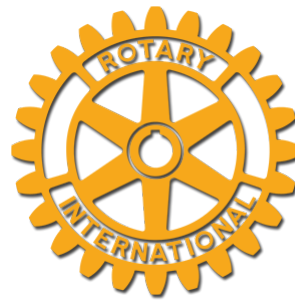


Rotary

Club of Marco Island



Monday, February 27, 2023

Spirit Awards Gala 2023

By Jessica Harris Babcock on Monday, February 27, 2023

13th Annual Spirit of Marco Island Awards Dinner & Silent Auction

Saturday, April 29, 2023

5:30pm

Bistro Soleil – Old Marco Inn

You are invited to join us for a
"Celebration of Community"

As the



Noontime Rotary Club of Marco Island
Proudly recognizes the following Individuals
and Organizations with the

2023 Spirit of Marco Island Award

Jill & Arnie Sandberg

Bargain Basket/United Church of Marco Island

Hyla Crane

Marco Island Yacht Club

Please join us as we gather as a community to
acknowledge the Honorees for their contributions to
making Marco Island a better place to live!

Tickets are \$100.00 per person and include Dinner with a cash bar.

For tickets or more information contact: Al Diaz @
manager@royalmarcoway.com or at 438-5285

Social Tonight!

By Jill Sandberg on Monday, February 27, 2023

For all who signed up for the Diana Ross/Whitney Houston show at Rose Auditorium at the museum, we'll see you tonight, Feb 27th for this sold out show!



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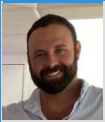
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Reminder: Buy Your Spirit Award Ticket NOW

By Linda J. Sandlin on Monday, February 27, 2023

Reminder: Buy your tickets now before they sell out! Contact Diaz 239-438-5285.

Or choose a sponsorship to honor your hero. All sponsorships include tickets. Contact Taylor Davis. 908-894-9951.

To submit a silent auction donation from your favorite businesses, contact Stephanie Kann 847-922-6757.

Become a Sponsor

By Wendy Ring on Tuesday, January 31, 2023



Rotary's Biggest Fundraiser 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 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.

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

and for sponsorship opportunities please contact Taylor Davis, 908-894-9951, 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](#)

New Member

By Linda J. Sandlin on Monday, February 27, 2023

We are excited to announce that Tina Fiore, a Healthcare IT Executive and dynamic personality, will be inducted at Thursday's Rotary luncheon. In addition, Scott Davis, a retired police officer who now has a security business will also be introduced to the club as a new member candidate. Our Rotary family is blessed with all our wonderful new members.

Spirit Award: Yacht Club

By Linda J. Sandlin on Monday, February 27, 2023



The Marco Island Yacht Club was recognized with the Spirit Award on February 1st at their monthly Boaters Night event to a full house of members in attendance. Spirit Team members Al Diaz, Linda Sandlin, Amanda Nelson, George Abounader and Jim Richards made the presentation.

The Marco Island Yacht Club is being honored for their community outreach through their generous support of many local organizations that include Rotary Noontime's Flags for Heroes, Our Daily Bread Food Pantry, Salvation Army, Golden Paws, Marco Patriots, For the Love of Cats and their long-standing sponsorship of the Sailing School which served over 140 students in 2022! The certificate was presented to Dave Everitt, Chairman of the Board, Commodore Henry Stanley, Dwyn Von Bereghy and Vicki Bretthauer. All in attendance responded with a standing ovation.

Spirit Award: Jill and Arne Sandberg

By Linda J. Sandlin on Monday, February 27, 2023



Jill & Arne Sandberg were taken by complete surprise with the presentation of their Spirit Award at the Kiwanis breakfast meeting. Jill and Arne are both Rotarians and Kiwanis members. They are truly the Marco Island cheerleaders & volunteers for everything! You will find them either leading or supporting every island event from leadership roles in Christmas Island-style, 1st annual Santa Run, Easter & Halloween events for city, Chili Cook Off, Marco Police Foundation, Marco Firefighters Board, Newcomers & much more. Jill and Arne spoke and at the end Arne got a little choked up which was an obvious sign of how deeply they felt about being recognized.

Spirit Award: Hyla Crane

By Linda J. Sandlin on Monday, February 27, 2023



Hyla Crane was taken by surprise at the Center for the Arts Gala when she was presented with the 2023 Spirit Award for her exceptional contributions to the community. She transformed the Center for the Arts where she works tirelessly, she volunteers all around the island and most recently saved and re-energized the island theater in Town Center under the Center for the Arts to serve the community.

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.

Community Service Opportunity

By Jessica Harris Babcock on Monday, February 27, 2023

Volunteers are needed for the annual **Cure PSP Walk** will take place on Saturday, March 18th and need volunteers. Please contact Cindy MacDonald to sign up as volunteer or for more info. 239-353-3960, cmac5371@aol.com. Volunteers should arrive by 8:30 am and will help with registration and set up/breakdown. More information on the walk can be found here - <https://give.curepsp.org/marcoisland20>.

Progressive Supranuclear Palsy (PSP) is a **rare neurological disorder that affects your body movements, walking and balance, and eye movement**. It results from damage to nerve cells in areas of the brain that control thinking and body movement.