

# Rotary

## Club of Marco Island



Tuesday, January 31, 2023

### Become a Sponsor

By Wendy Ring on Tuesday, January 31, 2023



#### Rotary's biggest fund-raiser of the year - Let's unite to serve our community!

On April 29, 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 the Spirit Awards.

Organizations and individuals in our community can help in one or more ways:

- Become a sponsor of this event. Various levels of sponsorship are available, including advertising for your business for one year...
- Contribute a gift certificate (to begin May 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.

***We gratefully request your help soliciting sponsorships and silent auction items for this year's Gala!*** Do you have an organization, business or individual you'd like to contact to request their support? If so, for auction contributions, please contact Stephanie Kann, 847-922-6757, [stephaniej kann@gmail.com](mailto:stephaniej kann@gmail.com)

and for sponsorship opportunities please contact Taylor Davis, 908-894-9951, [davistay@kean.edu](mailto:davistay@kean.edu).

Please let anyone on the Sponsorships or Auction committees know if you have questions or would like help. Our goal is to have the sponsorships and auction items committed for the gala by March 31, 2023.

Yours in Rotary Service and Fellowship,

#### The Sponsorships and Silent Auction Committee:

Stephanie Kann, Taylor Davis and Wendy Ring, Co-Chairs Al Diaz, Kathryn Pasternak, Linda Sandlin, Rebecca Brisbois

Link to forms:

[2023 Auction Donation Form](#)

[2023 Sponsorship Opportunities](#)

[2023 Auction Letter](#)

### Spirit Award: United Church and Bargain Basket

By Linda J. Sandlin on Tuesday, January 31, 2023

Sunday morning, January 29th, the Spirit Awards Nomination Team presented the Spirit Award in the morning church service to the United Church of Marco Island and Bargain Basket. The church members were thrilled and Pastor Mark was moved to tears. Each year the Rotary Club of Marco Island Noontime holds a Gala to recognize community members or organizations that demonstrate the "service above self" spirit with exceptional giving back to the community.



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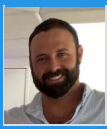
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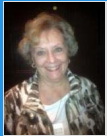
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Linda Sandlin spoke, "Under the leadership of your Pastor Mark, the Missions Team, the Bargain Basket Team, and with the financial and volunteer support of so many of your members, you are doing exceptional good things in the community with your support of Our Daily Bread, Habitat for Humanity, Marco Island Dementia Respite Program, Baby Basics, Police Foundation, Joy of Giving, Center for the Arts, Camp Able and so many more. We are pleased to present your Pastor, Mark Williams, and the Chair of Mission Committee, Michelle Hennessy, and the Bargain Basket Manager, Samantha Arago, all representing the UCMI church members as a whole, with this certificate and announce the United Church of Marco Island and Bargain Basket as the Winner of the prestigious 2023 Spirit Award of Marco Island. Congratulations on this prestigious award and thank you for your amazing service to the community." The Spirit Awards Gala with formal presentation and award honoring the Church and Bargain Basket will be April 29th. You may contact Linda Sandlin, 239-777-9200 or [linda@marcorealtysource.com](mailto:linda@marcorealtysource.com) for details on tickets as well as sponsorship opportunities.

## New Member Diana Bellini

By Jessica Harris Babcock on Tuesday, January 31, 2023



Our newest Noontime member **Diana Bellini** was inducted at the January 19th meeting. Diana is the VP, Senior Relationship Manager at PNC Bank and serves on the PNC Private Bank's Diversity and Inclusion Council. She is also a Board Member for Center for the Arts and a volunteer for Our Daily Bread. Welcome Diana!

## Socials for February

By Kathryn L Pasternak on Tuesday, January 31, 2023

We have two excellent upcoming social events for February and March. On **February 27th**, we have the opportunity to experience an exciting event at the Marco Island Historical Event—Remembering Whitney Houston and This is Diana Ross. Tickets may be purchased online on the MIHS website.

On **March 16th** (which promises to be a full day for our club!) please join us at the Marco Island Arts Center Theater for a comedic drama by Carol Burnett and Carrie Hamilton titled Hollywood Arms.

Please **contact Jill Sandberg** for more information about these outstanding opportunities for our

members to enjoy fellowship while supporting important community organizations.

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## Upcoming Meetings - February and March 2023

By Kathryn L Pasternak on Tuesday, January 31, 2023

Upcoming Noontime Meetings:

**February 2nd via Zoom** will begin at 11:30 a.m. instead of noon as our presentation will be given by Veena Saraswati, a Rotarian from Bangalore, India. Veena has stayed connected to our club and has attended a number of our Zoom meetings. Due to the time difference (late at night in India), please make every effort to join us just before 11:30 to learn about Indian music. It should be a beautiful presentation.

**Our February 16th in-person meeting** will be one of our cherished Students-of-the-Month events. Please try to attend to recognize these students, as well as the family members and others who have supported them in their academic journey.

Plans for our **April meetings** include a presentation about Youth Haven via Zoom on April 6th and our in-person International Day on April Day April 20th when we will have the opportunity to listen to two outstanding speakers and watch a video in which Jennifer Jones, RI President, describes in an incredibly poignant way an example of how Rotary saves lives.

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## AI's Pals - Volunteers Needed

By Jessica Harris Babcock on Tuesday, January 31, 2023

Can you volunteer? AI's Pals needs assistance on Thursdays and Fridays help in their continuing efforts to fight food insecurity in our community. There are various time options available on those days to volunteer. They meet at the Wesley United Methodist Church on South Barfield Drive. If you can help, please reach out to our Noontime President Kathryn Pasternak by email.

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