



ROTARY CLUB OF MARCO ISLAND NOONTIME



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Noontime News *November 4th, 2021*

District 6960
Area One
Zone 34

President's Message



This week's **appreciation** goes to all the Rotarians that worked on our assigned Task Forces. At a board meeting, we formed three task forces to address some of our club's business in detail. Kudos to **Gene D'Onofrio, George Abounader, Jessica Babcock, Luke Noble, Durell Buzzini, Tom Menaker, Pat Ettensohn, Linda Sandlin, Jennifer Tenney, Jill Sandberg and Pat Rutledge** for their due diligence work to help our club run effective and efficient. (Forgive me if I missed someone).

Also, thank you to our newest members **Kenny Moss, Steve Lampar and Luke Noble** for being our greeters at the first in person meeting at the Yacht Club. It was fantastic to see everyone!

Kingfishers (Rotarians from other Clubs) can always attend our meetings at the Yacht Club by emailing our Kingfisher Coordinator, Pat Ettensohn, at pat@ettensohn.com or call her at 239-642-7030.

Our next meeting at the Marco Island Yacht Club is on November 18th at 12 noon. Pat would like to remind folks that if you're back on the island and would like to attend, you need to contact her by November 10th. The program at this meeting will be our most treasured program, "Students of the Month".

For the latest information on meetings, events and more, visit
marcoislandrotary.org

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Upcoming Scheduled Meetings

November 18th - Club Meeting in person - Students of the Month & District Governor Andy Lyman official visit - **Bring your used glasses & sunglasses to donate to Glasses For Mexico**

December 2nd - Club Meeting In person - Marco Island Charter Middle School Band/Choir and District Guest Speaker Belinda Rodebaugh

December 16th - Club Meeting In person - Students of the Month

Opportunities to Serve & Community Support

November 20th - **Meals of Hope Packing Event** in partnership with the Marco Sunrise Club.

December 4th - **“Keep Collier Beautiful”** Quarterly Beach Cleanup

December 9th - **Florida Humanities Speaker** Cynthia Barnett “The Sound Of The Sea” 6:00pm at Rose History Auditorium In Support of the Marco Island Historical Society.

December 14th - **“A December to Remember”** featuring International Soprano, Jodi Keogan at 6:30pm. Rose History Auditorium at the Museum. \$25, Supports the Marco Island Historical Society.



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Upcoming Events

November 13th- Rotary Bird Watching Walkabout At Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve. Ft. Myers - 7751 Penzance Blvd.

Depart: St. Mark's Episcopal Church Parking Lot 7:30 AM (carpooling). Return: After we lunch/brunch together in Ft. Myers.

RSVP to Jessica Babcock - jessica@stmarksmarco.org

About:

The Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve is over 3,500 acres of wetland ecosystem with a Boardwalk trail and Interpretive Center. The cypress slough catches and slowly filters rainwater on its way towards Estero Bay.

A myriad of animals like otters, alligators, turtles, wading birds, and more live at the Slough year-round. Others, like migrating birds and butterflies, use the Slough as a feeding area or a winter home.

(Wear good walking shoes and bring binoculars if you have them. Bottled water and bug spray is recommended)

Contributors this issue:

- Cindy Love Abounader
- George Abounader
- Kathy Pasternak
- Pat Rutledge
- Linda Sandlin





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Upcoming Events

December 11th - The Rotary's Entry in the Christmas Street Parade- "Rotary's Gifts to the World" in partnership with Sunrise Rotary. Jill and Arne Sandberg are chairing this fabulous, fun social event.

Email Jill Sandberg at wlkinonsunshine@gmail.com to sign up!



January 29th- Sunset dinner cruise onboard the Marco Princess along with the Sunrise Rotary Club

January 22nd- February 26th - "Flags For Heroes" events (See Separate Page)

May 1st- Spirit Awards Gala



2021 Meals of Hope Packaging Event



Hope Warriors - Get ready to pack meals on November 20th!!!!!!

WE'LL BE OUTSIDE AGAIN THIS YEAR AT THE MARCO YMCA AIRNASIUM.

SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER WITH GEORGE ABOUNADER
(georgeabounader3962@gmail.com) OR KENNY MOSS
(keniii@marcoinsurance.com) WHO WILL COORDINATE WITH MEALS OF
HOPE.

Get there at 8:30 a.m. for check in and we start packaging at 9 am.

Park in the northern lot closest to San Marco Road.

Masks are required.

Masks and gloves will be provided. Wear a baseball style hat, or hair nets will be provided.

Music....of course. Kevin Fitzgerald will be spinning tunes as he has done for years. Thank you Kevin!

At the October 21st meeting, **Pat Ettensohn** continued the Rotary Club of Marco Island Noontime's long standing support of **Meals of Hope** by presenting a \$5,000 check to **Bill Morris**.



2022 Flags For Heroes Information/Timeline

Rotary Club of Marco Island's Premier community and fund raising event.

Help us to spread the word about Flags for Heroes:

- Please go to the following link on our Facebook and "Like" and "Share" the Flags for Heroes posting- Here's the link : <https://www.facebook.com/MarcoIslandNoontimeRotary>
- If you live in a condo please put up a poster and leave trifolds in a common area. Great idea: Kathy spoke to the Board President at Eagle Cay and they are going to announce it & hand out trifolds at their Veterans Day party. Contact Linda, linda@marcorealtysource.com or 239-777-9200 for posters & trifolds
- Advertising opportunity for one of our club businesses- Rene and Linda will be featuring our Rotary Club and Flags for Heroes on a one hour radio show December 1st. For \$175 your business can be the sponsor and receive a shout out during the show plus 25 radio spots Contact Sue Haviland, shaviland3604@gmail.com
- Mark your calendars & contact Linda to sign up to volunteer for any or all of the activities below. linda@marcorealtysource.com or 239-777-9200
 - **January 22** - Saturday morning, **Flags Assembly**
 - **February 5**- Saturday morning- **Flag Medallion Assembly**
 - **February 19**- Saturday morning- **Mounting of the Flags Display**
 - **February 21, Monday, 5:00** - **Opening Ceremony for Flags for Heroes**
 - **February 26** - Saturday morning - **Take down & storage of flags**



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2022 Spirit Awards

The Spirit Awards is our signature club event with gala dinner party to celebrate 4 individuals or groups who have made exceptional contributions to the community plus a fun fund raiser to support our many humanitarian projects. Member Al Diaz is the founder of the event and handles the details of the gala and awards. We have tentatively booked May 1st for our **fabulous 2022 Spirit Awards Gala**. There are several leadership opportunities for this exciting event. **We need the new leadership team for the event in place by the end of November** in order to have this event this year. The experienced veterans of this affair will meet with the new team in December to strategize on timeline and details and always be available as counsel. We are dividing the event into several leadership roles to keep each of the Roles easy. We have all the past successful systems to share with you again to make it easy. This is a wonderful opportunity to make closer friends in the club through service and experience the pride of being a leader in such an important event for the community. Please respond to this email with your interests in the event. **Below are the 3 leadership roles we need to fill by the end of this month.**

OVERALL SPIRIT AWARDS CHAIR'S ROLE:

- Monitor the timeline provided by past chair and established by new team of chairs.
- Call Meetings of the leadership team to make decisions & coordinate teams as needed

CHAIR for SPONSORS OF EVENT

- Sponsorship Forms - any final updating of existing form should be done in first meeting in December with new leadership team and old veteran team sitting in as counsel
- Coordinate team to solicit sponsors from club & community
- Keep records of sponsors...

SILENT AUCTION CHAIR

- Organize Team to solicit Silent Auction Items & gift certificates from local businesses (we have lots of ideas from previous years to share with you & Linda already has 18 auction items in storage for you)
- Keep record of donors, gift items, value...
- Coordinate a basket & bid sheet making team to organize auction items and gifts for the auction (Linda has baskets stored at her home & happy to help with basket making)
- Coordinate with restaurant on layout and number of tables and table cloths required for auction
- Silent Auction Set Up- there are always lots of willing volunteers

Looking forward to your positive responses to these leadership opportunities with mentor to help you along the way. Thank you!



Speaker Highlights

Linda Ryan & Linda Colombo “Friends of Tigertail”

Linda Ryan and Linda Colombo of the “Friends of Tigertail presented an informative talk regarding the Eco Restoration Plan for the Tigertail Lagoon.

The complete closure of the lagoon is forthcoming if intervention to control and reduce the sand from overtaking the lagoon does not take place. Sand has reduced the tidal flow by 50% and tidal flow is needed to protect the beach at Hideaway and to promote a healthy habitat for birds, seagrass, manatees, mangroves, turtles and fish.

In addition, tidal flow and water quality are directly related; a reduction of tidal flow leads to poorer water quality. Water provides life to all living specimens; so, as the water quality becomes poorer, the chance of surviving diminishes.

The width of the lagoon has been reduced by 45 feet, manatees are being stranded on a regular basis, and piles of sand are forming a huge shoal that will ultimately connect to the beach and erase the lagoon and its accompanying habitat.

The solution being proposed by the “Friends of Tigertail” are natural interventions rather than building structures and include:

- Maintaining the lagoon area as tidal wetland
- Restoring the lagoon and Sand Dollar Island to pre-(hurricane) Irma condition
- Restoring and Enhancing Sand Dollar for coastal resiliency and for birds and turtles nesting habitat
- Restoring total circulation channel on backside of Sand Dollar to improve lagoon flushing
- Addressing shoaling in the lagoon through initial dredging and future maintenance, with particular attention to promoting seagrass growth.

“Friends of Tigertail” has 3.1 - 3.4 million dollars and several potential grant opportunities to fund this project, if the county and other governmental authorities and regulators will allow the project to move forward. Should “Friends of Tigertail” effort fails to convince and secure permission and cooperation from the various governmental agencies, the end of this very important natural barrier and sea life habitat will end.

Our speakers asked us for our support. You can reach them at friendsoftigertail.com.



Students of the Month

October 21st, 2021

The Noontime Marco Island Rotary Club, after a year and a half of being unable to honor students due to the pandemic, held its traditional "Students of the Month" program again on October 21 at the Marco Island Yacht Club. This year the Club will be honoring ten students each month from October until May, for a total of 80 students. The students are from Lely High School, Marco Island Academy, Manatee Middle School, Marco Island Charter Middle School, and Tommie Barfield Elementary School (when the TBE students are able to attend).



Front Row, L-R:

Aubrey Guidry and Gabriel Alsokary of Marco Island Charter Middle School.

Back Row, L-R:

**Mia Wittoff and Coby Georges of Lely High School;
Kreessan Exinor of Manatee Middle School;
Xavier Parra and Isabella Burgos of Marco Island Academy.**

(Absent was Catyana Saintil of Manatee Middle School).



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Rotary Website Instructions and Overview

DACdb = District and Club Website: Go To: www.dacdb.com

- Email/User ID (usually your email address that you are using as your primary Rotary email address) Password (If you do not know your Password then click on Pink Box- Forgot Password & follow directions), club number (4327).
- Click on LOGIN- Any questions or problems call or email Kathy Pasternak or Linda Sandlin. We are happy to help and get you into DACdb.

Once you are logged in:

- You'll arrive at the Home Page- current local and District info will appear here.
- At the top of the page, click on **My Data** tab- You will see your own personal information. Be sure your data is up to date! This is the info we use to report to district and RI. Check your phone number(s), address, email address, business, etc. If you need to edit the information, go to the **Edit Member** tab on the left side of the page under the **Member Navigation** heading. Click on tabs across the top to add or correct any of your info.
- From My Data click on **My Finance Statement** on left to pay Rotary bills...

Always go back to My Club tab at top to go from one area to the next under **My Club**

- From My Club, click on **Club Members** icon "box" below to find members phone, email...
- From My Club, click on **Club Committees** icon "box", choose committee. You can send a **Pmail** to all committee members. ...
- From My Club go to **Calendar** icon "box" ... for schedule of all our & District events.
- From My Club, click on **Club Files** icon "box". Click on Secure files. You will find club documents stored here. There are also Secure files under the Club Committees .

Bonus exercise:

While in **My Data**- Go to the My Rotary tab on the left side under Member Navigation - you'll go to **My Rotary**- create a log in for this and you'll be directly taken to www.Rotary.org

To access the District & Club website mobile app & easily get member info... on your phone go to m.dacdb.com and sign in.

Our Club Website: Go to: <http://www.marcoislandrotary.org/> and find loads of information about our club as well as **Meeting Information** and **Upcoming Events** tabs with schedules and details



“Rotary Means Business”

Job Openings

We have a “Jobs” Section where member can advertise Job Openings. Please email your newsletter posts to:

Pat and Ron Rutledge

exec@themih.org ; rkrutledge49@gmail.com

and your website posts to Jessica Babcock,

jessica@stmarksmarco.org .

Below please find our current posts.

From Rev Jessica Babcock:

I'm searching for a part-time Church Administrator for my church (St. Mark's Episcopal). If you know of anyone who might fit the bill, I have a job description I can forward to you.

You can reach me at 239-238-0302 or jessica@stmarksmarco.org.

Thanks in advance for your help.

Note: Postings will run for two newsletters, then be taken down unless the originator requests an extension.



Happy Birthday

Bill Kohut

November 11th

Jim Richards

November 13th

Pat Rutledge

November 17th

Pat Lloyd

November 19th

Wade Keller

November 21st



Happy Anniversary

Ed & Barbara Pontier

November 10th



*With best wishes from your
Rotary Family*