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# Your MICA Board of Directors

by Ruth McCann

A very talented slate of individuals was nominated to run for the MICA Board of Directors in January 2014: Bernardo Bezos, Anthony Dimora, Hector Fernandez, Jim Johnson, Ray McChesney and Kathryn Sullivan. We thank these six people for their willingness to work on behalf of the members of MICA and the Marco Island Residents' Beach.

Ballots were mailed to all MICA members, who diligently performed their civic duty and returned their votes to MICA. After the ballots were counted, the four individuals with the most votes were elected to the board, and they were Bernardo Bezos, Jim Johnson, Ray McChesney, and Kathryn Sullivan.

The four elected individuals join those already on the board: Dick Adams, Allan Bristow, Jim Curran, Barbara Dasti, Christin DeSantis, Dianna Dohm,

Brian Kudis, and Phyllis Marco.

At their first full meeting as a new board on April 3, board members elected officers for the year. Dick Adams shall serve as President, Dianna Dohm as Vice President, Jim Curran as Secretary and Bernardo Bezos shall serve as Treasurer.

The MICA Board of Directors is a volunteer board with the goal of civic improvement of our beautiful island. Anyone who may be interested in serving on a committee of the board is asked to call Ruth McCann at the MICA office (239-642-7778) or email at [rmccann@marcocivic.com](mailto:rmccann@marcocivic.com). The Marco Island Civic Association is always on the lookout for industrious, talented individuals to work on behalf of the residents of Marco.

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May 1, 2014

Marco Island City Council  
50 Bald Eagle Drive  
Marco Island, FL 34145



Dear Councilmen:

The Marco Island Civic Association (MICA) was established over 40 years ago and is one of the oldest and largest associations. Our charter provides that the general purpose is to promote and advance the principles of civic improvement and betterment on Marco Island. Subsequently, the Deltona Corporation delegated enforcement of its Deed Restrictions to MICA to maintain the Mackle Brothers' vision for development of Marco Island.

That vision was to develop a community of residential properties supported by businesses to meet the needs of the community. Tourism would play a role in the development of the island supported by resort hotels and businesses. The Deltona vision was adopted as part of the city Comprehensive Plan.

After a number of public presentations by the Marriott it became clear there were opposing views regarding the need for such a major project. Some groups stressed approval on behalf of their membership in organizations that have vested interest in the outcome. They claim the benefits derived from this expanded resort will outweigh any projected costs needed for the maintenance of infrastructure during the construction phase. The benefits are not quantified nor offset by costs of excessive maintenance of the infrastructure generated by the project. Additionally, there is no direct benefit to the community identified or proposed in the proposed amendment to be voted on May 5.

The many property owners, who do not support the Marriott project, are concerned with the negative image of convention locations with its attendant congestion, traffic, and infrastructure and construction disruption. 2000 respondents to the 2013 MICA survey opposed amending the 2001 PUD agreement.

They are fearful that this project will change the character of the island, and it will no longer be the residential community they envisioned.

We understand the Marriott conference areas need to be updated, however, this should be accomplished under the long standing provisions of the 2001 PUD. Another major concern of ours relates to the planned additional square footage for the new meeting space and gaming space. Marriott has publicly stated they will only entertain usage of these spaces for groups that rent rooms in the hotel. This is not a guarantee by Marriott, however, it should be. Once the amendment is granted, the Marriott will be free to use this space as desired unless specific language is incorporated to prevent this.

If the Marriott was truthful in stating its intentions regarding conventions, they should commit to that and agree to its inclusion in the amendment to the agreement.

If this cannot be affected, MICA urges city council to deny the application for amendment thereby guaranteeing there will be no convention business on Marco Island.

Sincerely,

Ruth McCann  
Executive Director  
For the MICA Board of Directors

# News from Across the Bridge

by Donna Fiala, Collier County Commissioner

The good news just out of Tallahassee today, 4-29-14, is that the county has been approved to receive state dollars to renourish the rest of the farthest South Beach area at the tip of Marco Island. The County's Coastal Zone Manager, Gary McAlpin, applied for the grant for the Marco Beach and the Naples Beach months ago. It was touch and go for a while, and then our State Representative Kathleen Passidomo, and State Senator Garrett Richter (working with me while I was in Tallahassee representing the county and afterward upon my return) pulled the bill from the water and on to safe ground. Now it goes to the Governor for his signature. Hopefully, that is forthcoming.

Ground has been broken on the new Bascom Palmer Eye Institute in Naples. It will be a very modern building that will contain the most advanced eye technology and surgery equipment that can be attained. They hope to have a ribbon cutting next April 2015 – a very aggressive completion date. The County and Bascom Palmer contractors are working together like hand in glove, and all are very pleased with the progress achieved to this point. They will also introduce advanced infant eye care

and surgery, which now can only be performed in Miami. I believe we are truly working on becoming a medical tourism destination.

A short time ago I was asked to speak to the MICA Board of Directors, at which time I explained a new program being introduced to our county via the Safe & Healthy Children's Coalition – the Life Jacket Loaner program. This program came about through the efforts of Dr. Todd Vedder, a pediatrician from NCH, because of children's drownings in the area at open area beaches with no life guards. I was honored to be asked to be part of the program. The NCH Board members did some fundraising to purchase the life jackets, designated the beaches most in need, and designed a logo and life jacket stands to display the life jackets. The jackets are now there for anyone to use, and the users are asked to please return them to the wooden stand. The county Parks & Rec Department designed and built the stands. The Coast Guard Auxiliary will inspect them once a month to determine if they are still in safe working order. Each beach will have 20 life jackets of different sizes, and another 20 stored away to replenish those that might not return or that might rip or become unsafe. One of the donors is the Marco Island Kiwanis Club, I'm proud to say. There are two beaches on Marco that have been designated to receive these life jackets: South Beach and Tigertail Beach. MICA board members are discussing if they would also like to be a part of the program, specifically for Residents' Beach.

As construction moves forward on the major intersection improvements for 951/41 expansion, other projects are also moving forward in that same area. Panera Bread is planning on building their new restaurant on an out parcel in front of the new



*Kids Don't Float Life Jacket Loaner Program at South Beach*

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# Celebrating the Unveiling of the Double Eagle Sculpture

Noon on Monday, March 24th was the time set for the unveiling of a special sculpture, the Double Eagle!

A group of board members of the Marco Island Civic Association (MICA) and the Marco Island Foundation of the Arts (MIFA) and friends gathered at Sarazen Park to witness and celebrate the unveiling of the Double Eagle sculpture. Both organizations have been working together for several years to bring this outstanding 600 lb. sculpture to MICA's Sarazen Park at the corner of Collier Blvd. and Swallow Avenue. The eagles have finally landed! Now Marco residents and visitors can see and enjoy this brilliant bronze sculpture.

Both organizations believed that this 'Double Eagle' would be the perfect sculpture to place at Sarazen Park because Gene Sarazen shot a 'double eagle' at the 1935 Masters Golf Tournament. He ended up winning the tournament by 5 strokes. He said that "it was the greatest thrill I have ever known in golf, or ever expect to get again." A double eagle is extremely rare, much rarer than a hole-in-one.

Many residents and visitors to Marco Island have donated towards the Double Eagle sculpture.



*MICA and MIFA friends at the unveiling of the Double Eagle Sculpture*

MICA and MIFA wish to thank everyone who has contributed to purchasing this outstanding sculpture. A plaque will be placed by the sculpture recognizing those who contributed over \$500.

Donations can still be made. Please make out your check to the Marco Island Foundation for the Arts and mail it or drop it off at the MICA Office at the Mutual of Omaha Bank, 1770 San Marco Rd., #204, Marco Island, FL 34145. The Marco Island Foundation for the Arts is a charitable non-profit 501(c) (3). Your donations are tax deductible.

The Double Eagles bronze sculpture has been 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.

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# What is Pollution Control?

***Danette Kinaszczuk, Pollution Control Manager  
Collier County Natural Resources Department***

Pollution Control is a section of the Collier County Natural Resources Department. We are a team of dedicated scientists, who value the environment, sustainable living, good quality of life, and the health, safety and welfare of our constituents. Pollution Control's mission is to protect, preserve and restore our water and other natural resources through monitoring, pollution prevention, education, and remediation programs.

Pollution Control was created as a result of a 1984 referendum, after the Board of County Commissioners determined that protecting our natural resources was vital to the development and sustainability of Collier County. With that decision steps were taken to protect Collier County's natural resources; focusing first on surface waters. What began primarily as a sewage spill prevention program has evolved into a natural resource protection and monitoring program.

What exactly does Pollution Control do? We work in three main areas: illicit discharge prevention, detection, and remediation; wellfield protection; and water quality monitoring and assessment. The illicit discharge program includes: licensing and inspection of sewage, biosolids, septage, and grease haulers that work within Collier County; inspection of small sewage treatment facilities; and investigation and remediation of pollution complaints. Staff responds to approximately 150 pollution complaints each year to ensure satisfactory site remediation is achieved when contamination has occurred. Typical pollution complaints include: discharge of sewage, petroleum, or other hazardous materials; fish kills; and general surface or ground water quality related issues. Staff provides technical assistance and acts as environmental regulatory liaisons between property owners, business owners, county departments, Florida Department of Environmental Protection and other regulatory agencies.

The wellfield protection program involves identi-



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fying the wellfield protection zones (WPZs) around the public water supply wellfields. Businesses that use or store hazardous products or wastes within the WPZs are then inspected for compliance with the Land Development Code requirements such as utilization of secondary containment for hazardous products. These inspections are conducted annually to ensure the businesses have and continue to take the necessary precautions to prevent accidental releases that could contaminate the public water supply.

The water quality monitoring and assessment program involves collection of samples from wells, canals and lakes throughout Collier County. Samples are analyzed in our National Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Conference certified laboratory that conducts over 60,000 chemical and biological analyses annually. The data is interpreted and assessed; uploaded into the regulatory authority's database where it is utilized by various entities including the Environmental Protection Agency.

What can you do to protect your environment? Remember pollution prevention starts at home. Make sure your family is part of the solution. Some simple actions to take include the items listed below.

- Don't dump any pollutants including fuel, oil, paint, or chemicals down your drain or into the water,

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# MICA Donates \$5,000 to July 4th Fireworks

At their meeting on May 1st the MICA Board presented a \$5,000 check to City Manager Roger Hernstadt to be applied towards this year's July 4th fireworks. See the back page for details of MICA's Uncle Sam's Sand Jam on July 4th at Residents' Beach.



Back row - Christine DeSantis, Bernardo Bezos, Ray McChesney  
Front row - Phyllis Marco, Roger Hernstadt, Dick Adams

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Jimmy Stowe and the Stowaways Concert. February 9th, 2014



# What Can be Recycled in Collier County?

In 1990 Collier County introduced the residential curbside collection of recycling with the introduction of an 18 gallon bin. Items were placed in the bin and the recycling truck driver sorted the items at the curb into two categories, paper and containers. In October 2005 the county implemented single stream curbside recycling collection that introduced the 64 gallon cart (the green and yellow cart). Single stream recycling means no sorting at the curb, allowing for total automation in collection.

Recyclables are taken to a facility in Pembroke Pines, Florida, where the recyclables are dumped on a tipping floor and then placed on a conveyor belt that transfers all of the material into an automated sorting system. The automated system does not allow for bagged recyclable materials. One major issue of recycling is contamination. Recyclable material is considered contaminated if more than 10% of garbage is mixed with recyclables.

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## What can be recycled at home?

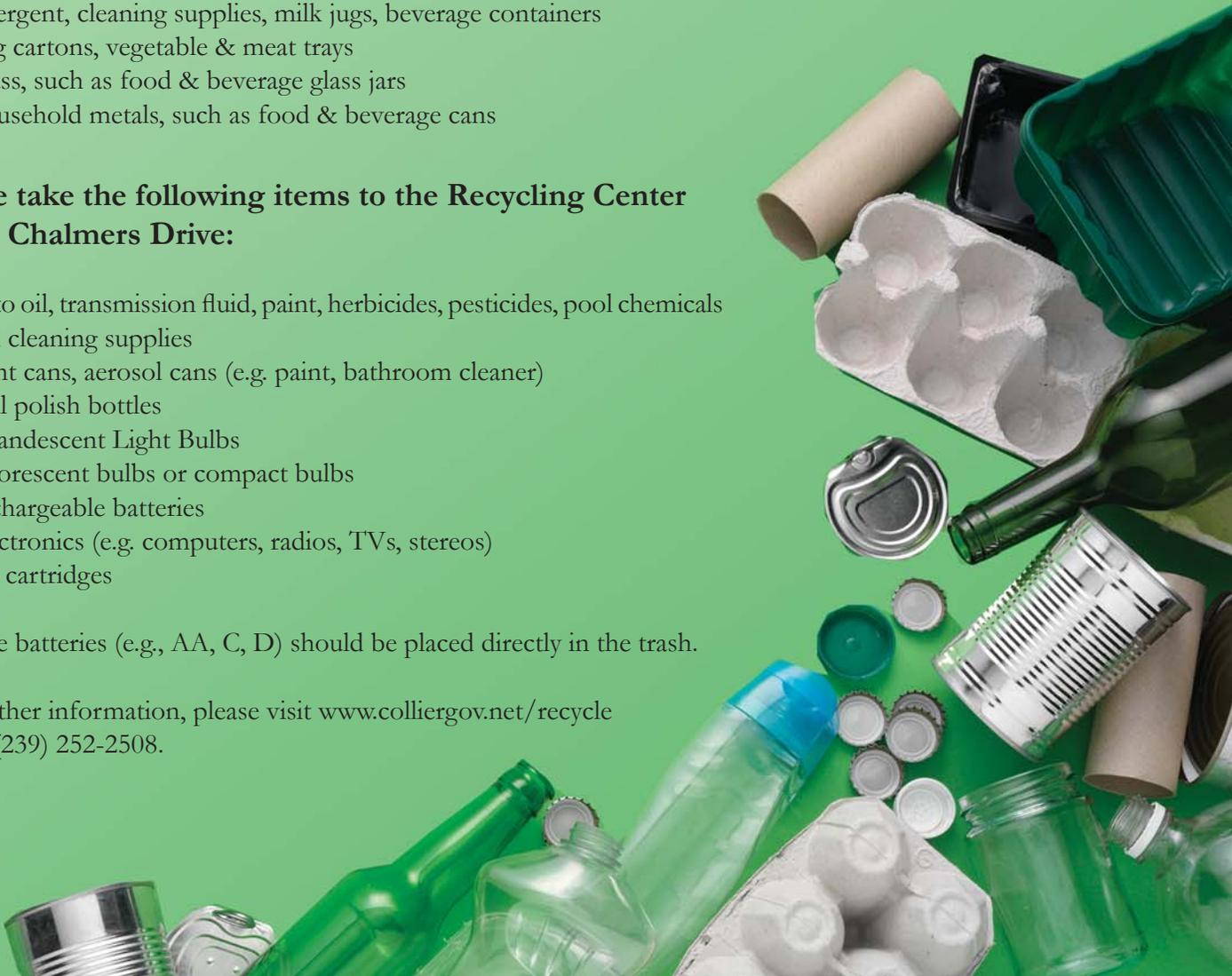
- Paper products, such as junk mail, magazines, newspaper & wrapping paper (no foil wrap)
- Cardboard flattened to 3' by 3' size (no waxed cardboard or food soaked cardboard & no shrinkwrap)
- Plastic containers with the recycling triangle, numbers 1 through 7, such as shampoo, dishwashing liquid, detergent, cleaning supplies, milk jugs, beverage containers
- Egg cartons, vegetable & meat trays
- Glass, such as food & beverage glass jars
- Household metals, such as food & beverage cans

## Please take the following items to the Recycling Center at 990 Chalmers Drive:

- Auto oil, transmission fluid, paint, herbicides, pesticides, pool chemicals and cleaning supplies
- Paint cans, aerosol cans (e.g. paint, bathroom cleaner)
- Nail polish bottles
- Incandescent Light Bulbs
- Fluorescent bulbs or compact bulbs
- Rechargeable batteries
- Electronics (e.g. computers, radios, TVs, stereos)
- Ink cartridges

Alkaline batteries (e.g., AA, C, D) should be placed directly in the trash.

For further information, please visit [www.colliergov.net/recycle](http://www.colliergov.net/recycle) or call (239) 252-2508.





# Let's Talk Turtle

by Stephen Barker

The Loggerhead sea turtle is the most frequently observed turtle in SW Florida waters and with courtship activity occurring in late April to early June, nesting isn't far behind. Females nest a few weeks after mating with most activity on Marco beaches between May 1st and the end of September. Mating is triggered by the Gulf water temperature and, with the warmer weather in March this year leading to warmer Gulf temperatures, it is possible we will see an earlier start to nesting season than we did in 2013.

## Hind flippers for digging, front flippers for covering...

The female crawls ashore at night, digs a shallow pit for her body and begins digging the hole for her eggs with her hind flippers. She then deposits between 70 and 150 white, ping pong ball sized eggs and fills in the hole. To camouflage the nest, she roughs up sand in a four foot area around it using her front flippers.

## CSI crime scene or has Mary been here?

Some of you may wonder what the yellow tape and sticks are that suddenly sprout up overnight on the beach. It isn't a CSI crime scene, it's there to mark a new turtle's nest so that beachgoers don't accidentally interfere with the nest and eggs. Mary Nelson, aka The Turtle Lady, has been monitoring turtle activity on Marco beaches since 1995 and (together with 10 local volunteers) is responsible for the tape and sticks. Mary has a wealth of knowledge about turtles and is out every morning in turtle season, so if you see her at a new nest, false crawl or on her ATV, say hello and see what she is up to.

## How you can help...

All being well, that first nest should hatch sometime towards the end of June/beginning of July. Once hatching starts, the race is on. As though a starter gun went off, the hatchlings all come out at once. They must find their way to the surf in the darkness by heading toward the brightest horizon. This is why it is extremely important to regulate beach lighting to prevent hatchlings from becoming disorientated. You should also keep the beach free of litter and barriers, take away what you bring and clear away sandcastles or trenches that you or your children might construct.

### Please....

- **Keep the beach dark**
- **Fill in any holes that you have dug in the sand**
- **Take your litter home.**

*A baby turtle rescued from a nest excavated by Mary Nelson*



*A false turtle crawl on Sand Dollar Spit*



*A marked turtle nest on Sand Dollar Spit*



## Stumpy Comes Ashore

As you can see from the table, the nesting season in 2013 was a huge success, far better than the previous year and the most nests ever recorded on Marco. It surpassed the old record of 91 nests set in 1999. Although storms did impact 14 nests through wash-out or inundation, the weather was a lot kinder in 2013.

Each female Loggerhead sea turtle makes an average of four nests during the May to August nesting season, separated by two week intervals. Last year Turtle Lady Mary was able to report that one turtle, which was missing part of its left rear flipper, nested 5 times on Marco. Mary nicknamed her Stumpy for obvious reasons and was able to easily identify her track.

It wasn't as easy for Stumpy to dig the nests and she really messed up the area, but she managed it somehow. All of her nests were on Sand Dollar within a one mile stretch of beach. 311 of her eggs hatched from 4 nests and made it to the Gulf. Interestingly, Stumpy came ashore twelve times, including seven false crawls. Let us hope that one of Stumpy's hatchlings beats the odds and makes it back to Sand Dollar in 20 years time to continue the cycle of turtle life.

### Summary of Turtle 2013 (2012) nesting season

#### Total **hatched nests** on Marco beaches:

Hideaway: 5 (4) out of 5 (10) - 521 (439) hatchlings  
Main Beach: 14(10) out of 21(11) - 415 (794) hatchlings  
Sand Dollar: 30 (5) out of 35(24) -2350 (220) hatchlings  
N Sand Dollar: 23 (0) out of 32(12) -2200 (0) hatchlings

There was a total of 6486(1453) **hatchlings** from 72(19) successful nests. A further 21(32) nests were either washed out or inundated.

**Most number of eggs** in one nest: 147(142)  
**Most hatchlings** from one nest: 139(129)  
**Highest percentage** of eggs hatched in one nest: 96%(99%)

First nest: May 2<sup>nd</sup> (April 27<sup>th</sup>)  
Last nest: August 8<sup>th</sup> (August 4<sup>th</sup>)  
First nest to hatch: July 9<sup>th</sup> (July 8<sup>th</sup>)  
Last nest to hatch: August 8<sup>th</sup> (September 6<sup>th</sup>)  
Shortest incubation: 55 days (57 days)  
Longest incubation: 75 days (73 days)

*Data provided by Mary Nelson, Collier County Sea Turtle Protection Program*





"Music of Marco Big Band" Concert. February 19th, 2014



# A Special Scholarship Luncheon is Announced

*Guest article by Carolyn Burger*

Marco Island Foundation for the Arts is planning a special luncheon to award scholarships to Marco Island students planning to study the arts beyond high school. The Foundation has been awarding scholarships for many years but this is the first year we will be doing it at a luncheon open to the community. Due to the generosity of the Wesley United Methodist Church, the luncheon will be held in their Fellowship Hall at 350 S. Barfield Drive on Marco Island, on Saturday, May 24th from 11:30 – 1:15.

Marco Island artist, Malenda Trick, will also be recognized as Artist of the Year during the luncheon. Malenda is well known for the Marco Island Veterans' Portrait Project, creating 20 portraits of WW2, Korea and Vietnam soldiers in 2010. She duplicated the project for Sarasota, FL veterans in 2013-14. Malenda also holds classes in her art gallery located in the Old Marco Shops. Her distinctive art is used in the home décor and gift industry including calendars, stationary, and tabletop products.

Come and celebrate the students receiving scholarships with their families, and hear Malenda Trick talk about her life and her journey as an artist.

Reservations are required. Cost is \$15 per person



*Malenda Trick at work*

to cover the cost of the meal which will consist of Hawaiian Pork with Hawaiian bread, mozzarella, tomato, olive, cucumber salad, potato salad, pina colada cake, punch and coffee. Send your check to Carolyn Burger, 282 Sand Hill St., Marco Island, FL 34145. Space is limited so send your check ASAP.

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# You Can Excel, at Xcel Fitness Spa

Xcel Fitness Spa is the brainchild of Marco resident Eddy Hoyo who has had the idea of a new fitness spa in the back of his mind for quite some time. Then, when Club Marco in Island Plaza closed in 2011, he started on his venture which culminated with the recent opening in early March 2014.



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No expense has been spared in creating this 6500 sq ft facility with top of the line equipment, ultra sanitary steam rooms, infra red saunas, hydro massage therapy beds fully networked and wifi throughout. Eddy said he had invested about \$1.5 million introducing the best equipment money can buy in the most eco friendly way as possible. LED lighting, bamboo flooring are just two of the many ways the facility is designed to create a small carbon footprint.

All of the treadmills, cross-trainers, rowing machines, recumbent and upright stationary bikes have multiple use screens including internet access, storable personal fitness programs and animated route graphics. Your iPhone may be able to take you around Marco, but you can go on a mini Tour de France, complete with varying resistances when negotiating virtual hills and valleys on the bikes at Xcel.



Eddy has also built in expansion to the fitness spa. When demand dictates, he can expand the cardio equipment inventory by 100% in the time it takes for the machines to be delivered. From the outset, he installed extra wiring outlets and network cables, all of which are hidden from view rather than exposed on the floor.

If the state of the art equipment isn't enough there is also the "After Burn" lounge featuring a smoothie bar, gourmet coffee and healthy snacks. Chance to unwind, refresh and chat to other like-minded fitness fanatics.

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Fresh Market – and I might add that the Fresh Market has outpaced all of their projections! We knew that already, didn't we? The owner of that shopping center (Shoppes of Eagle Creek) also owns the land on the S.E. corner of 951/41, behind the Circle K, and they are in the planning stages of building a shopping center called Tamiami Crossings. A number of national stores have already signed a letter of intent, but I'm not at liberty to announce their names (but see me in private and I'll tell you who they are – that way it isn't in print). They consist of a clothing store and pet store at this point. And as you probably know, the Outback has been overflowing with business since before they officially opened!

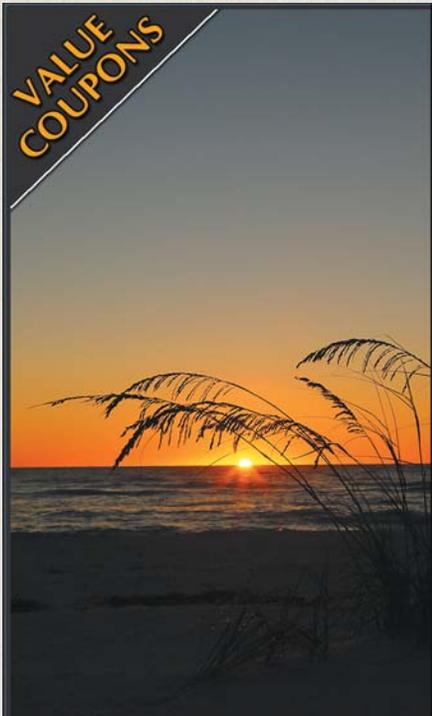
I must stop now.....I've run out of allowed words. See you next time!

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welcome these new  
participants to MICA's  
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# Keewaydin Island – a Wildlife Sanctuary and Boating Destination

*by: Renée Wilson, Regional Communications Coordinator  
Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve*

Keewaydin Island is one of the best amenities southwest Florida has to offer. Formally known as Key Island, “Keewaydin” is one of Florida’s largest unbridged barrier islands. Just minutes away from Marco, the majority of this island is protected within the Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve boundary. Since 1980, Rookery Bay Reserve has worked with local partners to protect wildlife habitat on the island while providing a wilderness recreation experience for people. Thousands of boaters visit the island each year, boosting our local economy through rentals and purchases of boats, fishing tackle, fuel, and more.



*Above & Right: Keewaydin Island  
Below: Least Terns*





Decades ago the State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) purchased 85 percent of the 1,300-acre, eight-mile-long island at a cost of \$15 million. As managers of these state-owned lands, Rookery Bay Reserve removed 300 acres of non-native Australian pine, Brazilian pepper and melaleuca that had displaced much of the island's native habitats and wildlife. The island didn't wash away as some predicted, but instead has flourished with native trees, plants and animals.

Sea turtles and coastal birds nest on the beach there each summer, while gopher tortoises, bald eagles, and deer are year-round residents. Even Florida panthers have been known to take up residence on the island from time to time.

Just offshore, sandy shoals and sea grass beds teem with marine life. Pinfish, spotted sea trout, gag grouper, and permit are just a few of the commercially and recreationally valuable species that rely on the seagrass habitat there, either as shelter or feeding areas, for part or all of their lives.

Rookery Bay Reserve manages the public lands and waters for the people of Florida, and remains committed to providing public access and use that is compatible with the protection of wildlife and

habitats on the island. No single agency or organization has all the resources needed to get the job done. It takes a collaborative effort involving state and local government, marine industry and local boating interests, landowners, area residents and environmental groups to achieve that vision.

Through the Reserve's citizen support organization, the Friends of Rookery Bay, residents and visitors can do their part. "Team OCEAN" volunteers patrol the island semi-weekly to educate people and report violations, but all island visitors have a part to play in preserving this treasure for years to come. In addition to respecting the laws and other visitors, consider following "Leave No Trace" guidelines:

- Stay on the beach and established crossover trails
- Dispose of waste properly
- Enjoy wildlife from a distance

Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve encompasses 110,000 acres of coastal lands and waters managed by the Florida Coastal Office in cooperation with NOAA. For more information about the Reserve or how you can help, visit [www.rookerybay.org](http://www.rookerybay.org)



Johny Fusco concert. March 2nd, 2014



# Marco Island Shell Club

*by John Tunnell*

The Marco Island Shell Club concluded its season with their annual Shell Show and Sale. It was another spectacular success. The ladies and gentlemen of the club gather from November to March to create amazing pieces of shell art which is then sold. The monies generated support the club's mission to promote the study, conservation, science, history, and appreciation of seashells and mollusks in all their forms, and to encourage shell-related interest, such as shell collecting, crafting and art. The exhibits in the show were amazing. Thank you to all who exhibited, and congratulations to the winners.

Scholarships and grants are given to students at Florida Gulf Coast University and the University of South Florida. The students are required to present



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*These cakes may look delicious, but they are made entirely of shells!*

their projects at evening seminars or through poster displays. Personally, after meeting and speaking with the students, then listening to their presentations, I have a great opinion of and faith in this generation.

Monies are also provided to Rookery Bay. The club donates shells and jewelry to Give the Kids the World Organization.

So we are a very busy, hard-working and generous club. However, we could not be this successful without the support of the community - the people and businesses. Thank you.

*If you wish to join our club, or learn more about us, visit our website [www.marcoshellclub.com](http://www.marcoshellclub.com). Otherwise, we will see you at our next annual Shell Show and Craft Sale on March 12, 13, 14, 2015.*

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"The Long Run - Tribute to the Eagles" Concert. March 23rd, 2014



# Our Goal is to Deliver Reliable Electricity

by Karen Ryan, APR, CPRC, LCEC Public Relations Manager

The LCEC mission is to deliver reliable electricity at a competitive price. The year began with an electric rate decrease following five consecutive years without an increase. System-wide reliability performance for the five-county service territory was at an all-time high also. However, a group of customers on Marco Island have seen more than their fair share of power outages this year.

Power outages that have affected this specific area can be attributed to a variety of reasons. Just over 40 percent of the outages were due to equipment failures. The remaining 59 percent of the outages were from external causes beyond the control of LCEC. A little more than half of the uncontrollable outages were the result of animals, predominantly birds. Storms account for 23 percent of the uncontrollable outages. In most cases, direct lightning strikes impacted LCEC facilities. Accidents caused by vehicles and tree contacts were the cause of the remaining share of the uncontrollable outages.

LCEC understands the inconvenience that power outages present and this level of performance is not acceptable. We are taking action to improve reliability for all customers:

- LCEC continues to actively patrol electric facilities to discourage nesting on the power poles.
- Loads have been shifted so that half of the customers impacted by these incidents are now being served by a different feeder line.
- LCEC has also installed additional protective devices which will better isolate problem areas so that fewer customers are affected.
- In addition, supplementary remote controlled



switches with fault indicators have been installed. These will help to identify problems quicker and enable remote switching.

- Proactive inspections to identify potential issues are underway and equipment will be repaired or replaced quickly.
- And last, but not least, rebuilding and upgrading of the system will be complete soon.

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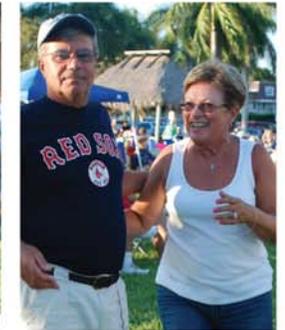
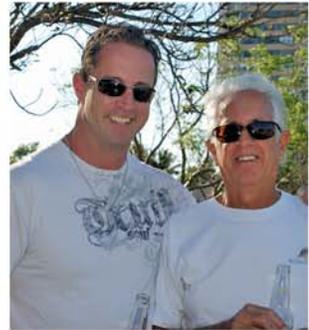
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# Calusa Garden Club's Flower Show a Huge Success

"Trains, Planes, and Automobiles," the theme of this year's flower show, were evident throughout the Marco Island Center for the Arts on the weekend of February 22. Even the Tommie Barfield Junior Gardeners helped with the transportation-themed decorations. The flower show, headed by Sandy Wallen, produced a record number of appreciative visitors and a post-judging cocktail party added to the festive weekend.

Once the flower show was packed up, the club finished the year by announcing the names of the two students who were awarded a one week "campership" to Camp Wekiva, which is located in Wekiva Springs State Park at Apopka, Florida. Camp Wekiva is a residential nature camp sponsored by the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs. This year's campership recipients are Kira Swanson and Daniel Minogue.

Kira is a fourth grader at Tommie Barfield Elementary School on Marco Island. She was nominated for the campership by her teacher, Molly Skudnig. Daniel attends Avalon Elementary School in Naples and was nominated by his teacher, Patricia Thorsen.

First Vice-President, Linda Colombo, is busy

securing speakers and programs for the coming year. "Gad-Abouts" field trips are also being planned. Upcoming special events include a free floral design workshop to be conducted at the Marco Island Library in the fall. Club members will also continue to meet for lunch in each others' homes as a way to involve and acquaint new members with the club and each other. Off-site workshops will also be held at members' homes for special projects. Members will continue to donate their time and talents to the community throughout the year. For example, in February the club participated in the city's community forum sponsored by the Beautification Advisory Committee.

*The Calusa Garden Club meets from October through April. Most meetings are held in Fellowship Hall of Wesley United Methodist Church, 350 South Barfield. Prior to the business meeting an optional workshop starts at 11:00, social period at 12:15, with the business meeting at 1:00, followed by a program. For more information, call 239-394-1425*



*Juliet Flasche with her  
Blue Ribbon winning display*



*Kira Swanson*



*Daniel Minogue (middle)*



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# Celebrating 30 years of Sunshine....Tours that is!

by Stephen Barker

Marco Island has a lot of great businesses but not many of them can claim to have been serving the island for the last 30 years.... but Sunshine Tours, under the ownership of Captain Rodger Parcelles, can.

The island has changed a lot in those 30 years... there are more visitors, more families, more activities to choose from. It has been discovered and, especially after being named #1 Island in the USA by TripAdvisor voters, it is no longer that sleepy island getaway at the end of a two lane road, somewhere below Naples near the Everglades.

So anyone who has been in business on Marco for all that time has had to adapt along the way, but more importantly, they have had to provide a good product with excellent service or they probably wouldn't still be here, and this undoubtedly applies to Sunshine Tours.



*Miss Louise III, Sunshine Tour's new 31' custom built Morgan fishing boat is ideally suited for offshore waters of Marco Island*



## From barefoot fishing to 9 captains

Back in 1984, when Captain Rodger Parcelles was 19 years old, he started his business with a 25ft fishing boat, his mom answering the phone and a plan to take people fishing and shelling, every day. One boat led to two boats, then bigger boats, then more boats. The size of the "fleet" ebbed and flowed over the years, as the island changed.

Now, Sunshine Tours has four fishing boats, plus the Marco Island Princess, nine captains, and sixteen additional staff covering crew and office duties. They still operate from the Rose marina seven days a week, 364 days a year and everyone is very excited with the recent acquisition of the brand new 31ft custom built Morgan fishing boat, the Miss Louise III, which is ideally suited for the offshore waters of Marco Island.

Thirty years ago, it was backwater fishing, and island shelling trips every day. Now-a-days, it's still back water fishing, and shelling, but also a lot of offshore and near coastal fishing, not to mention lunch and sunset dinner cruises, every day!



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Rodger's view on his fishing charters - "If the fishing's good the boat will probably be late returning as it stays out to catch more fish, but if the fishing's slow, the boat will probably be late returning as it stays out to try and catch some more fish!"

## Marco Island Princess

Sunshine Tours first introduced a luxury cruise style vessel in 1999 when Rodger saw a need for a sightseeing, dinner cruise around Marco. Almost immediately he realized the 49 passenger boat he had taken on was not large enough to cater for weddings and special events and set about going larger. Sunshine Tours took delivery of a 90ft, 149 passenger boat shortly after 9/11 and many questioned whether he had made the right decision. He was obviously right though, because now, over twelve years later, the Marco Island Princess is still a regular sight on the Marco River and in the Gulf on one of its many daily cruises.

A sunset trip is an ideal way for visitors to get a view of north Marco from the water, seeing a beautiful sunset, with a great buffet dinner and hearing all about the local nature and history. It is also popular with locals celebrating birthdays, anniversaries, weddings and other special occasions. We have sailed on the Marco Island Princess many times over the years with our children when they were younger, our grandchildren and with my father who celebrated his 96<sup>th</sup> and 97<sup>th</sup> birthdays onboard.

The Princess has climate-controlled salons and open-air decks giving plenty of space for passengers to wander around. Two full service cash bars provide the cocktails, spirits or wine for you to toast the disappearance of the sun for another day.

Over the years, Captain Rodger has stuck to his knitting doing what he does well and now has a team of 25 employees, providing first class service and two quality businesses. He learnt early on that it was best to provide something different, something special and not just do what everyone else does.

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*Night-time deep sea fishing with Captain Rodger Parcelles*



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**July 4, 2014**

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