

Rotary Club of Marco Island



Wednesday, December 28, 2022



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Upcoming January and February Speakers

January 5th by Zoom: Whitney Strohmayr, The Shelter for Abused Women & Children

January 19th in-Person: Mick Moore, Chair BOD, YMCA

February 2nd by Zoom: Veena Saraswati, The Rotary Club of Bangalore, India. Topic: Indian music and cuisine

February 16th in-Person: Our Students-of-the-Month Event

Annual Spirit Awards

By Linda J. Sandlin on Wednesday, December 28, 2022

2023 SPIRIT AWARDS: Call for Nominations

On **April 29, 2023**, the Rotary Club of Marco Island Noontime will hold its **Annual Spirit Awards Gala** at the Bistro Soleil. This Gala is a celebration of those individuals, businesses or organizations who make it a priority to give back to this community through their time, talent, and/or treasure. Additionally, our Gala funds Noontime's ongoing philanthropy efforts through **Club Sponsorships and our Silent Auction**.

Please consider what individual or organization or business you know that deserves to be recognized with this honor. Contact Linda Sandlin if you need a nomination form sent to your email.

Voting to choose the 4 Spirit award recipients will take place the first week of January so please respond promptly. Contact Al Diaz at 239-438-5285 or manager@royalmarcoway.com.

Meeting Information

By Jessica Harris Babcock on Thursday, August 25, 2022

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Rotary Noontime meets on the **1st Thursday of each month** (year-round) by Zoom. Contact President Kathryn Pasternak for the Zoom Link. kathrynpasternak@bhhsfloridarealty.net

Our **3rd Thursday of month** meeting is also by Zoom July-September and In-Person October – June. In-Person Luncheons will be held from 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM at the Bistro Soleil, 100 Palm St., Marco Island, FL 34145.

New Member: Diane Opelt

By Jessica Harris Babcock on Friday, December 9, 2022

The Rotary Club of Marco Island Noontime is excited to welcome Diane Opelt as our newest member. Diane hails from Notick, Massachusetts, where she was an active

Social Chair



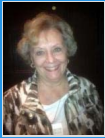
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Rotarian having received both the Spirit Award and Rookie of the Year. She served on Board of Directors as well as co-chairing the club's largest fundraiser for high school scholarships. In her club induction "getting to know you" talk Diane expressed that she chose our club because of the friendly welcoming members and enthusiasm.

Diane was formerly employed by Katz Communications in Boston as VP/Manager and has had a successful career as an entrepreneur for 20+ years since then. She is a "get-things-done person" and is currently Managing Partner of Excel Media & Design specializing in Marketing and Men's Custom

Among Diane's many interests and hobbies are golf, cooking, entertaining, gardening, contributing and mentoring. We are thrilled to welcome Diane to our Rotary family. She will be a valuable addition to the club and community.

Respectfully Submitted by Linda Sandlin

New Member: Taylor Davis

By Jessica Harris Babcock on Friday, December 9, 2022

New Member Taylor Davis: "I was born and raised in the great state of New Jersey for 24 years of my life. Born in Overlook Hospital in Summit, New Jersey I lived in Union, New Jersey for about 6 years until my family moved out to Lopatcong, New Jersey. I graduated from Phillipsburg High School in 2015, and am a 2-year Varsity letter Softball player, and served on the Student Council Executive Board. The positions I held were: State Charity (10th), Recording Secretary (11th), and President (12th). In the fall of 2015, I began my college career at Kean University located in Union, New Jersey (which, I had a Homecoming because I went back home for college), where I met my now fiancé, Peter. [Read More](#)

