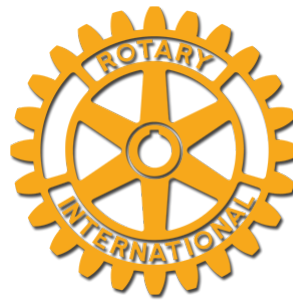


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Annual Spirit Awards Gala 2023

By Linda J. Sandlin on Friday, January 27, 2023

On April 29th 2023, the Noontime Rotary Club of Marco Island will hold its Annual Spirit Awards Gala at the historic Bistro Soleil. This Gala is a celebration of those who have demonstrated exceptional commitment to the Community. The festivities include a lively social hour, a delicious dinner, Silent Auction opportunities, and presentation of Spirit Awards.

We are an all-volunteer organization therefore all proceeds from this event will provide vital support for various projects, such as:

- **Supporting Students:** School Grants, Y After School Program, Seminar For Tomorrow's Leaders, Rotary Youth Leadership, Students of the Month, Project Graduation, Educate the Children...
- **Numerous Vital Local Charities** such as Meals of Hope, Collier Harvest, Habitat for Humanity, Shelter for Abused Women, Joy of Giving, Meals on Wheels....
- **World Health Issues** including Polio Eradication, Clubfoot, Eyeglasses for Mexico, Heart Surgery for Children, WASH (Water, Sanitation & Hygiene)...
- **Disaster Relief** like Shelter Boxes, Health Crisis, Weather Crisis...

Last year many of you endorsed this event with generous support, and we are so very grateful. We are reaching out to you now to help us once again make this event the pinnacle of our fundraising efforts to support the needs of our community. We gratefully request your help in one or more ways:

1. Become a sponsor of this event. Various levels of sponsorship are available including advertising for your business for one year...
2. Contribute a gift certificate (to begin April 1, 2023), basket, goods, or services to our auction...

All contributions will be acknowledged in the event program and there will be various levels of recognition before, during and after the event. The Marco Island Rotary Foundation is an exempt organization and a portion of your donation is tax deductible. Florida Registration Number: CH5228.

For auction contributions please contact Stephanie Kann, 847-922-6757, stephaniej kann@gmail.com and for sponsorship opportunities please contact Taylor Davis, 908-894-9951, davistay@kean.edu. With your help we will honor our community champions, support our charitable projects, help educate our children and have a joyful evening together.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Yours in Rotary Service:

Rotary Club of Marco Island Spirit Awards Committee

New Member - Wendy Ring

By Jessica Harris Babcock on Wednesday, December 28, 2022

The Rotary Club of Marco Island Noontime was thrilled to induct Wendy Ring as our newest member at our festive December 15th Christmas party. Wendy hails from a small farming town in Minnesota where her first job was working on her parents' farm. She and her husband of 30 years, Mike,



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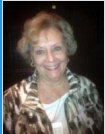
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recently moved to Marco Island. They have 2 adult children Maddie (a kindergarten teacher) and Nick (Senior at college). Wendy received her B.S degree in Finance from Minnesota State University - Moorhead and has worked for Microsoft for 22+ years in many different roles currently as Content Program Manager leading teams to plan, create, and deliver relevant Azure Cloud content.

Wendy enjoys boating, yoga, beach walks, cooking, traveling, and reading and would like to learn to play pickle ball! Wendy has spent her life working in customer service and she is a passionate about giving back. She volunteered serving as a STEM Mentor for uCodeGirl, Board Member for the American Red Cross, Giving Tree of Hope volunteer, on Microsoft Campus Communities Task Force, and Microsoft DigiGirlz. Wendy will be a fabulous Rotarian with her "Service Above Self" heart. We are excited to welcome her into our Rotary Club of Marco Island Noontime family.