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President's Report

by **Bernardo Bezos**

We at MICA and the Marco Island Residents' Beach are pleased to welcome back our seasonal residents and visitors. It's good to see our little island teeming with so much activity!

On January 24 MICA hosted its Annual Membership Social at the Robert Sessions Pavilion at Residents' Beach. It was a wonderful, intimate evening attended by about 125 people. After a brief annual update by myself, the Nominating Committee gave its report and then we moved on to presentation of MICA's Humanitarian of the Year Award, followed by music by Johnny Fusco. The Annual Meeting is always inspiring and upbeat and this evening was no exception. Please see page 3 to read who the recipient was of MICA's Humanitarian of the Year Award.

Volunteers are the basis of the Marco Island Civic Association. I'd like to thank the members of the Nominating Committee, namely Eleanor Bezos, Sal Soldano, Kathy Sullivan and JoAnne Youman, for drawing up a fantastic slate of nominees to run for election to the MICA Board of Directors. The slate consists of Allan Bristow, Jim Curran, Christine

DeSantis, Brian Kudis, Phyllis Marco and Bonnie Seigfried. MICA members will receive a ballot in the mail in the upcoming week. Please vote for up to four of these dedicated individuals and be sure to return it to the MICA office by the deadline.

You may have read that an island very close to Marco was recently named the number one vacation spot in the world by travel writer Arthur Frommer. Now we all know that that other island is very nice, but we also know that our island is even nicer! But, shh, quiet . . . we don't want to spread the word around too much! Seriously, Marco Island's crescent beach is a spectacular natural wonder that is overflowing with wildlife and nature, from fish and birds, to an abundance of shells in fine, white sand. Of course, the beach is the main attraction on Marco, with Residents' Beach being the Crown Jewel. MICA is proud to own this spectacular bit of paradise and to protect and preserve our beautiful park for the use of our resident members.

Enough gushing about Marco Island and Residents' Beach! We are delighted to offer this edition of the MICAwave with extra photos and articles for your enjoyment. Just a reminder: please add rmccann@marcocivic.com to your email address book so you will be sure to receive MICA's occasional emails.

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MICA Concert Series

Wednesday February 15th, 5pm
Music Of Marco Big Band

Sunday February 26th, 4:30pm
Johnny Fusco in Concert

Sunday March 18th, 5pm
JRobert & Friends
Life in the Bicycle Lane Concert



MICA Presents 2012 Humanitarian of the Year Award

On January 24, at MICA's Annual Social, Vice President Jim Johnson presented MICA's 2012 Humanitarian of the Year Award to Mr. Howard Jordan. Johnson noted that "Howard Jordan has spent countless hours working on behalf of the residents of Marco Island, big and small!" He was honored for his eleven years of service on the MICA Board of Directors, his sports coaching efforts, and for the formation of the "Upon a Star Foundation."

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 and Maria Elena Pujol.

Johnson continued that Howard "has a strong sense of service, preferring to work behind the scenes, wishing to remain anonymous in most cases." Jordan founded the Upon a Star Foundation in 2007 after kids from the neighborhood, who were 8 and 3 at the time, knocked on the Jordan's door one evening and asked if they had anything they could eat. It turned out their Mom, a single parent, was working her usual 60-70 hours per week, and the family was going through a tough time. It also turned out to be the three year old boy's birthday. Howard and his wife, Michelle, quickly wrapped a toy and whipped up a birthday cake.

The smile on the boy's face was a turning point for Howard. As Howard says, "There's a misconception that if your zip code is 34145 you have unlimited financial resources. Not true."

After forming "Upon a Star," Howard quickly learned to move around the dance floor when he participated in "Dancing with the Starz" in order to raise funds for the charity. Judy Barney, a past



MICA's 2012 Humanitarian of the Year, Howard Jordan, with his wife Michelle

Humanitarian, founded Dancing with the Starz. Upon a Star provides financial assistance so kids may participate in different programs such as Youth Sports, Swim Lessons, Parent-Child programs, Summer Camps, Music and Arts, where it would not otherwise be possible due to financial constraints. For the past several years Upon a Star Foundation has hosted a fundraiser that coincides with the Kentucky Derby and which is cleverly named, Talk Derby to Me. This event has become so popular that last year they raised \$28,000 in one afternoon!

Quietly working behind the scenes for eleven years on the MICA Board of Directors, Howard served and worked on behalf of the property owners of the island. In addition to hosting a financial advice television program, Howard has coached many children of Marco on various sports teams.

Got Technology? The Collier County Supervisor of Elections Office Does

Earlier this month, the Collier County Supervisor of Elections Office launched a newly redesigned website, as well as a mobile website. Welcoming technology, the Supervisor of Elections Office is always exploring ways to expand its reach to a broader audience. The latest addition, a mobile website, targets 'Voters on the Go!'

The new user-friendly website was designed to make it easier for visitors to navigate and more aesthetically pleasing. The site boasts some new and enhanced features including a scrolling slide show with current election information and various images. Designed with a more transactional approach, the top of the homepage includes links with picture icons making access quick and easy to one of seven options – Am I Registered?, Register to Vote, Vote

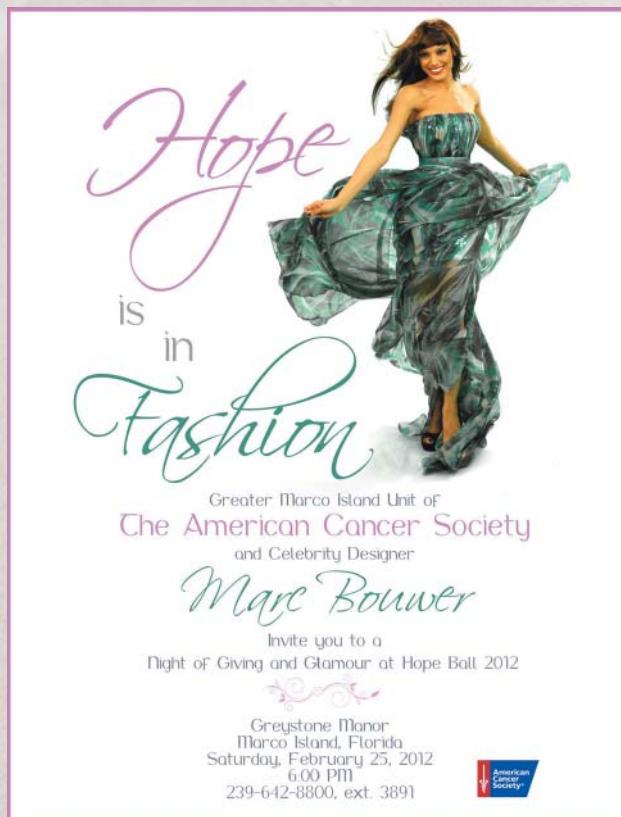
by Mail, Find My Precinct, My Sample Ballots, Work at the Polls, and a Calendar.

The website allows voters to review and update their voter registration information; request, check the status and track mail/absentee ballots; and review their sample ballot. Visitors will also find information on working at the polls or becoming a candidate.

For 'Voters on the Go,' the mobile website is as simple as the process is seamless. Users simply go to www.CollerVotes.com and their smart phone will direct them to a minimized version, as shown, of the Supervisor of Elections website. Voters on the Go users will have access to What is My Registration Status?, Request an Absentee Ballot, Where do I Vote? and What is My Ballot Status? Users also have the option of viewing the full website on their smart phone with just the click of a button.

We invite you to visit our newly designed website at www.CollerVotes.com or visit us through your mobile device.

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Is Anyone Listening?

by Ruth McCann, Executive Director

The Marco Island Civic Association has surveyed its membership on an annual basis for at least the past 30 years. Great thought goes into preparing the survey questions. Way back when, some claimed that some of the questions were biased and could have been worded better. It is true that we could all do better at times! To that end, MICA consulted with professors at FGCU and incorporated their suggestions into the survey writing. Each year City Council members are given an opportunity to submit questions to be included in the survey. In 2010 three councilmen submitted questions, and in 2011 two questions were submitted. The MICA Board tries to anticipate what issues may come to the forefront in the upcoming year.

As a civic organization and as a public service, each year MICA goes through the effort to prepare a survey, the expense of printing and mailing, and the time and manpower to tabulate the results. More than 7,000 surveys are mailed with an excellent rate of return. The City has also issued a couple of surveys on their website and received responses from a couple hundred individuals at best.

Just recently MICA sent its first survey via email. Not having asked a question regarding water and sewer rates on recent surveys, the Board wished to have a clear picture of what members are thinking when it comes to Marco Island's water and sewer rates. The results of this email survey were passed along to City Council, the Utilities Advisory Board and the City Manager. One councilman expressed concern that the report from the city-hired consultant was not included in MICA's survey. Wouldn't it be a great idea for the utility department to include all of the rate scenarios City Council is considering in the next water billing to customers?

At the Planning Board meeting on October 7 MICA Board member Dick Adams was making a statement in response to discussion of the proposed "MidTown District Improvement Plan." He was relaying MICA membership survey numbers regarding intensity and density, which were overwhelmingly opposed to hotels and motels in the MidTown

District, which incidentally is the busiest intersection on our island. "With all due respect," said Planning Board member Monte Lazarus, "in some MICA surveys, the answer is part of the question. I don't see the neutrality or the validity."

This is not the first time a Planning Board or City Council member has chosen to ignore the opinions of the residents of Marco Island. If our city representatives like the results of a survey question, then they quote from it. If they do not agree with the majority opinion of the residents, then they point out that they do not like how the question was worded. MICA has always stated that the survey is not scientific; however, all sitting City Council members have stated that the survey is directionally accurate. At public Candidate Forums held during election periods all seven councilmen stated that the MICA survey is extremely important and the only tool that gauges the opinion of the residents of Marco Island.

When it comes to intensity and density, MICA members (who are residents, with a super majority being voters of Marco Island as well) have been on the same page for years and years, going back to when Marco was governed by Collier County. They do not want increased intensity or increased density. MICA has been attending public workshops, Planning Board meetings and City Council meetings and relaying this message from Day One of Cityhood. Is anyone listening?

It is a shame that some elected and appointed City officials feel they can minimize the opinions of 4,000 to 6,000 residents of our island. We are not talking about numbers that are close. When 88% are opposed to changing the "density transfer" program in the MidTown District and the Planning Board approves it and City Council approves it, what does that mean? That a hand full of individuals knows better than the 88%?

Residents of Marco, it is time to get involved. Please write or call your City Council members. Attend Planning Board and City Council meetings. Please let them know how you feel.

A Problem We Can Solve

by Bob Olson

If you take a drive out State Route 92 towards Goodland, it looks like a nuclear bomb went off. 64 acres of mangroves have died and over 200 acres are in terminally ill condition. This problem has been neglected for years and the situation has grown worse each year.

Our mangroves are the life blood of the ecosystem that surrounds Marco Island. We all owe a special thanks to the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), which provided \$50,000 from the USFWS Coastal Program to do a detailed study.

Mr. Gary Lytton, Director of Rookery Bay, is working with Mr. Robin Lewis of Coastal Resources Group, Inc., who has personally done over 200 mangrove restoration projects around the world. Mr. Lewis hired J.R. Evans Engineering and The Ecology Group. Under his direction a detailed topographical survey was done to see where the natural flow currently exists.

S.R. 92 was built in the Thirties with only a few culverts to move water under the roadbed. The diameter of those culverts did not allow enough water to support the natural mangrove fish hatcheries and tidal flow. Even with the best efforts of Eileen Ward and others to open up the culverts, they are now more than 70 years old and likely to fail completely.

Mangroves survive with the twice a day tidal flow being able to provide water and then allowing them to dry out. Hurricane Andrew hit in 1992 and literally drowned the mangroves to death in this area. Aerial photographs show the steady deterioration of the area. The silt sets in and toxic sulfur compounds build up killing the good plant life.

The Fruit Farm Creek Restoration Project, as it is called, would install three new 48" culverts under S.R. 92 and open up the natural waterways along the side of the road so the water and fish could migrate back and forth with



the tides. The technical term is called natural hydrologic restoration.

If we do not do anything, over 400 additional acres of mangroves could die in the next five years. This area has been studied and discussed for over a decade. The time to act is now. Great news - the problem is solvable.

We have been told that within six months of the new culverts and drainage ditches being installed, we would see the area turn green again and the natural mangrove fish hatcheries start to come back to life. Our job will then be to keep these culverts and drainage ditches open so the tide can always flow.

Work on the Fruit Farm Creek Restoration Project began on February 1. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) has authorized a grant of \$450,000 if Marco Islanders come up with the other 25% or \$150,000. Please help bring the mangroves back to life by donating to Coastal Resources Group, a 501(c)3 organization established to revive coastal areas. Checks may be made payable to CRG and mailed to PO Box 30, Marco Island, FL 34146. For further information, please give me a call at 239-394-2000. Together this is a problem we can solve.

News from Across the Bridge

by Donna Fiala, Collier County Commissioner

Happy New Year everyone! Hopefully this year is better than the last and we will enjoy good health and much happiness.

Possibly some of you were at the ribbon cutting ceremony as the Jolley Bridge was officially opened. Included was a memorial for Councilman Mike Minozzi and received by his widow, Lynn Minozzi. Mike never stopped pushing to get that bridge approved and built. Thank heavens he knew his dream was being accomplished before he passed away.

But.....I wanted to tell you something interesting that happened afterward. While we were all there: business people, realtors, dignitaries, City Councilmen, City Manager, etc., there were also some peaceful demonstrators standing around with signs. I thought it was a little out of place, with the memorial and all, but they weren't offensive or anything, just holding signs saying we should thank Obama for the bridge. What was really strange afterward was I was approached by someone from the Marco Island Board of Realtors who had received an e-mail from someone she didn't know and had never heard of, and it included a PHOTOSHOPPED picture of me – Donna Fiala – holding one of those signs! I couldn't believe someone would do something like that! As the lady said, "I was there, and you never held any sign!" All I can say is it looks like the election opponents have begun and they are playing dirty games. Too bad we all have to be subjected to something like that. Too bad they have to target ME! But folks, I just wanted you to know if you ever receive e-mails from someone you don't know with photos or statements attributed to me, please ask me about them. They are probably election junk. That's all I can call it.

Many people have asked why the County doesn't have a Gas to Energy plant at the landfill, and I'm happy to tell you we now have one. It was actually opened in April, 2011. To explain it a little, landfills produce gas, and that gas either must be captured

and burned (which the county has been doing) or converted to energy. Waste Management paid for the capital cost to construct the landfill-gas-to-energy facility and interconnect with Florida Power & Light. They will operate the facility, purchase the landfill gas from the county and share the revenue from electricity sales equally above a revenue sharing threshold. The landfill produces enough gas to fill almost 11 Good Year blimps every day! That gas is now used as an alternative source of energy that provides a revenue stream for the County. It is estimated that the new plant will produce enough electricity to power more than 2,196 households annually.

The landfill-gas-to-energy is projected to provide the county with over \$480,000 in its first full year of operation, with net revenue of approximately \$14.9 million over the twenty-year term of the agreement. An additional bonus is that the landfill-gas-to-energy facility is the first LEED-certified building in Collier County. I thought you might find this interesting.

The County and the State have been working on a design to reconfigure the intersection of US 41 E and Collier Blvd/951. It does not contain an overpass at this time, by the way. After all the public meetings have been held and permits received, the construction should begin late this year. Some of the changes you will see are more right turning lanes, and a smoothing out of the "dog-leg", accident-prone intersection we now have. There will be some congestion and confusion, I'm sure, as they make the adjustments, but in the end traffic should flow more smoothly with less accidents. Let's face it, right now when you try to turn left from Collier Blvd to US 41 E heading into Naples, it is like you are heading straight into oncoming traffic! By the way, there are some good things coming in the way of retail for that intersection. But...I'll wait till the next edition to tell you about them.

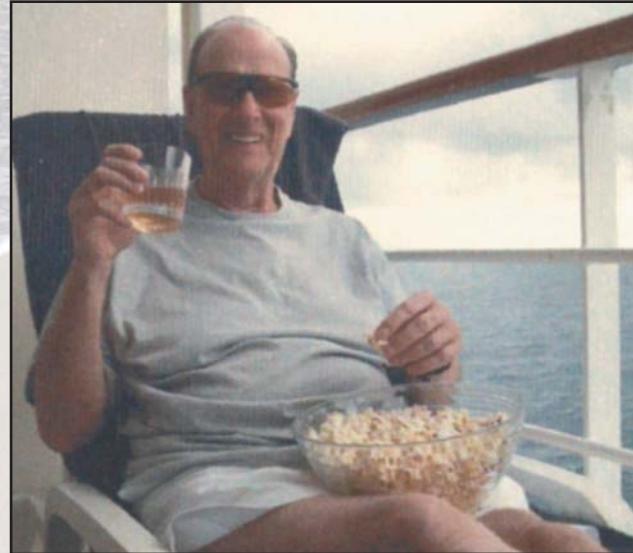
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Marco Family Thanks Police & EMS

Phyllis and Ed Marco, originally from Chicago, were married 60 years, when he passed away in November after a gallant battle with cancer. They spent the last 30 years enjoying life on Marco Island. They had two daughters and a son and six grandchildren to fill their lives.

Phyllis served the members of MICA on the Board of Directors for a number of years. As many of you know, if you are a MICA board or committee member, your spouse comes along for the ride as well. So each year on July Fourth at Residents' Beach, Phyllis and Ed Marco would man the entrance to the boardwalk in their conical Chinese hats that they had purchased in China and check to ensure that no one had glass in their coolers! Ed helped out on various MICA committees and Residents' Beach projects over the years. He was past president of the Jewish Congregation of Marco Island and the Crescent Beach Condominium, as well as being active in Hideaway Beach Club, and enjoying golf and poker games with his buddies. Over the last 10 years Phyllis and Ed traveled the world and enjoyed every minute of it!

Phyllis had to call 911 in the early morning hours when Ed suffered physical distress and subsequently passed away. In a letter to the editor Phyllis stated,



"Both Officer Joe Mack of Marco Island Police Department and EMS personnel were as efficient, kind and compassionate as close family members." "Officer Mack stayed with me until he was assured my family had been contacted and that I was physically and mentally stable enough to be left alone . . . and called me twice in the following days to make sure I was all right." "My thanks and appreciation to these fine people. How fortunate we are to have them looking after us in this community."

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I've been asked by many, "what's going on at the intersection of 951 and Davis Boulevard?" That's a \$20 million project by the state and the county to reconfigure the entire intersection and expand 951 both ways for better access, which will include more turn lanes. Plus, they are widening Davis Blvd. to a very wide 4 lane road. They say 4 lanes, but it will look more like 6 lanes. The first phase, scheduled to be done in two years, will take Davis from 951 to Radio Rd. Phase 2 will then continue that expansion down to Santa Barbara.

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Our Pledge Of Allegiance

by Jim Curran

On September 8, 1892, a Boston youth magazine published a 22 word recitation, called "The Pledge to the Flag" for school children to use to commemorate the 400th anniversary of Columbus' discovery of America.

A month later more than 12 million school children recited the words for the first time in schools across America. Our Pledge of Allegiance was born.

On June 14th, 1923, the flag gained major attention from adults who gathered for the first National Flag conference in Washington, DC. At that time to accommodate the tremendous increase in immigrants coming in to the USA, who might be confused, the pledge was altered from the words "my Flag" to "the Flag." On June 22, 1942, during World War II the congress included the pledge in the United States Flag code which made it official. In 1945 the pledge to the flag received its official title: The Pledge of Allegiance.

On June 14th (Flag Day) 1954 President Dwight D. Eisenhower approved the adding of the words "under God." The current thirty one words profess

loyalty and devotion to not only a flag but to a way of life . . . The American Ideal.

Each day millions of children recite these words as they place their hand over their heart to symbolize their sincerity. All of our local schools recite this pledge daily. Active military men and women and first responders provide a strong hand salute while reciting the pledge. Recently all retired military personnel that are now civilians have been encouraged to hand salute when saying the pledge. It identifies those who have served our country to others who are present.



*Marco Island Charter Middle School,
Kathy Albanese's 8th grade class,
pledging the allegiance to the flag.*

Flag Display:

The Flag of the United States can now be flown 24 hours in fair or foul weather. However, it should be taken down during hurricane winds. It does not need to be lighted in the evening and it should never touch the ground. When flying the American flag with other flags it should always be on the left while facing it. On a single pole the American flag shall be displayed the highest. In a display of flags the American flag shall always be equal to or larger than those others displayed.

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The Pledge of Allegiance

I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE, TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND TO THE REPUBLIC FOR WHICH IT STANDS, ONE NATION, UNDER GOD, INDIVISIBLE, WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL.

Calusa Garden Club of Marco Island Sponsors “Marco’s Natural Magic”, a Lecture by Charlette Roman



*Charlette Roman
exploring Kice Island*

On Monday, February 13 at 6:00 pm, local naturalist, Charlette Roman, will be presenting a program sponsored by the Calusa Garden Club. A reception will be held at 5:30, prior to the program.

Entitled “Marco’s Natural Magic,” Charlette’s presentation will be held at the Marco Island Historical Museum, 180 Heathwood Drive. She will take us on a virtual tour of our local surroundings with her photographs, sharing glimpses of an ecosystem that is full of surprises. There will be brief stops at locations such as the ABC Islands, Jolley Bridge sandbar, Kice Island, Sand Dollar Spit, and Tigertail Lagoon.

Charlette Roman moved to Marco Island nearly ten years ago after falling in love with the pristine natural beauty of the Tigertail area. Before that, she traveled the world during a successful career as an Army officer, enlisting as a Private in 1973 and retiring 26 years later as a full Colonel.

Charlette is certified as a Florida Master Naturalist in both Coastal Systems and Freshwater Wetlands, and is accredited by the Council for Environmental Education in its birding program called “Flying Wild.” In addition to conducting community educational programs, field trips at Tigertail, and after-school programs, Charlette volunteers and

Some highlights of Charlette’s service to our area are:

- * Marco Island Civic Association board member, elected 2011
- * American Association of University Women, Marco Island chapter; Environmental Issues Chair, 2004 to the present
- * Marco Island Shell Club scholarship committee member, 2008–2010
- * Marco Island City Planning Board member from 2004–2006
- * President, Friends of Tigertail Beach, 2004–2007



Reddish Egret displays its active feeding behavior as it dashes after prey



assists in various research projects with Rookery Bay, Florida Audubon, and with Florida Fish and Wildlife Service. In recognition of her educational and conservation efforts, Charlette received the prestigious Collier Audubon Fellowship in 2009.

Charlette can often be seen exploring the ecosystem around Marco Island and photographing her latest discoveries. She promises that this program will open a window into living with nature's magic on and around Marco Island.



Tricolored Heron landing to find a meal

Calusa Garden Club's Schedule:

February 13

Marco's Natural Magic, Charlette Roman

March 12

The Fabulous Crotons of Florida, Mark Peters

The Calusa Garden Club usually meets on the second Monday of the month, October through March, in Fellowship Hall of Wesley United Methodist Church, 350 S. Barfield, at 1:00.



*Blue Crab with a Fiddler Crab
in its claws*

This will be the fourth program Charlette has presented to and for the Calusa Garden Club. The first three were outstanding and the club felt there was no better way to serve the Marco Island community than to hold a night time presentation which would be open to the public. Join the club in viewing some of our beautiful local nature. Donations will be accepted at the door.



*White Ibis dining on a
Fiddler Crab*







MICA's Holiday Celebration
at Residents' Beach
Friday, December 23
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Elder Care Services Now Available to Seniors and their Families

Naples and Marco Island area seniors now have a new resource to help them age successfully. Terri DiSciullo, CSA, and Gail Buckman, CSA, with Rogers Wood Hill Starman & Gustason, PA, have earned the designation of Certified Senior Advisor (CSA)® through the Society of Certified Senior Advisors (SCSA). SCSA is an international organization that has trained more than 20,000 professionals to meet the changing needs of a growing senior population.

As a CSA, Terri and Gail will participate in continuing education that emphasizes ethical business practices and volunteer service specific to seniors. Here at Rogers Wood Hill, Terri and Gail, as well as the partners you have come to know and trust, are committed to providing Elder Care Services that will allow seniors to remain as independent as possible. Some of our many services may include:

- paying monthly bills,
- reconciling bank statements,
- ensuring revenues are received and secured,
- reviewing and organizing personal and financial documents,
- coordinating transportation and housekeeping services,
- coordinating healthcare services,
- helping family members coordinate care,

- providing referrals to other professionals and services,

- providing services tailored to individual needs.

The explosion in growth of the senior population is one of the most important demographic developments of the 21st century. In the United States, seniors (age 65 and older) number 35 million and will continue to increase (with women being the largest segment), leading an unprecedented shift in the age of the population. By 2030, the U.S. Bureau of Census predicts that one in five Americans will be seniors, age 65 and older. This demographic shift requires an educated response in how professionals work with seniors and the challenges and opportunities they face. Allow us to be the professional team to provide you with the services and referrals you need to age successfully.

Please call us for a free one-hour consultation.

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Marco Island Shell Club

- Welcome Back!

by Marge Tunnell

Want to develop an exciting hobby? Meet scores of new friends? Help the community? Join the Marco Island Shell Club to explore nature with expert guides both indoors and out on Marco Island and other Southwest Florida habitats.

Marco Island Shell Club welcomes you to their fantastic 2011-2012 season. I, for one, cannot wait to visit the beaches, relearn the names of common sea creatures and get out my glue gun. The weekly workshops to create seashell art are on Tuesdays at 9:30 at The United Church of Marco. New and returning members will make jewelry, Christmas ornaments, floral bouquets, creative creatures, and a myriad of other delights that will be sold at the annual show and shell art sale in March.

Mark your calendar because our seminars for the season begin in January. The three planned seminars include topics like "Fossils, Exciting Signs of Ancient Life Found in Florida." February brings the Valentine theme with romance. The speaker will use humor to describe "Love Among Sea Creatures." For the final program, Linda Shockley will share unbelievable close-up pictures of marine life that will make you want to stare into the face of every snail that you encounter. These seminars are free and the public is welcome. Hope to see you.



The seminars are enriched with several opportunities including excursions to actually experience nature. Some of the many field trips for members include fossil collecting, Tigertail beach walk with fish sampling, kayaking and plankton studies; you will want to attend them all!

And of course the fabulous Shell Show March 8-10, 2012, will feature scientific exhibits and shell art, "how to" demonstrations, and shell art for sale. The profits made from this three-day bonanza are donated to provide college scholarships for area marine science students.

The Shell Club offers a spectacular hobby - one which allows you to enhance the learning of a future scientist, to develop as a shell artist, or just to have fun. It takes just a minute to check out these opportunities offered by the Marco Island Shell Club. Go to www.marcoshellclub.com.

It promises to be rewarding season. Remember, all are invited to join us at the United Church of Marco 320 N. Barfield Drive. See our website for more information.



Security Tips from the Marco Island Police Department

Personal Safety

The Marco Island Police Department suggests that where ever you are walking or jogging in the world, the following safety measures may be utilized.

- Consider walking or jogging with a companion or pet.
- Consider your route: Stay in well lit, well travelled areas with which you are familiar.
- Vary your route and pattern of exercising.
- Wear bright colored clothing to improve your visibility.
- Don't wear earphones which will reduce or eliminate your ability to hear all around you.
- Avoid walking or jogging after dark.
- Carry a whistle or electronic alarm to summon help, if needed.
- Take a key with you when you jog or walk: Don't leave your house unlocked.
- If someone in a vehicle stops and asks for directions, answer from a distance. Do not approach the vehicle.
- If followed, go immediately to an area with lights and people. If needed, turn around and walk in the opposite direction.
- Always be aware of your surroundings. Keep Alert!
- Always carry a cell phone: call 911 immediately when you see something suspicious or feel uncomfortable.

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- Keep bushes and trees near your house well trimmed.
- Never leave a house key in an obvious place such as in a mailbox or under a doormat.
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- Have a security plan for when you are on vacation. Maintain your property in a "someone is here" manner versus in a "we are away" style. Ask a trusted neighbor to pick up your mail or packages. Consider the use of commercial "Home-watching" services. Ask the Marco Island Police Department to put you on their extra patrol list.
- Work with your neighbors to watch each others' homes and properties on a daily basis.
- The non-emergency Marco Island Police Department number is 239-389-5050 (Monday-Friday, 9am to 5pm).

Friends of Tigertail

2012 Programs

Wednesday, Feb. 15th

Friends of Tigertail is hosting Butterfly Gardens with Mike Malloy, author and aka “The Butterfly Man,” at 2:00pm in Rose Hall at the Marco Island Library, 210 South Heathwood Drive. Learn how you can attract and keep butterflies in your garden. Plus interesting facts about butterflies and butterfly gardening. The public is invited to this free program. For more information call 394-4832 or visit <http://www.friendoftigertail.com>.

Wednesday, March 21st

Friends of Tigertail is hosting Update on Native Species with Nancy Richie, Environmental Specialist – City of Marco Island, at 2:00pm in Rose Hall at the Marco Island Library, 210 South Heathwood Drive. Get up to date on our environmental issues including burrowing owls, gopher tortoises and much more. The public is invited to this free program. For more information call 394-4832 or visit <http://www.friendoftigertail.com>.

2012 Beach Clean-Up Schedule

Saturday, April 14th - Friends of Tigertail is hosting the “22nd Annual Bay Days - Keep Collier Beautiful - Earth Day Event” from 8am until noon.

Saturday, July 14th - Friends of Tigertail is hosting a Beach Cleanup from 8am until noon.

Saturday, September 15th - Friends of Tigertail is hosting the “27th Annual Ocean Conservancy’s International Coastal Cleanup Event” from 8am until noon. Volunteers will meet at the Tigertail Beach kiosk. Call to sign up early for a free International Coastal Cleanup T-Shirt.

Saturday, December 8th - Friends of Tigertail is hosting a Beach Cleanup from 8am until noon.

For all beach clean-ups volunteers will meet at the Tigertail Beach kiosk. Bottled water, garbage bags and work gloves provided. Wear shoes that may get wet. Contact Susan at 239-394-1470.



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Peak Hours

April 1st to October 31st:

Noon to 9pm

November 1st to March 31st:

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conserve, it helps to keep the peak lower and results in lower purchased power costs. You save and help to keep rates low for everyone!

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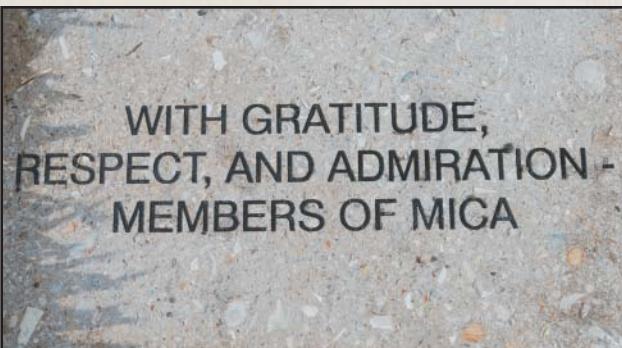


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Flag Care:

Usually a flag in this climate will maintain its pristine appearance for a year. Once it gets ripped or torn it must come down and be replaced immediately. To replace it contact our local VFW Chapter 6370, Officer Dave Gardner, at 642-4410 who will also retire your old one. American flags that have been damaged or that are in a disrespectful condition must be burned and the VFW will properly retire it. Deliver your old flag to one of two deposit mail boxes on the island. The box at Veterans Park is pictured here and the other one is in the city hall parking lot. At the same time our VFW sells new flags of the highest quality, and they are made in the United States. The VFW supplied flags cost less than anywhere and Dave Gardner will deliver it to you. The proceeds from the sale of these flags will go to support Veterans' retirement homes and Veterans' orphan homes in this state.



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Rookery Bay Events Schedule

The Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center is located at 300 Tower Road, $\frac{3}{4}$ - mile south of the intersection of US41 and Collier Boulevard (CR951). Through April 30, the center is open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children ages 6-12 and free for members, unless otherwise noted for special activities. For more information or to register for events, call 239-417-6310 or visit rookerybay.org and facebook.com/friendsofrookerybay.

DAILY PROGRAMS

Naturalists and educators present Daily Programs at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Monday through Friday that are free with regular admission. Topics vary and include Movie Monday, shells, skulls and bones, snakes, nature walks, plant walks, fish feeding at the 2,300-gallon main aquarium, and marine critter touch tank.

GUIDED KAYAK TRIPS

Two-hour guided kayak tours of Rookery Bay, Hall Bay and mangrove tunnels provide the opportunity to see birds, marine mammals and other sights of nature. Trips are offered from 10 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 3 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The cost is \$40 for members, \$45 for non-members and includes kayak, all equipment, paddling instruction and admission to the Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center. Paddlers must be 12 or older. Advanced registration is required.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Feb 1 (noon to 1 pm)

Lunch & Learn Lecture

This monthly series for an adult rather than youth audience runs on the first Wednesday of the month through April and presents an expert discussing an environmental topic. February's speaker is archaeologist Matthew Betz, MA, RPA, who will discuss "A Look Beneath the Surface: Using Ground Penetrating Radar at Shell Island/Kirkland Cemetery." Betz has worked for six years as a professional archaeolo-

gist in Florida on prehistoric and historic sites. He also spent several summers as a volunteer archaeologist at Vindolanda, a Roman fort on Hadrian's Wall in Northwest England. Refreshments are provided by Carrabba's and Costco Naples. The lecture is free for members and \$8 for non-members and includes admission to the Environmental Learning Center. Reservation required.

Feb 2 to March 31

6th Annual Florida Juried Photography Exhibit

Friends of Rookery Bay and the United Arts Council of Collier County present the "6th Annual Florida Juried Photography Exhibit" featuring the flora and fauna of Florida from Feb. 2 through March 31. The juror is preeminent photographer Clyde Butcher.

Feb 3, March 1, April 5 (8 am to 12 pm)

Wing It! A Beginning Birders' Workshop

Learn the basics of birding, including how to use field guides, plumage, flight patterns, behavior and field marks in bird identification. This class also





provides an overview of binocular styles and functions. The classroom session will be followed by a field trip to a nearby park to practice new skills. Cost is \$25 for non-members, members \$20. Limited to 20, and pre-registration is required.

**Feb 6, March 6 (4:30 to 7:30 pm) & April 9 (6-9 pm)
Sunset to Starlight Cruise**

This unique, 3-hour small boat journey during the full moon will take guests to Key Island (also called Keewaydin), one of the jewels of South Florida, renowned for its shell-strewn beaches and pastel sunsets. Taking advantage of the magical sunset hours, this small group trip will set out on a remote section of beach to stroll at leisure as the sun sinks into the Gulf. Afterward, guests will enjoy a leisurely return cruise through the back bays of the reserve, wrapped in the sights, sounds and sensations of night in the tropics. The captain and guide will be Rookery Bay's assistant manager, Randy McCormick, who is a Certified Interpretive Guide, an instructor in the Florida Master Naturalist program and a fifth generation Floridian. Cost is \$75 per person (\$70 members), and proceeds help support the Friends of Rookery Bay. Gift certificates are available. Special private tours can be arranged. Pre-registration required.

**Feb 7 (5 to 7 pm)
Photography Annual Exhibit Opening with
Clyde Butcher**

Friends of Rookery Bay and the United Arts

Council of Collier County present the "6th Annual Florida Juried Photography Exhibit" featuring the flora and fauna of Florida from Feb. 2 through March 31. The juror is preeminent photographer Clyde Butcher. Cash awards will be presented during the Opening Reception which will feature wine and light hors d'oeuvres and will be held from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 2. Admission is \$3 for the public and free for participating artists and their guest as well as members of the United Arts Council and the Friends of Rookery Bay.

**Feb 14 (9 am to 4 pm)
Valentine's Day**

The Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center offers two-for-one admission for all guests who bring their "sweetie" to the center. Naturalist-led presentations at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. will explain the "courtship curiosities" of local wildlife. Higher admission price prevails.

**Feb 15, March 8, April 11 (2-4 pm)
Cruise Through Time**

Take a peaceful, guided boat trip back through time to explore the rich history of the wilderness that was, and in a way still is, Rookery Bay Reserve. This two-hour trip takes no more than six passengers and offers an up-close and personal experience of remote areas of the Reserve and its 3,000 year old human history. Listening to the stories of the people who once called this home leaves guests with

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a profound and unique sense of place. The captain and guide is Rookery Bay's assistant manager, Randy McCormick, who is a Certified Interpretive Guide, an instructor in the Florida Master Naturalist program and a fifth generation Floridian. Cost is \$65 per person, and proceeds help support the Friends of Rookery Bay. Gift certificates are available. Special private tours can be arranged. Pre-registration required.

Feb 27 - March 2 (9 am to 5 pm)

Landscape Painting Class with Lee Hammond

Learn how to paint favorite scenes and landscapes and to create fantastic skies, gorgeous ocean scenes, trees, mountains and more during this five-day class. Using her book "Landscapes in Acrylic" as a guide, Lee Hammond will demonstrate easy methods for students at all ability levels; no experience required. Supplies are not included, and a list will be provided. Cost is \$375.

March 7 (noon to 1 pm)

Lunch & Learn Lecture

Adult audience. Speaker is local journalist Maureen Sullivan-Hartung, who will discuss Everglades history. She is the author of "Hidden History of Everglades City." Refreshments are provided by Carrabba's and Costco Naples. The lecture is free for members and \$8 for non-members and includes admission to the Environmental Learning Center. Pre-registration required.

March 17 (9 am to 4 pm)

St. Patrick's Day Promotion

The Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center offers "buy one, get one free" admission if both guests wear green, for up to four people. Naturalist-led programs at 11 am and 2 pm will discuss wildlife "green" camouflage. Higher admission price prevails.

March 19 – 23 (9 am to 5 pm)

Drawing Class with Lee Hammond

Learn how to accurately draw "anything" during this five-day drawing class. Using her best-selling books



"Lifelike Drawing" and "Lifelike Drawing in Color," as guides, Lee Hammond will share her drawing secrets for using both graphite and colored pencil. Students will learn how to accurately depict a variety of subjects from still life, animals, flowers, scenery and more. No experience required. Supplies are not included, and a list will be provided. Cost is \$375.

March 24

Batfish Bash for the Bay

Details about this annual fundraiser hosted by the Friends of Rookery Bay will be announced soon.

April 4 (noon to 1 pm)

Lunch & Learn Lecture

Florida Sea Grant Extension Agent Bryan Fluech presents "A Cordial Look at the Safety and Sustainability of Florida Seafood." Concerns about changes in the seafood supply and growing local food movements are compelling people to buy more locally-harvested seafood these days. Consumers increasingly want to know where their food comes from, how it was harvested and the safety associated with it. Floridians are rediscovering that there are many environmental and socio-economic benefits associated with purchasing and eating seafood that comes from local waters. Fluech will provide insight into the sustainability, safety and nutrition associated with some of our favorite types of locally harvested seafood such as shrimp, stone crab and grouper. He will also provide delicious seafood recipes. Refreshments are provided by Carrabba's and Costco Naples. The lecture is free for members and \$8 for non-members. Pre-registration required.



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**MICA's Holiday
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Friday, December 23
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Keep in Touch and Sunshine Booksellers

Keep In Touch Cards, Gifts & More in the Shops of Marco will celebrate its third anniversary on March 1! In addition to browsing the store for different greeting cards, hostess gifts or maybe something for yourself, you can mail a package or purchase stamps at the USPS Contract Postal Station at the back of the shop. Monday–Friday: 9am–5pm; Saturday: 9am–4pm; and during February Sundays: 11am–3pm.

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- Showcasing local businesses in "**5Q**"
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- Local home sales in "**This home sold for how much?**"
- Restaurant spotlights in "**Chowdown**"



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CasaMia has a New Home

CasaMia Italian Steakhouse has a new location! On 11/11/11 they opened the doors at 1000 North Collier Boulevard, in the same plaza as Radio Shack, where Fortune's and the Dish were previously located.

Owners, Marie and Tony Brock, said that the new location seems to suit everyone. "The entertainment that we provide in the bar every Wednesday through Saturday is great for folks who want to enjoy the bar menu or dinner menu while dancing. The two separate dining rooms also enables guests to hear the music, and they are still able to have conversation because the music is not too loud."

If you haven't been to their new location, you should definitely give it a try. Their new chef prepares fresh homemade pasta every day. We recently enjoyed a wonderful dinner at CasaMia with all four of us savoring the delicious flavors expertly prepared.

CasaMia hosts regular Opera Dinner Theatres featuring the Opera Naples Core, performing memorable arias from famous operas in between a five course, five star dinner! Price per person is \$85.00 and includes ever-flowing wine and beer. These events are always a customer favorite! Please call CasaMia for reservations or further information at 239-642-5253.

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Johnny Fusco in Concert

**Sunday, February 26, 2012
4:30p.m.**

JRobert & Friends Life in the Bicycle Lane Concert

**Sunday, March 18, 2012
5:00p.m.**



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