission (CCPC).

On July 9, 2013, the Board of County Commissioners adopted Ordinance No. 2013-50, reducing the membership of the CCPC to seven voting members - one member from each of the five Commission Districts and two at-large environmental members. The Board of County Commissioners also gave the Planning Commission the power and duty of serving as the County's Environmental Advisory Council under Ordinance No. 2009-32.

Charlette was selected for one of the newly created At-Large Environmental positions by unanimous vote in September. This is the first time a Marco Islander has ever served on this Commission.

# News from Across the Bridge

*by Donna Fiala,  
Collier County Commissioner*

There is much taking place on our Island as well as off Island. Let me try to hit a few highpoints:

Tigertail Beach is being upgraded and improved to draw traffic from off-Island to that beach instead of going to South Beach where the parking is almost a disaster – there are barely any places to park and drivers are parking on grass and swales instead. The City Police Dept. is presently ticketing violators. Tigertail, however, has over 250 parking spaces in the big lot (behind the small entrance lot), plus five new boardwalks have been added from the big parking lot through the preserve and on to the beach. The last boardwalk leads to the largest beach and the shortest distance to Sand Dollar Island. The County is in the process of building a bathroom at the last boardwalk and will add another adjoining as permitting permits. Right now it will be a “Family Bathroom”. The County is seeking permission from the City to enlarge the “Tigertail Beach” signs along Collier Blvd. to direct people from the north of Marco to the Tigertail Beach area rather than going further to South Beach.

For all who live here most of the year, you're certain to have noticed the great amount of development taking place on the north side of the Bridge. Starting in January (just a little bit of a late start) construction will begin at the intersection of Collier Blvd and U.S. 41 E. For two years it will be a little “challenging” to maneuver that area, but for those who want to travel to the Shoppes of Eagle Creek (Fresh Market, Staples, Dunkin' Donuts and Lowe's) it will be rather easy from Marco Island, Isles of Capri and Fiddler's Creek

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# Programs and Services Available From The American Cancer Society

by Lisa Honig, Unit Executive Director

Your American Cancer Society has a local office right here on Marco Island that is staffed daily to provide assistance and support to cancer patients and their loved ones as they navigate the course of diagnosis, treatment and recovery. There are several services provided locally and in our area to make this just a little bit easier. As we get into the full swing of season, I wanted to make you aware of the programs and services we offer and how you can help!

First, did you know that we have a local **Support Group** for cancer patients, survivors and caregivers? This wonderful group was started in 1989 by Jan Whitebook and she remains the leader of the group today. Jan has a very personal connection to cancer having been the loving caregiver for her sister who lived with lymphoma for 11 years. Her sister was so thankful for the love and support of her local group that Jan started the Marco Island Support Group in her memory.

The mission of the support group is to support the whole person through programs and friendship as well as provide an uplifting and positive experience to all who attend. Our local group meets twice a month on the first and third Thursday from October to April. The group is open to anyone affected by cancer (men, women, caregivers, family, or friends) who want to share their experiences, exchange information or simply listen to the stories of others. While many of the meetings center on participants sharing their experiences there are also guest speakers on topics such as nutrition, fitness, medical advances and treatment options that are led by doctors and other experts in their field. Meetings are held at the Marco Health Care Center, 40 Heathwood Drive. For more information about the Support Group, please contact Jan Whitebook at 239-394-8536 or Sue Olszak at The American Cancer Society at 239-642-8800.



Second, did you know that we have a **Resource Room** right here in our Marco Island office that provides wigs, scarves and bras at no cost to women who need them while undergoing treatment for all types of cancer? All you have to do is call our office and make an appointment with Sue and she will assist you with the details. We have had several women visit us in the last few months and they, along with their caregivers, inspire us every day.

In conjunction with our resource room, another area of support provided by the American Cancer Society is the **Look Good ... Feel Better** program designed for women during cancer treatment who would like guidance and information on how to deal with the side effects of their treatment. Participants are taught techniques by a licensed volunteer cosmetologist to help restore their appearance and self-image. For more information on this program and availability, contact Sue in our local office.

Third, did you know that there are men and women right here on Marco Island who have volunteered to be road drivers for our **Road to Recovery** program? These individuals are available to drive patients to and from treatments in the local area who otherwise could not get there because of transportation issues.

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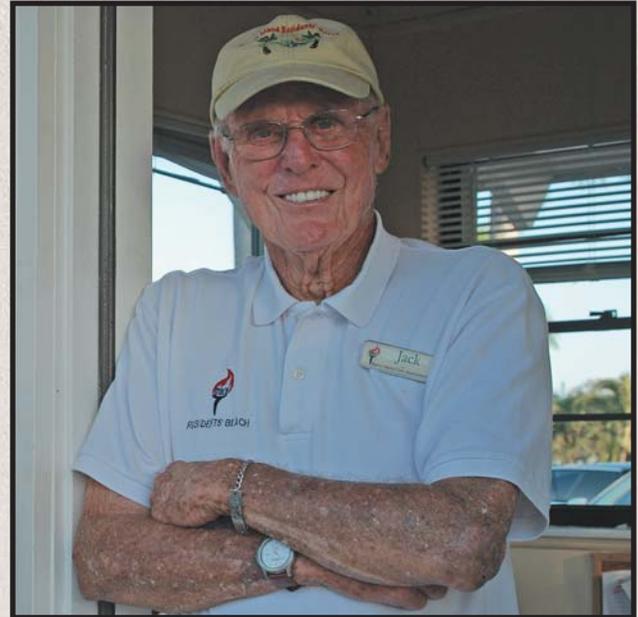


# In Memory of MICA Team Member Jack Simmen

It is with heavy hearts that we must tell you the news that a beloved member of the MICA team has passed away. Jack Simmen was a fixture on the evening shift at Marco Island Residents' Beach, having worked for MICA for almost twenty years. Jack always had a smile for everyone and made each of us feel extra special. He loved greeting the members of Residents' Beach and did so until the week before he passed, just days before Christmas.

Jack's volunteer efforts were honored last January when MICA awarded him the 2013 Humanitarian of the Year. For more than 25 years Jack visited Hospice patients, delivered Meals on Wheels, visited nursing homes to offer a little conversation and friendship, among many other acts of kindness that we will never know.

He will be missed by so many.



*Jack Simmen*

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## *The American Cancer Society* *Continued from page 6*

Next, did you know that there is a **Hope Lodge** run by the American Cancer Society in Tampa (and other locations in the US) near the Moffitt Cancer Center that provides free lodging for cancer patients and their caregiver when undergoing treatments at the hospital? We have also entered into an agreement with Extended Stay America for access to rooms at reduced rates for patients in areas where there is not yet a Hope Lodge. For information and availability on both Road to Recovery and the Hope Lodge, call our toll free line – 1-800-ACS-2345.

Finally, did you know that our national support line – 1-800-ACS-2345 – is staffed 24x7x365 to answer your questions in the event you or someone you love is diagnosed with cancer? These men and women can help you sort through the details, answer questions about treatments and facilities, help you with insurance and financial issues and provide emotional support options during this very challenging time. No one ever wants to hear the words ‘you have cancer’ but if they do, know that your American Cancer Society is available to help. You can also go to [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org) to do some research on your own.

In closing, there are two ways you can help us finish the fight: one is to volunteer and the other is to donate to support our mission and help fund research, programs and services that will help us find causes, treatments and ultimately cures for cancer. We are always looking for volunteers who want to serve on committees, participate on our board or help at our events. We can use your help for as much time as you are available to give. Of course, we also encourage everyone to attend our signature events The Imagination Ball on February 15, 2014 and/or Relay For Life on April 12-13, 2014. You cannot imagine how much your support means to our patients, survivors and caregivers who depend on the American Cancer Society every day.

*For more information regarding volunteer opportunities and our upcoming events, contact our office at 239-642-8800 ext. 3890.*



# Introducing a New Film Series

by Kathryn Sullivan

A small group of Marco Island Center for the Arts members wanted to bring some “art” movies and independent films to the island during season. Spearheaded by Everglades artist, Jo-Ann Sanborn and former radio executive, Joan Gerberding (both fulltime residents of Marco Island), the group first met in the summer to discuss the feasibility of executing the idea. Others liked the idea and volunteered to help. Joining Jo-Ann and Joan on the steering committee are Holly Erker, Ken Stroud, Michael Mequid, Cecilia Jones, Earl Witten, Joanne Rose, and Mike Early and myself.

Rosemary Wick, President of the Board of Directors of the Marco Island Center for the Arts, was briefed on the idea and the Center for the Arts was enthusiastically onboard.

Rosemary remarked “We wanted to expand the footprint of the Center and create a more well-rounded appeal for an already robust art, class, and exhibit schedule. We also felt that it would be a great way to bring some educational, historical and entertaining films to Marco that people would be interested in seeing and talking about. We also felt that we wanted to do something that would involve

more of a community focus, while also supporting the culture of the island.”

The films will be shown at the Marco Movies in January through March. Nick Campo, owner of the theater, can always be counted on to generously support the community.

In 2014, the four films in the series have the common theme of “the art of stealing art”. This is a very timely topic given the recent discovery in an apartment in Munich, Germany of \$1.3 Billion worth of stolen art. The first film in January, “The Rape of Europa” is a great documentary that informs and entertains on the systematic looting of Jewish art by the Nazis leading up to and during WWII.

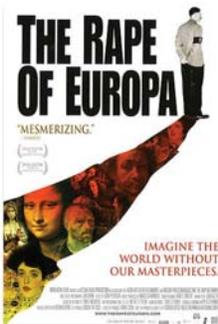
We will be serving light refreshments, as well as having a discussion following each movie. We hope that this will turn into an annual event; one that incorporates a movie, some snacks and some lively discussion.

There is no charge for attendance but we will be asking for donations to support the program and the Center for the Arts. For more information call 239-394-4221.

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# The Fascinating Family of Herons

*The fourth in our series by Stephen Barker, on wildlife seen at Residents' Beach*

No doubt you will have seen a variety of large birds both at the retention pond and by the gulf at Resident's Beach and perhaps not been able to identify them. In all probability they are members of the heron or egret family and here are the ones you will most likely come across on a day's visit to Resident's Beach and beyond.



**The Great Blue Heron** is the largest North American heron with a head to tail length of an incredible 54 inches and a wingspan of 79 inches. Dieting mostly on small fish which it spears with amazing precision and then proceeds to swallow whole. Herons have been known to choke on prey that is too large. Their most commonly employed hunting technique is to wade slowly through shallow water. Their call is a harsh croak, which is heard mostly during the breeding season or if disturbed.



**The Great Egret** is a large heron with all-white plumage standing up to 39 inches tall with a wingspan of 67 inches. Apart from size, the best way to distinguish it from other white egrets is by its yellow bill and black legs and feet. In breeding plumage, delicate ornamental feathers are borne on the back. Large numbers of Great Egrets were killed around the end of the 19th century so that their plumes could be used to decorate hats, but numbers have recovered as a result of conservation measures.



**The Reddish Egret** is probably the most comical of the herons as it is seen running, jumping, spinning and flailing its wings in pursuit of fish. It is also the rarest of the North American herons and comes in a dark and also a white color form which are not related to age. Both color morphs have long blue legs and pink bills with white tips. Breeding adults get shaggy neck plumes. In Florida it is a species of special concern.





**The Snowy Egret** is about 20 inches in length and needless to say, has all white plumage. They have a thin neck and a black bill with yellow skin in front of their eyes. Their legs are black and perhaps the most easily identifiable feature is their yellow slippers. The Snowy Egret uses a foot-stirring method to rake up small fish and shrimp from the bottom in shallow waters and it is thought that their golden toes may help to achieve success by either spooking or luring their potential prey.



**The Tricolored Heron** is aptly named since it has a bluish head, neck and wings, maroon coloring at the base of the neck and a white belly. In breeding plumage it adds a beautiful white plume trailing off the crown of its head. Although this heron has recovered following the plume-hunting era, it is still listed as a species of special concern. Similar to the Reddish Egret, the Tricolored Heron is also a “canopy” feeder, flailing its wings in pursuit almost exclusively of minnows.

As you will see from the accompanying photos, taken on Marco beaches by Debbie Barker, all of these birds make wonderful subjects both for the keen birder and photographer since they are present all year round. In addition to these herons and egrets that are regularly seen at Resident’s Beach, there are four other members of the family seen in southwest Florida - the Little Blue Heron, the Little Green Heron, Black-Crowned Night Heron and the Yellow-crowned Night heron.



## ***US Coast Guard Auxiliary - Marco Island Flotilla 95***

# **Public Education Courses**

Marco Island residents and vacationers may not be aware that we have a US Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla stationed right here on Marco Island. Members of Flotilla 95 perform essential duties for the Federal Government in support roles to the United States Coast Guard. Their duties include non-law enforcement and non-military roles in search and rescue missions, boating education, vessel safety checks, marine safety and environmental protection, and verifying the condition and location of aids to navigation.

This article will focus on the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary's safe boating courses that provide instruction to boaters at all levels, from the fundamental to the advanced. The courses are taught by experienced and knowledgeable instructors committed to the highest standards of the U.S. Coast Guard.

The courses are presented at the flotilla's station located in Caxambas Park at 905 Collier Court. Flotilla instructors are primarily Marco Island residents and are extremely familiar with the local waterways. Our flotilla's area of responsibility covers from Rookery Bay in the north to Chokoloskee Pass in the south, including the 10,000 islands. Knowledge of the waters surrounding Marco Island and years of experience patrolling our area provide the instructors with insight into our unique boating environment.

## **The Courses Offered**

### **Boating Skills and Seamanship**

The U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary's Boating Skills and Seamanship (BS&S) course is a comprehensive course designed for both the experienced and the novice boater. The course, now in its 14th edition published in October, 2013, consists of 8 core required two- to four-hour lessons plus five elective lessons, providing up-to-date knowledge for handling boats in all conditions.



***Graduates of these courses receive a Florida State Boating License***

**TOPICS INCLUDE:** Which Boat Is For You? Equipment For Your Boat; Handling Your Boat; Your "Highway" Signs; The Rules You Must Follow; Inland Boating; Introduction To Navigation; Powering Your Boat; Lines and Knots for Your Boat; Weather and Boating; Your Boat's Radio.

### **Navigating with GPS**

GPS for Mariners is a modern learning experience that focuses on the GPS equipment typically owned by the recreational boater. This course is the result of an exciting synergy between the textbook's publisher, the book's author, and the Auxiliary.

The recommended presentation of the course involves inviting course participants who already own hand-held GPS units to bring them to the class, increasing interactivity of the educational experience and getting students more involved.

However, this class is so effective that even those not possessing handheld units will learn how to use a GPS for practical recreational boating. *Individuals who successfully complete the course and exam are awarded certificates.* **TOPICS INCLUDE:** Background, course overview and objectives; Navigation Review (This course assumes that you enter knowing basic coastal navigation terminology); GPS explained basic receiver functions; Selecting a receiver; Waypoint navigation; GPS underway.



*Course Materials and Florida State Boating License*

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Literature contains many horror stories about a passenger, who does not know how to start the engine or operate the radio, watching in horror as a strong wind blows the boat away faster than a captain who has fallen overboard can swim.

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Marco Island  
Residents' Beach

# Holiday Celebration 2013

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# 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Marco Island Shell Show

*by Jae Kellogg, 2014 Marco Island Shell Club, Shell Show Chair*

Mark your calendars for this spectacular event! What could be more exciting than joining the Marco Island Shell Club at the highlight of our season for our annual, **juried** Shell Show! Whether you are interested in the scientific aspects of local mollusks (shells) and sea life in our island paradise (and from around the world) or exhibits of some of the most beautiful shell art you have ever experienced - our show is the place for you!

An amazing 2700+ people visited our juried 3 day show last year! With over 150 Scientific and Artistic exhibitors participating last year - this year hopes to attract even more exhibitors from the state of Florida and beyond!



*19 trophies will be awarded to our Scientific and Artistic Divisions, with numerous 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place ribbons given by our fantastic judges!*

## **What does Scientific and Artistic Divisions mean in the exhibit part of our show?**

In the Scientific Division, our categories range from one single shell, self-collected right here on Marco Island to magnificent collections of shells from all over the world! You will not believe where our exhibitors have traveled to find that one, extraordinary shell! One of my favorite categories is the Anomalies - albinos, abnormal structures, dwarfs - unbelievable finds! Did you know that some of the most beautiful and well-preserved fossil shells and sea life are found right here in Collier County? We also have a category for fossils and you will see some



that are amazingly perfect even though they are 500,000 years plus! Don't forget Land Snails! They are certainly an interesting bunch and depending on where they have been gathered - the colors and designs are those that only Mother Nature knows how to produce!

In the **Artistic Division**, whether you enjoy shell-flower/sea life arrangements, needlepoint, fabulous mollusk/sea life photography, Sailors Valentines, shell jewelry, lamps with shells/sea life, wreaths, shell decorated apparel, mirrors, holiday decoration, novelties - there will be something for you! Our Novice Class (first year exhibitors) is stocked with new talent! When you see their exhibits, you will see what a great class of beginning artists we have in our club! The Hobbyist Class - those who make shell art; but do not sell and the Professional Class - those who sell their art through galleries, shows, websites, home etc. - are our other two classes. Many of the Professional exhibits will be for sale, but must remain in their exhibit area until the end of the show on Saturday. These three groups offer some of the most creative shell art you will ever see!

**"A Gift Shop Like No Other!"** This comment made by one of our members sums it up! You can find our shell artists busy every Tuesday morning in workshops at the United Church of Marco's Disseler Hall. Our artists begin early November and continue producing beautiful inventory that will be for sale at our annual show! "The Gift Shop" is right

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# Homestead Exemption – Have You Filed?

Every person who owns a dwelling in the State of Florida and who resides in that dwelling, and in good faith makes it his or her permanent home, is eligible for the Homestead Exemption. If granted, this exemption reduces the taxable value of your homestead by \$25,000 for school taxes and by \$50,000 for non-school taxes. The Florida Constitution also provides a 3% cap on assessment increases on homesteaded properties, which creates what is referred to as Save Our Homes (SOH) exempt value. SOH exempt value is market value you do not pay taxes on due to the capped assessed value.

To qualify you must be a permanent resident of Florida as of January 1 the year you apply for the exemption. Regular filing begins on January 1 and ends on March 1 each year. However, the Collier County Property Appraiser's office accepts prefiled applications throughout the year so that you might avoid long lines at the regular filing time.

Florida Statutes allow only one Homestead Exemption per "family unit." This means that anyone applying for the Homestead Exemption in Collier County would not be legally entitled to receive the exemption if they or their spouse are receiving residency-based exemption(s) in another state. This includes veterans and senior citizen exemptions.

### *All of the following items are required as proof of legal residence:*

1. Evidence of ownership (deed, tax receipt, etc.)
2. Social Security numbers for all owners
3. Collier County Voter Registration (if you vote) dated prior to January 1
4. Florida Driver License dated prior to January 1
5. Florida Vehicle Registration dated prior to January 1

**Optional:** Declaration of Domicile filed with the Clerk of the Circuit Court prior to January 1 of the year of application. You must have legal and equitable title to the property and reside in the property as your primary residence as of January 1.

### *Additional information may be necessary:*

1. If not a U.S. citizen, a resident alien "green" card
2. If your property is held in trust, a complete copy of the trust agreement
3. If your residence is a mobile home, the real property decal number and a copy of the registration or title to the mobile home

### *When and Where to File:*

New applications for Homestead Exemption for the current year must be made in person prior to March 1 at the Property Appraiser's main office weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. or in Golden Gate or North Collier office from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. In addition, the office sets up various locations during January and February.

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## **Marco Island Shell Show** *Continued from page 16*

next to our exhibit area, a “must” on your way out of the show!

### **Do you have family coming in to visit for the season?**

The Shell Show is one attraction that is for every person in your family! Last year, for the first time, we had a “**Live Tank**” (compliments of Rookery Bay). Kids and adults alike, will love to see the actual life and living of these breathtaking animals! Would you like to take some “first quality” local shells home to enjoy all summer? In our Gift Shop, we have beautiful local shells from our outer islands that are waiting for you!

We have 4 very talented judges for this year’s show! They will be at our show all day on Thursday! Come and meet them!

**Scientific - Dr. Harry Lee** - Jacksonville, FL - retired from an internal Medicine practice in 2006. He is a veteran shell show judge, specializing in American mollusks - land, freshwater, and marine - micro mollusks of the Western Atlantic, both fossil and recent. He has over 100 publications related to Conchology, serves on numerous boards related to the world of Conchology, and has a personal shell collection slowly being transferred to the FL Museum of Natural History, University of FL in Gainesville.

**Dr. Bill Lyons** - native Floridian, retired after a long service (35 years) as the Senior Research Scientist of the FL Marine Research Institute, St.

Petersburg, FL, specializing in living and fossil marine mollusks. His special interests are the systematics of Fasciolaridae - tulip shells, spindles and horse conchs and Caribbean chitons! He has received the prestigious Neptunea Award for services to the scientific interest of the Conchologists of America. He has described more than 30 species of snails and chitons in the FL Keys and FL Bay. He is a veteran shell show judge.

**Artistic - Anne Joffe** - A veteran shell show judge from Sanibel, FL, where she has been Shell Show Chairman for over 30 years (including the upcoming 2014 Show). She owns and operates the “She Sells Sea Shells” store on Sanibel and is very involved in the leadership of the Sanibel Community (President Emeritus of the Board of the Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum), as well as many national Conchology and Malachology organizations. She travels all over the country giving lectures on shells, their uses, and has authored many books on the art of “Shell Crafting”. Many enjoy her shelling trips to places all over the world from the Bahamas to Fiji to South Africa and everywhere in between!

**Leslie Ventresca** hails from Willow Grove, PA. As a former “home stager” in the real estate world, Leslie fell in love with sea shells after spending summers on Sanibel Island. Leslie is a shell artist who builds “one of a kind” seashell sculptures! The shells seemingly float in midair attached to her Lucite and Granite bases. Recently she has introduced two of her shell themed limited editions cast in bronze! Her beautiful work can be seen in the 5th Avenue Design Gallery in Naples, FL. This is her first time judging the Marco Island Shell Show.

All of our proceeds from the show support the scholarship and grant programs for marine biology students at Florida Gulf Coast University and The University of South Florida!

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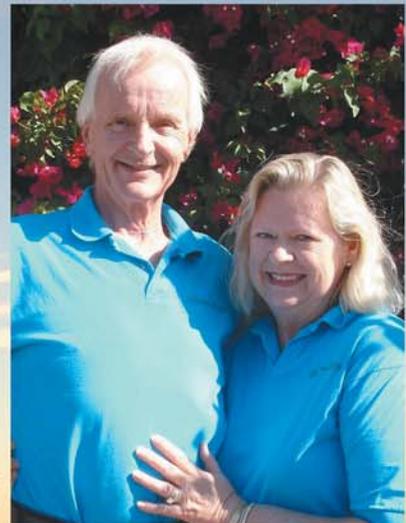


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# Calusa Garden Club Serves The Community

Many people believe garden clubs do nothing but arrange floral designs and have flower shows. They do both of these, of course, but they also do so much more. Donating their time and talents, Calusa Garden Club members:



Planted easy-care plants in containers outside the Marco Island Center for the Arts.



Made floral arrangements for the American Cancer Society luncheon.



Lead the Junior Gardener program at Tommie Barfield Elementary School.





Donated the Blue Star Memorial Marker at Veterans Park.



Taught a floral design class at the Marco Island Branch Library - so popular, plans are in place to have another class.



Display floral arrangements in public places.



Host environmental speakers such as Charlette Roman.



Help local children attend Camp Wekiva in Apopka, Florida.



And, of course, produce a flower show. This coming year the flower show will be held on February 22-23 at the Marco Island Center for the Arts. It will be a small standard flower show entitled "Trains, Planes & Automobiles."

When all the work is done, Calusa Garden Club members also know how to have a good time!



# Marco Urgent Care Center



The Marco Urgent Care Center is open 7 days a week from 8am - 7:30pm for the treatment of non-emergencies, illnesses, and minor injuries. Our center is staffed by board-certified physicians and licensed clinical professionals. The Urgent Care Center is a part of the NCH Healthcare System - the first in Florida to become a member of the Mayo Clinic Care Network. That means our medical staff has access to all of the world-renowned resources NCH and Mayo Clinic have to offer our patients. If a condition arises which you feel cannot wait until you can schedule an appointment with your physician or it's after hours, urgent care may be an appropriate choice for you. Some reasons you might choose to come to the Marco Urgent Care Center include:

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# Who Speaks For The Residents of Collier County? The Collier Citizens Council

*by Dave Trecker*

There's a new organization around – deep in talent and lofty in aims.

It's called the Collier Citizens Council (CCC), and it's made up of community leaders from throughout Collier County.

Its purpose is to provide a voice for the residents.

Not a voice for business. The Chambers of Commerce handles that.

Not a voice for homeowner groups. That's covered by the Collier County Presidents Council.

Not a voice for politicians. They have PACs and local and state committees.

But a voice for the ordinary taxpayer, for the little guy. The goal of the CCC is to look after their interests and influence policies on their behalf.

Several years ago, a handful of civic leaders sensed there was a need for such an organization. In 2012, Murray Hendel, Bob Raymond, Lydia Galton and the writer founded the Collier Community Alliance, later to become the Collier Citizens Council.

“We saw an unmet need,” said CCC President Murray Hendel. “We wanted a group that could deal with big-ticket items.”

Several ground rules were established. The group must be diverse – both geographically and



*President Murray Hendel shaking hands with Senator Richter.*

*Photo courtesy of Bob Raymond.*

in outlook. It must be strictly non-partisan. Politics must be checked at the door. It must be active - not just another group that meets to hear speakers. Its positions must be backed by strong consensus.

Recruiting brought community leaders from all reaches of the county - Village Walk, the Vineyards, Marco Island, Park Shore, Wyndemere, Grey Oaks, Pelican Marsh, Golden Gate, Moorings, Pelican Bay and other communities.

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*Experts outline various approaches for slowing beach erosion and replacing lost sand during Beach Renourishment Forum. Photo courtesy of Bob Raymond.*





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# Holiday Celebration 2013

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### **News from Across the Bridge**

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because you can cut through Tower Rd (the road to Rookery Bay) to Price Street, turn right and you'll either reach the shopping center or you may proceed to the light and go straight to the new Outback Steakhouse (being built right now) and/or Carrabbas, or turn left to go into East Naples and on to the City of Naples. It will be a little more difficult for those coming south on 951 to Marco Island, but the traffic control people will do all possible to keep the traffic flowing smoothly. In March, the FDOT will begin to widen U.S. 41 E., east of the intersection, to 6 lanes from the intersection to Greenway Road (an east exit from Fiddler's Creek) and then 4 lanes from there to Six L's Farm Road, where it will return to two lanes.

While all this road construction is taking place, so will new developments be coming out of the ground or continuing to build. Of those, there will be Naples Reserve – a posh new development of 1154 single family homes north of Reflection Lakes, but further down the same road, and the Hacienda Lakes development at 951/Rattlesnake Hammock Rd. intersection, which will offer 1731 homes with 425,000 sq. ft. of retail and 140,000 sq. ft. of commercial. Meanwhile, Lely Resort and Treviso Bay just continues to build quality homes that sell faster than they can build them, and Reflection Lakes and Fiddler's Creek are building to keep up with the momentum. Right now, East Naples is the epicenter of new development in the County, with hopes that redevelopment will follow. And I'm sure you've all heard of the Isles of Collier Preserve – a premier community with hiking, biking, walking and kayak trails winding their way through the community – that will offer 1600 homes priced from \$400,000 to \$4 million. If you are in town, take a tour of all these new properties. They will be more than happy to show you what they are offering.

The Marco Island Airport is about to resurface their runway and will have to close the airport during the process.



# Art Events In Full Swing

*by Carolyn Burger*

Marco Island Foundation for the Arts provides a number of art events for the people of Marco Island and the surrounding area. This is the busiest time of the year for our non-profit all volunteer organization which provides the Left Bank ArtFest at the Esplanade one Sunday each month, four different Brushes & Paint Outdoor Art Shows and the Winter Film Series at Marco Movies during February, March and April.

The Winter Film Series provides four outstanding films at Marco Movies this year about the arts and artists including “Georgia O’Keefe” on February 19, “La Traviata” on March 12, “Michelangelo” on March 26 and “Pollock” on April 16. All these great films are shown at 10:00 am and the total cost of the whole series is only \$20. What a bargain! Contact Veronica at 389-4852, or Lindy at 389-1333 for tickets right away, as they won’t last long.

“Wet Paint Live” is another project of the Foundation for the Arts. We are working with Leadership Marco and the Chamber of Commerce to bring twenty artists to Marco Island, Goodland and the Isles of Capri to paint outdoor scenes on Wednesday, February 12. Locations of the artists will be announced in the local newspapers so you can visit and watch them create from 9:00am – 3:00pm. A reception will be held at the Rose Auditorium at the Historical Museum that same evening beginning at 5:30 pm and a live auction of the paintings beginning at 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$35 for a meal, fun evening and an opportunity to buy a beautiful original piece of art showing the beauty of this area. Call Carolyn at 389-0280 for tickets.

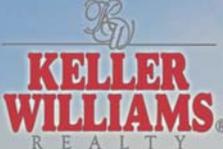
The Double Eagle Sculpture which can be seen in the lobby of Mutual of Omaha Bank will be installed at Sarazen Park, directly across the street from the walkway to South Beach on Collier Blvd so all can enjoy it. It will be unveiled at 12:00 Noon on Monday, March 24. The Foundation for the Arts and the Marco Island Civic Association purchased this beautiful sculpture together. Donations to help cover the cost of the sculpture are still being accepted. All donations made out to the Marco Island Foundation for the Arts are tax deductible.



*MIFA Board Members, from left to right:  
Marilyn Wirth, Jim Johnson,  
(seated) Sandi Johnson, Lindy Kowalczyk,  
Karen Swanker, Carolyn Burger, Veronica  
McNally and Malenda Trick*

MICA will feature the Eagles tribute band, The Long Run, at 6 pm on Sunday, March 23 at Residents’ Beach. Donations towards the Double Eagles sculpture will be accepted during this concert.

As you can see, we are very busy bringing the arts to the public arena on Marco Island. We are also planning new events for next season. We need more volunteers to join the Foundation for the Arts to help us continue our work. If you love the arts and are interested in learning more about our organization and how you can help, call Carolyn Burger, President, at 389-0280. You can also go to our website at [www.marcoarts.org](http://www.marcoarts.org) which contains information about all our events, how to become a member and more.



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## **USCG Education Courses**

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### **Weekend Navigator**

Navigation has changed since the “old days” when navigators plotted a course relying on dead-reckoning and seeing a buoy was a bonus. Today we have inexpensive Global Positioning Systems (GPS) - even in our cell phones - that can enable you to pinpoint your position anywhere on the face of the earth.

However, while electronics can be very helpful, easy to use, and accurate, they can also break or quit.

Knowing how to navigate with electronics is useful, but knowing how to navigate the traditional way using dividers, parallel rulers, and a compass could make the difference between survival and a catastrophe.

The basic portions of Weekend Navigator are designed to give the student the rudiments of navigation by using GPS, and the back-up skill of navigation using charts, navigation plotting tools, and dead-reckoning.

The intent is to provide the student with a solid foundation with emphasis on technique and not blind reliance on electronics. GPS will be mentioned and

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### **Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup>**

*Organized by:* City Beach Advisory Committee

*Sponsored by:* Goodland Civic Association

*Location:* South Beach Boardwalk

### **Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup>**

*Organized by:* City Beach Advisory Committee

*Sponsored by:* Greenscapes, Inc

*Location:* South Beach Boardwalk

### **Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup>**

*Organized by:* Friends of Tigertail Beach

*Sponsored by:* Bay Days

*Location:* Collier County Tigertail Beach Park



Publix supplies gloves, water and trashbags; MICA supplies the beach vehicle to haul trash to the dumpster. For more information or to volunteer for city clean-ups, please contact Nancy Richie, Environmental Specialist, City of Marco Island at 239-389-5003 or [nrichie@cityofmarcoisland.com](mailto:nrichie@cityofmarcoisland.com)

# 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Kiwanis Club of Marco Island Car Show

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*Sunday, February 16, 2014*

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The spectator entry fee remains at \$5 per person with no fee for car entries. All proceeds are used to fund and support various programs and needs of Marco Island Children. You will be able to vote for your favorite cars in various categories and see the excitement of trophy presentations. Place this event on your calendar and bring the entire family to have a great day celebrating America’s love of the automobile.



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## Collier Citizens Council Continued from page 23

“We think the diversity serves us well,” said founding member Lydia Galton.

From the beginning, CCC took on projects with complex issues.

**Fire District Consolidation** – In 2012, the group proposed combining all fire districts and EMS under the sheriff to create a single public safety authority. In 2013, the CCC supported the proposed merger of the Golden Gate and East Naples Fire Districts.

**School District Funding** – The group got behind the successful referendum to transfer capital funds to the district’s operating budget.

**Constitutional Amendments** – In 2012, the CCC joined with other civic groups to present a forum at which experts debated the pros and cons of the proposed state constitutional amendments. Some 800 people attended.

**Emergency Medical Services** – The group lobbied for retaining Dr. Robert Tober as EMS director (Tober was retained) and opposed ceding EMS responsibility to the North Naples Fire District.

**Groundwater Quality** – In 2013, the CCC organized a workshop to discuss pollution in lakes, canals and bays in southwest Florida and to offer approaches for dealing with the problem.

**Tourist Development Tax** – The group has recommended changes in the allocation of tourist tax funds and proposed an increase in the tax from 4% to 5% to provide more money for beach renourishment.

**Economic Development** – Several members of the CCC have been appointed to the steering committee of the Partnership for Collier’s Future Economy, a private-public alliance formed to guide economic development in the county.

**Beach Renourishment** – Early this year, the group teamed with other civic organizations to sponsor a forum on beach renourishment, with experts presenting options for slowing beach erosion and replenishing sand. As a result of the forum, some specific proposals will be made.

Other projects are being planned, as the CCC continues to take on local issues and educate through workshops and forums.

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Loyalty Program, 389-0170

**Curves**, Shops of Marco  
Free trial week Additional 10% off  
membership fee, 389-0016

**Feather-Light Living Wellness Coach**  
15% Discount offered; free 30 minute  
consultation 573-356-1727  
featherlightliving@gmail.com

**Healthy Body Fitness Training**  
Initial personal training sessions & group classes,  
860 Bald Eagle Dr. #4 &5  
394-3705

**Nikken**, 394-1580  
Retail wellness products, 651 S Collier Blvd

**Personal Training & Pilates Studio**  
Above Subway on Collier Blvd.,  
650 Bald Eagle Dr. www.101fit.com  
333-5771

**Royal Fitness of Naples**  
Initial enrollment fee waived  
4880 Davis Blvd., 732-5899

**The Spa at Marco Island Marriott Resort**,  
10% off spa services & 15% off salon services  
400 S Collier Blvd, 389-6029

**Summer Day Café**, Town Center  
Vitamins only, 394-8361

## RETAIL STORES

### APPAREL/JEWELRY

**Beachworks**, Town Center Mall  
Excludes sales items, 642-7777

**Beach Unlimited**  
1001 N Collier Blvd, 642-4888

**Butterfly Beach** 394-0837  
Esplanade, 760 N. Collier Blvd #103

**Georgie's & the Shoe Resort**  
Town Center Mall, 394-2621

**JetSet Surf Shop** 394-5544  
Excludes hardgoods, 674 Bald Eagle Dr

**Jewelry by Laura**, Marriott Resort  
394-2511

**Patchington Ladies' Boutique**  
Marco Walk #104 642-5006  
and Venetian Village, Naples  
Fun for organizations, such as fashion  
shows, charity events, trunk shows, in  
store and out of store events

**Sunshine Stitchers**, 970-0200  
1106-1/2 N. Collier Blvd., Chamber Plaza

**Surf & Sand / Sweetwaters /  
Crosswinds**, Marriott Resort, 389-6051

### NON-APPAREL

**China Rose Florist**  
Fresh flowers only, excludes out-of-town  
orders, 678 Bald Eagle Dr, 642-6663

**Critter Café**  
Excludes dog and cat food  
810 Bald Eagle Dr, 389-8488

**First Pawn Jewelry & Loan**  
5%-20% off jewelry, firearms, instruments  
and tools. Discounts vary.  
889 Airport Road S, Naples, 434-7296

**Islander Pool & Patio**  
Patio furniture store & pool toys  
559 Bald Eagle Dr, 642-4844

**Keep In Touch**, Shops of Marco  
Excludes Post Office, copy & internet  
service & sale items, 393-6300

**Optical Boutique of Marco**  
Marco Walk, 642-4776

**Radio Shack-Island Electronics, LLC**  
1000 N Collier Blvd, 394-5888

**Something Olde Something New**  
Excludes sale & used items  
207 N Collier Blvd, 389-9700

**Sunshine Booksellers**  
10% discount on all hardcover books; 20% discount  
on notary, fax & copy services (N Collier store only).  
Excluded from discount: paperback books, toys,  
gifts, greeting cards, shipping and USPS Services.  
1000 N Collier Blvd, 394-5343  
677 S Collier Blvd, 393-0353

**Your Island Home**  
Town Center, 642-7366

### DRY CLEANERS

**Cache Dry Cleaners**  
666 Bald Eagle Dr, 394-0099

**Dry Clean & More**  
1763 San Marco Rd, 642-7222

**Professional Dry Cleaners of Marco**  
571 East Elckam Circle, 394-4579

### HOME SERVICES / IMPROVEMENT

**A. Pinto Self Storage**  
5% off new rentals & document shredding,  
994 N Barfield Dr, 394-1822

**A.S.A.P. Lock of Marco Island** 394-0318  
www.asaplockofmarcoisland.com

**Adam Peters Construction**, 207-7650  
Fine finish carpentry: Crown molding over \$1000

**Bella Faux Finishes**, 272-3090  
15% off for first time clients

**Collier Tropical Landscaping**  
All landscaping, tree trimming or new lawn service  
contracts. Sergio 821-3213

Esplanade: Collier Blvd & Elckam Circle. Marco Walk: South Collier Blvd & Winterberry Drive  
Shops of Marco: North Barfield Drive & San Marco Road



**Complete Stone Management**  
Free quote, 10% discount on service  
800-775-0695

**Dry & Clean Carpet Cleaning**  
Carpet, Tile, & Upholstery cleaning. 642-0092

**Easy Street Moving**, 248-4136

**EcoMarcoFun** Vacation House Rental  
\$50 off-season, \$100 in-season discount.  
Short-term (less than 1 week) available.  
www.vrbo.com/114322 573-356-1727

**Fabulous Faux Finishes**  
394-5747 or 537-1879

**Fussy Fraulein, Inc.**  
First cleaning only, 394-0562

**GB Pools**  
\$5 per mth off for first 6 mths new service,  
249-1107

**Glass of Marco**  
Located in the Rizzi Storage Building,  
939 Chalmers Dr. #5, 642-6200

**Gulfcoast Painting & Pressure Cleaning**,  
642-1005

**Gulfside Electric**, 784-8086

**Island Pet Sitters**  
Overnight jobs, 389-1837, 272-1659

**JCR Screen Repair & Service**  
394-9410

**Marco Island Floor Covering**  
Discounts vary. 1711 San Marco Rd, 394-1711

**Marco Upholstery**  
Cornices & headboards only  
1759 San Marco Road, 394-8338

**Naples Floors**, naplesfloors.net  
20% off floors & counter tops  
2060 J & C Blvd, 653-9033

**Polished Performance** 304-6350  
Initial service (cleaning, condo monitoring)

**Sealco of SW FL** 642-0906  
Exterior repaint with premium paint package

**Shattuck Lawn & Landscape** 389-6244  
First 3 mths for new customers

**Southern Comfort Air**  
10% off repairs, 5% off installation of new  
equipment, maximum of \$100, 642-6642

**Sparkle & Shine Cleaning**  
Maintenance, handyman & repair services  
919-9137, 866-476-0575

**Storm Smart Industries** 239-939-1000  
'Go Energy Smart' supplies homes & busi-  
nesses with solar hot water, electricity &  
variety of energy saving products

**Sunflower Services of Marco Inc.**  
**Lawn Maintenance**, 465-8086  
First month free lawn maintenance

**Tiny Tikes Treasures** (Rentals)  
247 N Collier Blvd., 389-1868

## ADVENTURES/TOURS

**Dolphin Explorer by Sea Excursions**  
Rose Marina, 642-6899

**Island Hoppers-Helicopter  
Sightseeing & Charter**  
10% off tour pkg, except "Discovery" tour  
Marco Island Executive Airport  
2005 Mainsail Drive, 207-4100

**Marco Island Princess**  
Rose Marina, 642-5415

**Marco Island Watersports**  
Marriott, Hilton Resorts, 394-4344

**Sabotime Sailing, LLC**  
Rose Marina, 207-475-6248

**Scuba Marco**  
10% off goods, scubamarco.com  
1141 Bald Eagle Dr, 389-7889

**Sea Gone Fishing**  
Excludes 3 hour charters, 642-0657

**Vantastic Tours**, 394-7699

## MARINE/AUTO

**1on1 Professional Limousine, Inc.**  
Lowest rates, dependable professional  
service, 1on1limousine.com 389-0004

**Airport Express Shuttle**, 961-7100,  
866-258-4222, \$5 off every airport trip

**Anchor Saver**, 877-4080

**Autocraft**  
5% off non-insurance repairs  
754 Elkcam Circle, 642-5309

**Blue Marlin Marine Construction**  
Seawall inspections only, 642-4284

**Carriage Limousine**  
Affordable, prompt, professional service  
394-0308, 866-942-9932

**Enterprise Rent-A-Car**  
Daily & weekly rate, 642-4488

**Gulf American Marine Inc.**  
Parts only, 642-9515

**Pelican Pier Marina**, 389-2628  
10c/gal discount on fuel; 10% off apparel.  
1085 Bald Eagle Drive (behind Riverside  
Club Condo) GPS:25°58.291 81°43.608

**Rose Marina**  
10% off men's, women's sportswear, shoes,  
hats & bags. Excluded: sale items, fuel, boat-  
ing acc, fishing dept, bait, boat rentals  
& food. 951 Bald Eagle Dr, 394-2502

**Sailmaker, Bronwen McKiever**, 248-3169  
20% off do-it-yourself Sunbrella cloths, vinyls  
& cleaning products, 800 E. Elkcam Cr.

**Sea Tow Marco Island**  
Sea Tow Membership, 394-1188

**Southwest Marine**, 394-4168

**Walkers Marine**, 642-6764  
Parts & service for customers in  
WM computer, 785 Bald Eagle Dr

**Walker's Hideaway Marina**  
10% Off purchase, excluding gas,  
food and boat rentals  
705 E Elkcam Cir, 394-9333

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

**Dr. Constance Aria**, 394-5599  
Licensed Psychologist, Royal Palm Mall

**DoctoRxpess**  
Same day medical care to home, condo,  
hotel, resort or office  
James Klein M.D. 239-642-8989

**Jeffery M. Bogan Insurance Agency**,  
15% off annual prem. for long term care,  
261-6533

**Hera Lynn Music**, 314-825-4414  
10% Off music performances for house  
parties, corporate events and weddings  
www.heralynn.com

**H.I. Studios, Ltd. Memorable  
Keepsakes**, 821-9458

**James Karl & Associates**  
Free initial consultation  
678 Bald Eagle Dr, 642-9988

**Marco Island Photography**  
Portrait sitting & finished portraits by  
Peter Berec, 642-3500

**Vaughan & Associates,  
Financial Planning Services**  
Dennis M Vaughan, CFP, 970-2800  
Dennis@vaughanassociatesllc.com

**Veronica McNally**, Ind Beauty Consultant,  
10% off every order, plus free lipstick with  
new customer facial & makeover. 389-4852

The above businesses participate in MICA's Members Only Discount Program and extend a minimum 10% discount to MICA & Residents' Beach members, unless otherwise noted. Please present your card at time of purchase. Discounts are not valid with any other offers. Discounts are for MICA & Residents' Beach members' purchases only.



*The Spaniol Family from Zurich, displaying their Marco Island Residents' Beach T-Shirts*

***We are pleased to welcome these new participants to MICA's Discount Program:***

*EcoMarcoFun  
-Vacation House Rental*

*Feather-Light Living  
Wellness Coach*

*Hera Lynn Music*

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# The Eagles Have Landed!

Have you stopped by the lobby of the Mutual of Omaha Bank to view the breathtaking Double Eagles sculpture? It stands over 7 feet tall, is almost 6 feet wide and weighs in at over 600 pounds.

On March 24<sup>th</sup> the Marco Island Civic Association (MICA) and the Marco Island Foundation for the Arts (MIFA) will permanently site The Double Eagles Sculpture in front of MICA's Sarazen Park, located on Collier Boulevard across from the south beach access, to remain permanently on public display.

The Boards of Directors of MICA and MIFA enthusiastically agreed to place this sculpture at this location and provide temporary funding of \$30,000 for acquisition and installation. The next challenge facing our organizations it is to accept donations from members and the community at large to fund the sculpture.

Here's how you can help now: your tax-deductible\* donations in any amount are being gratefully accepted. Contributions over \$500 will be memorialized on a plaque. Please make out your check to the Marco Island Foundation for the Arts and drop it off or mail it to the MICA office. Please note on your check that this is for The Double Eagles.

\*MIFA is a charitable non-profit 501(c)(3). Your donations may be tax deductible (consult your tax advisor)



The Double Eagles bronze sculpture will be installed at MICA's Sarazen Park and is a joint project of the Marco Island Civic Association (MICA) & the Marco Island Foundation for the Arts (MIFA). Donations of \$500 or greater will be memorialized on a plaque. Please make checks payable to MIFA, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization.

Donor: .....

Name: .....

Address: .....

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Email Address: ..... Telephone Number: .....

Name to appear on plaque if donation is \$500 or greater: .....

Marco Island Civic Association, 1770 San Marco Road #204, Marco Island, FL 34145



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*Party in Paradise with*  
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**Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 4 pm**  
Mix of trop-rock music featuring  
sounds of Jimmy Buffett

**The Music of  
Marco Big Band**  
**Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>**  
**6pm**



**Johnny Fusco**  
Playing all your favorites  
**Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**4pm**

**The Long Run**  
**- Tribute to the Eagles**  
The Ultimate Tribute Band  
**Sunday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 6pm**



Please bring your Residents' Beach ID card to gain entrance to all events