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Jann and Bert Brewer are  
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**News and Reviews of What's Really Happening on Marco Island**

# President's Report

*by Howard Jordan*

**"You're In Good Hands"**

"Over the past year, we've learned a lot. We've learned that meatloaf and Jenga can actually be more fun than reservations and box seats. That who's around your TV is more important than how big it is. That the most memorable vacations can happen ten feet from your front door. That cars aren't for showing how far we've come, but for taking us where we want to go. We've learned that the best things in life don't cost much at all."- THAT is from an Allstate commercial that is currently airing.

The good hands people have figured out what MICA has been beating our drum about for 25 years. The best things in life do not cost much at all. The proof sits at the intersection of Collier Boulevard and San Marco Road and it's called the Marco Island Residents' Beach! For about .35 a day our members have one of the safest, best maintained facilities in the country.



*Members of the Optimist Club's soccer team lead the MICA Annual Meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance*

**35 CENTS A DAY!** Most certainly the Jewel of our Island and for many of our members a place that brings families, old friends and new friends together.

A few highlights from the past 12 months:

MICA participated in the Healthy Life Lecture Series the last three years and will again this season. The first event in the series will be held on January 26 at 7 p.m. at Mackle Park with tips for "Choosing the Right Physician and the Right Health Screenings." Shirlee Barcic continues to improve the content and structure of this important series.

Concerts held at Residents' Beach last year included Jim Long; The Tokens; Little Eddie and the Fat Fingers; JRobert and Friends; Magic Moments; the Lely High School Jazz Band; and The Shindigs. Upcoming concerts will feature local entertainment: Mixed Nuts; Gary & Kerri; the Fakahatchee Band; Jim Long and Deb & The Dynamics.

The MICA Board of Directors strives each year to perfect the Annual Membership Survey and to ask questions that will help guide those who are involved in making decisions for our beautiful island, namely City Council. Linda Shockley has refined the format and presentation of the results to a new level. With survey results in hand, your MICA Board met with City Council members to convey your strong feelings. We again ask that you take the time to complete the survey when you receive it in the next couple of months. It is crucial that your feelings be heard.

MICA successfully spearheaded a campaign to keep Tract K in the Tigertail area for the purpose intended by Deltona when it donated the property. Representatives in Tallahassee were amazed at the support of our Civic Association and commented that the amount of letters and emails was unprecedented. We should all be proud.



*MICA President Howard Jordan addresses the Marco Island Civic Association Annual Meeting on Tuesday January 12th 2010*

While construction was down all over Florida, MICA continued to enforce the Deltona Deed Restrictions. Our Architectural Review Committee led by Bill Patterson and Jim Johnson continues to review plans to ensure any additions, pools and new construction comply with the Deed Restrictions. As you know, Deed Restrictions are an important aspect to maintaining our quality of life on our island.

MICA also added many new businesses to our Members Only Discount Program. When the program began in 1997, there were just 20 businesses involved. Now over 105 businesses participate. Frank LaCava has done a tremendous job illustrating to our Island businesses the benefits of being included. A complete list is available at the MICA office and is printed in this issue of the MICAwave. We encourage you to support the island businesses. They are vital to keeping our island going, and we appreciate having them as part of the family.

We continue to hear the words “Fiscal Conservative” when describing politicians national and local. I can tell you that your Civic Association has never been in a better financial position. In the past year we have retired the debt on both the MICA office and the beach pavilion. Special thanks go to our treasurer Bernardo Bezos who has tirelessly championed debt elimination and the protection of our financial assets.

At Residents’ Beach continual maintenance and projects have kept the property in its pristine condition. Dennis McCann once again

deserves our appreciation. Recently, all of the picnic chickees were rethatched, and at Sarazen Park pavers were placed under all the chickees and the chickees were also rethatched. You’ve probably noticed the new sign at the entrance to Residents’ Beach. Board Member Allan Bristow led that charge.

Upcoming projects include placement of buoys along our beachfront. The buoys will indicate a “no wake” zone and are meant to be a safety measure to swimmers. Board Members

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# Dates for Your Diary

## Movies In The Park

Bring your coolers, blankets, and lawn chairs out to Mackle Park's field and enjoy a free movie under the stars. Popcorn, sodas, and neon necklaces will be available for purchase. All movies start 10 – 15 minutes after sunset.

- \* Friday, January 29 – Monsters vs. Aliens
- \* Friday, February 26 – Shrek the Third
- \* Friday, March 26 – Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs
- \* Friday, April 30 – Alvin and the Chipmunks



For more details, please call Mackle Park at 642-0575 or visit [www.cityofmarcoisland.com](http://www.cityofmarcoisland.com)



## City of Marco Island Farmers Market

Located at Veterans Park every Wednesday beginning November 25 through April 14 from 7:30am – 2:00pm.

Visit with your local Florida vendors while they will be out selling some of their favorite home-goods items and crafts. Goods that will be at the market include fresh fruits and vegetables, breads, baked goods, salsas and sauces, flowers, seafood, candles, soaps, arts and crafts and much more.

For more details, please call Mackle Park at 642-0575 or visit [www.cityofmarcoisland.com](http://www.cityofmarcoisland.com)



## Healthy Life Lecture Series

- January 26 - Choosing the Right Physician and Health Screenings
- February 23 - Your Heart & When to Call 911
- March 30 - Kidney Stones & More
- April 13 - Common Ailments of the Hand

All lectures take place at 7:00pm at Mackle Park.

Presented by  
Physicians Regional  
Hospital, MICA,  
City of Marco Island,  
iBERIABANK & YMCA

# The 2010 Humanitarian of the Year Award

On January 12, 2010, MICA's Past President Lynn Bradeen presented the 2010 Humanitarian of the Year Award to an outstanding and beloved Marco Island couple, Jann Brewer and her husband, Bert Brewer, posthumously.



*Jann Brewer, 2010 Humanitarian of the Year*

The MICA Humanitarian of the Year Award has become one of the most prestigious awards on Marco Island. This esteemed award was developed in 1998 to honor the unsung heroes of Marco Island, the people who do so much for so many. The wonderful, positive people you do not hear much about.

The Brewers join a very prestigious group of citizens who have received this award in past years: Mimi Torbush, Shirlee and Brian Barcic, Ward Bradeen, D'Ann and David Brandt,



*Jann Brewer with her daughter, Katy, and grandson*

Dr. Sam and Mary Ann Durso, Judy Barney, Arturo Perez, Maury Dailey, Art Segal, Stevi Walthour, Luise Romano, Jane Williams, Karen Saeks, Nicki Davis and Callie Bennett.

For many years Jann and Bert Brewer served the people of Marco Island in many ways and on so many committees and boards it is impossible to name them all. There is not a group or board on Marco that they did not donate their energy to. When worthy causes needed volunteers, they were the first to sign up and generously commit their time.

In his years as president of MICA Lynn Bradeen referred to Jann and Bert as "The Dynamic Duo." NO is a word they rarely used. If they were aware of someone who needed a helping hand, you would see their car in that person's driveway. Many meals went from their house to someone who was a shut-in or ill. Their hearts were pure gold.

This exceptional, remarkable couple has many friends on Marco and the reasons for their vast friendships are obvious to all who know them. To know them is to love them. To be their friend is an honor and a delight.

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## **Humanitarian Award**

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This amazing two-some lit up the room when they walked in. If they were not together, you knew the missing one was not far behind. Their partnership was an inspiration to all who knew them. Their dedication to the physical well being of others and their devotion to helping the physically handicapped is legendary on Marco Island.

As a testimony to their sterling character one only has to visit their home and see the menagerie of pets they collected along the way. If they found an abused animal, they took it home and made it part of their extended family.

During the many years they owned the Marco Fitness Club their policy was to allow any member of the armed services to use their facility free of charge. And many, many times they gave the key to the club's front door to the service person to allow him or her to work out at any time and in private if needed.

Their dedication, devotion and unwavering commitment to our island are second to none. And through the good times and the bad this inspirational couple never gave up and never gave in, never went negative and most of all, never stopped helping others.

Marco Island is a better city in which to live thanks to the efforts of these two outstanding citizens, Jann and Bert Brewer.



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# **An Important Message to All!**

*by Donna Fiala,*

*Collier County Commissioner*

The U. S. Census Bureau is currently sending census workers to knock on doors to verify address information and number of occupants – ONLY. Do not invite anyone into your home and do not give them any information regarding your social security number or bank accounts, etc. These census workers will wear a badge and carry a hand-held device to identify your address. They will also carry a Census Bureau canvas bag.

There are no personal information forms being handed out nor SENT out! If you get anything in the mail asking for your personal information, give it to the sheriff's office. Do NOT fill it out and send it back because it is a scam.

The actual census forms will be mailed to your home on March 15th. They will have 10 questions, and none of them will ask for your social security number, credit card numbers or bank account numbers.

It has been reported that people have received something "from the census bureau" asking for this type of information. Nothing, repeat NOTHING, has been sent by mail from the Census Bureau for the official count yet.

Remember, if you receive anything asking for personal information, take it to your nearest sheriff's office or send it to them so they can begin to track down the scammers who are looking to steal your identity. The census bureau also advises that NO ONE will be soliciting for donations.

Also, another warning is that the census bureau will NOT be contacting you by e-mail, so be careful of e-mail scams. Never click on a link or open an attachment supposedly from the U.S. Census Bureau, because it is NOT from them.

# News From Across the Bridge

*by Donna Fiala, Collier County Commissioner*

Everyone is talking about the landscaping on 951 and the Jolley Bridge expansion, so I thought I'd join in.

Right now the county is working on the landscaping on Collier Blvd North that was started a few months ago. They will landscape up to 1,000 ft. from where the bridge construction will begin. This portion of the landscaping is expected to be complete around the beginning of April. For those not back to Florida yet, it looks lovely. It really makes a nice entrance onto Marco.

The new bridgework that DOESN'T affect traffic has already begun. The actual roadway and bridgework will begin in April (once tourist season has settled down) when crews will build two new northbound travel lanes to the existing bridge. Two-way traffic will be shifted temporarily to these lanes (one in each direction), and crews will continue roadway and bridge work in this area.

Once the bridge is built, all traffic will temporarily shift to the new bridge. Crews then will resurface the roadway near both bridges. In January 2011, traffic northbound will use one lane on the existing span and traffic southbound will use one lane on the new span while crews complete median work. Throughout construction, one northbound and one southbound lane will be open to traffic. The project is expected to finish by the end of 2011.

The channel under the bridge will remain open to boaters during the project. Recreational activities like fishing and boating along the shoreline will not be allowed within the construction area. Boat launching is permitted only at designated boat launch areas, which brings me to the next subject.

The Collier Blvd/951 Boating Park and launch is scheduled to open before the end of January. It couldn't come at a better time. The

county has been working on permitting this site for at least six years. Thankfully, this launch area will be finished before the bridge work begins.

The Goodland Boat Park is well into construction now and expected to open before the end of the year or sooner. The park will contain 75 boat and trailer parking spaces, restroom facilities, a small store to sell bait and such, and a small park with picnic tables.

The Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) for I-75 in Collier and Lee Counties goes live on January 19th. The traveling public will see messages displayed on signs along the interstate advising them about travel times, congestion, lane closures, incidents, and even foggy or smoky conditions ahead.

Don't forget the Swamp Buggy Races on January 30 & 31. This is one of the oldest attractions in Collier County. For those "old timers", do you remember when the swamp buggy races were held on Radio Rd, at the same location as the stock car races? Located at this site now is Corporate Square. Just a little trivia.

I asked the transportation department recently who had the right of way when making a U-turn. They said, "If a main street driver is making a U-turn, the side street driver is either facing a stop sign or a red signal, either of which would tell them they do not have the Right-of-Way and should yield to the U-turn. I don't see that happen often, so I thought I'd let everyone know what I had learned.

When you are looking for something different to do, go take a trip to the Zoo and see the new Bear Exhibit. It is wonderful. On your way back, stop to see the Naples Botanical Garden. You'll be thrilled.

*Happy New Year.  
Donna Fiala*



## **President's Report**

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Bryan Hauser and Stef Stefanides have logged in many hours moving this along.

Efforts should begin in November for construction of a new boardwalk at Residents' Beach.

Most recently we continued our tradition of educating our residents and hosted our City Council Candidates' Forum. We thank all four candidates that attended the packed community room at the beginning of January. A reminder that MICA does not endorse any candidate, however, we do endorse your right and obligation to vote. So please honor every veteran that has fought in any war protecting our rights as Americans. Vote in this and every election.

In closing, as proud as I am of the past accomplishments of this board of directors, I am most excited thinking about our future. Yes, this Island will continue to face growing pains and the challenges that accompany differing opinions on what our Island is and what it will become. Rest assured, you have my word and that of our board, "You are in good hands."



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## **Marco Island Residents' Beach Members Only Concerts**

**Saturday, February 13,  
4 p.m.**

**Mixed Nuts**

**Sunday, March 14,  
4 p.m.**

**Gary & Kerri**

opening for  
**Fakahatchee Band**

**Saturday, April 10th  
3.30 - 8 p.m.**

**Jim Long**

opening for  
**Deb & the Dynamics**

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

# The Calusa Garden Club

*by Frances Diebler, Publicity Chairman*

The national award winning Calusa Garden Club of Marco Island is not just for dirt gardeners. We are a group of people interested in various aspects of gardening including horticulture, floral design, our environment, education, and community involvement. We are members of the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs and National Garden Clubs, Inc., and have been contributing to the Marco community since the club first organized in 1982.

The Calusa Garden Club was awarded a First Place in the state of Florida and First Place nationally for garden clubs of our size for our 25th anniversary show in 2008 titled "Simply Silver." Our Flower Show, which is held each year in March, is judged by nationally accredited judges and follows strict guidelines for its production. This year our show will be held on March 12 and 13 at St. Mark's Church and is titled "Celebrating America!" Our members spend countless hours producing this show for the enjoyment and education of the community. Stop by and see if you agree with the judges! Admission is free!

You do not have to be a master gardener or designer to enjoy some of the varied activities associated with the Club. You can learn and choose any of the activities that the Calusa Garden Club offers. One activity that we are very proud of is our Junior Gardeners that meets at Tommie Barfield Elementary School.

Perhaps you would be more interested in our other educational programs that have emphasis on the environment. We have a booth at the Farmers Market to raise scholarship funds to send students to Camp Wekiva, an ACA accredited nature camp located in Wekiva Springs state Park. From Critter Camp to experiences in a Leadership Program and environmental education, Camp Wekiva is a great summer camp for kids.

Next time you drive up Winterberry stop and look for a minute and visit our newly plant-



*Members of the Calusa Garden Club raise scholarship funds at the Farmers' Market*

ed butterfly garden. There are two benches where you can sit a spell and enjoy watching the butterflies. The Calusa Garden Club contributed funds to the City to help make this and the walking path possible. The butterfly garden is located across from the ball field parking lot. Also, there is a butterfly garden that has been started at Tommie Barfield by our Junior Gardeners and soon will have the beauty of both the flowers as well as the butterflies.

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*The Calusa Garden Club Junior Gardeners at Tommie Barfield Elementary School*



# Mama's Knows Best!

Since 1998 Nacho Mama's has been one of Marco Island's favorite places for a great meal and a fun time. Nacho Mama's is conveniently located at the heart of the Marco Walk Plaza, within walking distance of all major hotels and condominiums. You can sit back and relax in one of their many cozy booths or outside on the Piazza under the stars surrounded by sparkling fountains.

The menu is as colorful and inviting as the restaurant itself. It ranges from appetizers like the sensational "nachos grande," through an array of soups and salads to the enormous selection of fresh entrees either on the Tex or the Mex side. Some of the house specialties include the fabulous sizzling fajitas with all the trimmings or the gargantuan Baja fish tacos. On the more traditional side there are chicken wings with three delicious flavors and a variety of fresh chicken and fish sandwiches, just to name a few. Nacho Mama's is a recipient of the prestigious Platinum Plate Award for the best Mexican cuisine.

The large full liquor bar is stocked with some of the finest tequilas on the island. If you like an ice cold cerveza, their beer pool is filled to the gills with 27 varieties.



*The inside is outside at Nacho Mama's when the floor to ceiling windows are opened on cool days.*



Nacho's is a family-owned restaurant by Eric and Nancy Phillips, who are long-time island residents. The kitchen is open for lunch and dinner, seven days per week from 11 am to midnight.

There are Happy Hours daily with wonderful deals like \$1 tacos and \$1 draft beers. Call for details 239-389-2222. Nacho Mama's features Ladies Night every Thursday from 10 am to midnight, with entertainment til closing. Every Friday and Saturday after 10 am til midnight the "Super Weekend Late Night" specials take affect, with excellent deals on selected drinks and food items. For football fans, Nacho Mama's offers five large screen TVs and a fantastic drink/food combo for only \$14.99. There is never a cover charge for great live entertainment. Nacho's also offers custom catering for your private party in house or to go with a flexible menu.

So the next time you are looking for a reasonably priced, family-oriented restaurant that has good, unpretentious food, or you are an "Islander" with a slight case of cabin fever, stop by Nacho Mama's and enjoy a good time. Eric and Nancy, who are MICA and Residents' Beach members, welcome all fellow MICA members. After all, Mama's knows best!

***Nacho Mama's is located inside Marco Walk,  
599 South Collier Blvd., or you can reach  
them at 239-389-2222***

# US Coast Guard 2010 Auxiliary Classes

## ***Boating Skills And Seamanship Course -***

Covers Florida boating laws; required equipment for your boat; tips on boat handling; introduction to navigation; how to tie knots; weather; proper use of marine radios; and boating safety. Classes run from February 22 - March 18 on Mondays and Thursdays 7:00pm - 9:30pm.

## ***GPS Classes -***

Two day class. Learn what a GPS can do, how it works, how to enter waypoints, create a route, navigate a route and create and save tracks. A Garmin 72 handheld unit will be issued to each student for class use. Classes run on February 16 & 18 from 6:00pm-9:00pm and March 16 & 18 from 9:00am-12:00noon

## ***Boaters Local Knowledge Class -***

Learn how to safely navigate the waterways around Marco Island and how to navigate to the Isles of Capri, Goodland, Everglades City, Keewadin Island and Naples. Fishing and shelling locations also shown on our Power Point presentation. Several excellent hand outs given plus a CD of material covered in class. Classes run on February 15 from 6:00pm - 9:30pm and March 17 from 9:00am-12:30pm

## ***Suddenly in Command -***

This course provides classroom and on the water instruction if suddenly you find yourself in command of the boat you are on. February 2 from 9:00am-4:00pm and March 19 from 9:00am-4:00pm

## ***Radio (Marine Communication) -***

This course was developed to help boaters understand the new DSC radios and the many tools they provide. Do you have a VHF-FM marine radio with a red button for distress? Is it connected to your GPS? Do you have a MMSI number? For answers to these very important questions, sign up for this course. February 11 from 7:00pm-9:00pm, March 2 from 7:00pm-9:00pm and March 25 from 7:00pm-9:00pm

## ***Weekend Navigator -***

This 12 hour course is taught over 2 days and teaches boaters how to plot a course, how to read a chart and how to use a GPS. February 3 & 5 from 9:00am-4:30pm and March 10 & 12 from 9:00am-4:30pm

## ***Speakers Bureau -***

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, Marco Island, Flotilla 9-5 can provide a speaker for your group that covers topics such as Boating Safety Tips, Navigating Around Marco, Hurricanes and Your Boat, Weather, or give an overview of the many boating courses for 2010.

***All classes are held at the Coast Guard Auxiliary Station in Caxambas Park at 905 Collier Court.  
Pre-registration is required.***

***To register and for additional information, call Doug Johnson at 239-642-8406.***



# Vic's Island Pizza

by Ruth McCann

Vic's Island Pizza, located at 910 North Collier Boulevard, in the shopping center with Island Cafe and Goodwill, recently joined MICA's Discount Program. Family owned and operated, Vic and Nadine Stretton bought the pizza shop in September 2007 and have been at the oven every day since. All menu items are homemade with fresh ingredients.

You've always heard that pizza is the perfectly nutritious meal, but with Marco's only wheat pizza, Vic's has made pizza even healthier for you! Of course, their menu is not limited to just pizza. Vic's offers chicken parm and meat-ball parm sandwiches as well as subs, chicken



*Restaurant Owners  
Vic and Nadine Stretton*

wings, and salads. If you want to taste the best cheese steak on the island, you just have to go to Vic's. Vic and Nadine moved from South Jersey, and Vic chops that steak just as they do in Philly and Jersey. Close your eyes, listen to the metal hitting the grill, breath in deeply and you'll almost think you're on South Street!

Vic's has lunch specials, including two slices and a soda. They have free delivery to Marco Island and also deliver to Goodland, Isles of Capri and Mainsail. As they say at Vic's Island Pizza, "Enjoy a slice of paradise!" You can reach them at 239-642-5662 or visit their website at [www.vicsislandpizza.com](http://www.vicsislandpizza.com).



# MIFA Presents Activities Beyond the Beach for You to Enjoy

by *Sandi Johnson, MIFA President*

Happy 2010! It's a new decade with fresh opportunities. Visit The Artist Colony at the Esplanade, sponsored by the Marco Island Foundation for the Arts (MIFA) and the Art League, which is reporting very positive results. Artists with whom I've spoken told me they've already sold more art in 3 months at the Colony than they did in the previous 2 years of doing shows! Many are also receiving commissions for art and faux finish work, more than ever before.

This winter will be a very busy season for the Foundation for the Arts. We'll show four films in February and March about music, and screen a past production by the New York Metropolitan Opera of Puccini's "La Boheme."

We'll hold two luncheons: a repeat of our wildly popular scholarship fundraiser fashion show and luncheon in February (we've dropped the price to \$35 to make it more affordable for everyone), and in March a guest lecture at our quarterly luncheon by Karna Small Bodman, who is a part-time Naples resident, former news anchor, reporter, security council director under President Reagan, and now political thriller author of 3 novels. I've read her books, and I assure you, you won't want to miss her appearance. Her stories are full of facts about national politics, and are particularly timely in this age of terrorism.

Photographer Carol Kindkead will be conducting Photoshop classes at the MIFA office. Basic Photoshop will be three times/week from 9 am to noon each month during season. Choose from these dates: Jan 25, 27, & 29; or Feb 15, 17, & 19; or March 15, 17, & 19; or April 5, 7 & 9. Advanced Photoshop classes will be offered from 9 am to noon on May 10, 12 & 14; and also on June 14, 16, & 18. Tuition for each 3-class series is \$140/MIFA member, or \$150/Guest. Please download the Registration Form from MIFA's website: [www.marcoarts.org](http://www.marcoarts.org). Class size is limited, so reserve ASAP.

MIFA will again be participating in the Chamber of Commerce Leadership Marco "Wet Paint Live" event on January 28. Artists will be painting all around town during the day, and their work will be auctioned, some still wet, at the Art League, beginning at 5:30 pm with a sumptuous hors d'oeuvre buffet. Tickets will be available at the Chamber: \$35.

We invite you to enjoy any and all of these arts-related activities. Visit our website for more information: [www.marcoarts.org](http://www.marcoarts.org)



The Marco Island Foundation for the Arts PRESENTS  
2010 Winter Film Series  
*Films about the arts and artists*

February 17 10:30am	Amadeus <small>Tom Hulce stars in the story of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. Winner of 8 Academy Awards.</small>
March 3 11am	The Red Violin <small>Spectacular journey of a priceless violin stars Samuel L. Jackson.</small>
March 17 11am	Rent <small>Rock Opera set in NYC's East Village loosely based on Puccini's opera LaBoheme. A story of starving artists striving for success.</small>
March 31 11am	Immortal Beloved <small>Gary Oldman's tour de force performance in the story of Ludwig van Beethoven.</small>

Tickets: \$7 Per film  
Tickets: \$25 Series of 4  
Screenings on Wednesdays  
**Marco Movies**  
For tickets or info call Mary Ann 642-3525  
The Marco Island Foundation for the Arts, Inc. thanks Nick Campo and Marco Movies for their generosity in providing the theater venue and assistance with this project. All proceeds benefit MIFA and its programs.



# MICA's Scrapbook

## *Send Us Your Photos!*

If you have any images you'd like to share with other members either e-mail them, along with some information about your subject or subjects, to: [marcoislandcivicassociation@embarqmail.com](mailto:marcoislandcivicassociation@embarqmail.com), or mail them to the address on page 3. We'll print as many as we can, giving you credit and awarding a prize to the photo(s) we consider to be the best in each issue. Please note that by sending us your images you are giving us permission to use them in the **MICAwave**.



Congratulations to our winner, Jan Stenstrom, who sent these photos of her granddaughter, Lily, and Grandson, Jackson, on the beach at Marco

Mario J. Sebastianelli, M.D. sent us this photo of himself and his son Mario Junior, on the beach in 1995-1996



"Sibling Sunset" was taken by Irma Biddle a few years ago. It features her children, T.J. and Victoria at Residents' Beach



Rick and Gerry Bailey sent this picture of their granddaughter Kelly at Residents' Beach on a stormy day in August 09



# Friends Of Tigertail 2010 Programs

## **Thursday, Feb. 18th**

Friends of Tigertail proudly announces **Everything You Wanted To Know About The Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission**, with Lt. Mitts Mravic and Officer Marc Shea of the FWC, at 7:00 p.m. at the United Church of Marco, 320 North Barfield Drive. Join us to learn more about fish and wildlife regulations, as well as insights on past illegal violations in the Marco Island area. The public is invited to the free program and refreshments will be provided. For more information call 394-4832 or visit <http://www.friendsoftigertail.com>.

## **Thursday, March 18th**

Friends of Tigertail proudly announces **Wild about Wildlife**, with Joanna Fitzgerald of the Conservancy of Southwest Florida, at 7pm at the United Church of Marco. Join us to learn the causes of injury, how staff and the Conservancy's Wildlife Rehabilitation Clinic volunteers treat injured wildlife, how you can help prevent injuries and why these animals are a critical part of our southwest Florida ecosystem.

*The public is invited to the free program and refreshments will be provided. Located at at the United Church of Marco, 320 North Barfield Drive. For more information call 394-4832 or visit <http://www.friendsoftigertail.com>.*

## **Beach Clean Ups**

Tigertail Beach

Saturday, April 10th - Bay Days

Saturday, July 17th - Quarterly Clean Up

Meet at the kiosk, 8am to 12pm.

Contact 239-394-1470 to sign up.

# Rookery Bay Events

## Guided Kayak Tours -

Join a Rookery Bay naturalist for a guided exploration of the bays and mangrove forests of Rookery Bay Reserve. Wednesdays May through October. Wednesdays and Fridays November through April. Times vary. Check website for details. \$35 (\$30 Members)

Pre-registration required.

## Coastal Connections Daily Programs -

The Environmental Learning Center is open Monday - Friday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Also open Saturdays November - April.

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## **Puccini's Opera**

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(2008 performance)

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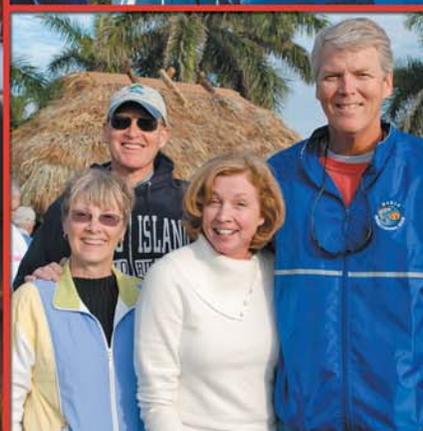
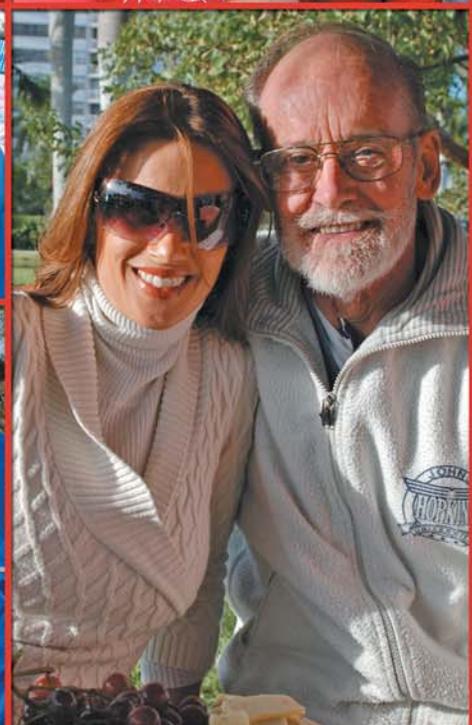
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## **The Calusa Garden Club**

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Last year we started a new program called "Flowers in Public Places." Members volunteered to place a display that they had designed for exhibit in some of our public spaces. The public was so pleased that we are doing it again this year. Keep your eyes open and see if you can spot some of our volunteers' displays.

We enjoy a fun activity called "Gad Abouts." One trip that we are looking forward to is a guided tour of Naples Botanical Garden. It has been completely redone and is beautiful, a must see!

Our motto this year is "GOING GREEN AND DIGGING IT." Our goal is to educate the public about environmental concerns and the little things we can do to be good stewards of our earth.

Come join us and learn with us. Bring your questions, and we will try to answer them. Our meetings are open to the public and feature a pre meeting workshop and a guest speaker each month. If you would like to be a part of the Garden Club or just want to learn more about your garden and house plants you can call me at 394-1375.

## **MICA Welcomes New Members to its Discount Program:**

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## **Letters, We Get Letters....**

The MICA Discount Card is the greatest. Last year (2009) I saved \$323 using the MICA card in the 3½ months that we were on Marco Island!

**Luke Pape, Malvern, PA**

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*Friends enjoying morning breakfast at Paradise Grill at Residents' Beach.*

a smaller hot dog, macaroni and cheese, and a peanut butter and jelly sandwich. They are served with chips and a juice box.

Let's meet at Paradise Grill!

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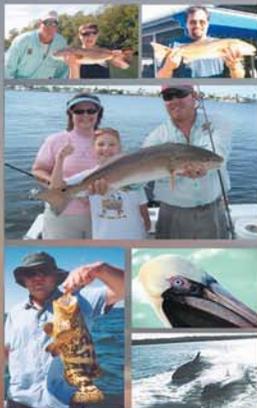
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# As you sit here at Residents' Beach, what is the first thing that comes to your mind?



**Joan & Roland Otten**  
**Wisconsin**

"We marvel at the clear blue sky you see here so often and with that we have the warm sunshine. We live near the shores of Lake Michigan and this scene resembles that. We marvel at God's nature and how beautiful it is."



**Lou & Marsha Rubino**  
**Suburbs of Boston**

Lou quipped, "Nothing. I think of nothing. That's why I'm here."

Marsha said, "I think of how lucky we are to be here at Residents' Beach and not in Boston where the weather is so bad!"



**Terry Bennett & Candy Bennison**  
**(left to right)**

Candy said, "we were just saying how much we love it here, how nice it is, how clean."

They also said that they always come for all the entertainment with their friends from across the street.

Terry remarked, "We have it all at Residents' Beach. Can't want for more!"

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Come and see the rest of them on February 13!

Sunday, March 14, 4 p.m.



**Gary & Kerri opening for Fakahatchee Band**

Saturday, April 10th, 3.30-8 p.m.  
**Jim Long opening for Deb & the Dynamics**

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