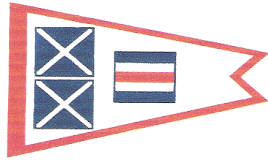


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The Marco Men's Club

Newsletter



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!! I hope everyone enjoyed our Holiday Season of Hanukah, Christmas and New Year.

I believe that things are looking up! Although we have the new Covid mutation, Omicron, circulating among us, it appears that in spite of it being more transmissible, it is less deadly. This is especially true for those who have been vaccinated and boosted. I think that if not all of our members are vaccinated that the majority are. Because of these two important facts, we have been able to participate in a successful social season. In addition, we are looking forward to an event-packed next six months.

I would like to thank **Dave Tobiasz** for a very successful Holiday Luncheon at the Naples Lakes Country Club. The event

was very well attended. The food was excellent and many of those attending, were able to leave with some wonderful door prizes.

Dave and Suzy Walsh took some great photos which were submitted to the Coastal Breeze. You can view these in the paper and on our website. To view the Holiday Luncheon photos, click on the following link:

<https://marcomensclub.com/Pics-2021-12-HolidayParty.htm>

Thanks also goes out to Theater Chairman **Randle Grossman** for a fun filled evening. There was dinner at the Marco Brewery followed by the play *The Hallelujah Girls* starring our own **Jay Terzis** at the Marco Players Theater. Check out the website and sign up for the many theater events coming up in the

next few months. Click here to go to our website.

<https://marcomensclub.com/ComingEvents-Social.htm>

While at the website, see what other opportunities are available for your enjoyment. There are Theater Events, Golf Leagues on Monday and Friday, Bocce Ball, Cruises, Travel Discussion Club, Investment Discussion Club, Computer Technology Club and Sports Activities Group. Our Committee Chairmen have been doing a wonderful job. For example, we have tickets for the Boston Red Sox vs the New York Yankees spring training game on February 27th. Click here to download and print the flyer.

<https://marcomensclub.com/ComingEvents2/S-308-SpringTrainingBaseball-2022-0227.pdf>

Coming on January 13th, at our Annual General Meeting, it is also the kick off for our 30th year as a club. We want to celebrate “30 years strong”. Our own Collier County Commissioner, **Rick LoCastro** will speak. During the meeting we also will be holding the **Election** of our

new officers. Following the meeting we have a special “**free**” luncheon arranged by our Senior Vice President, **Warren Uhl** with a small gift. Be sure to send in your reservation. You can click here to download and print that flyer.

<https://marcomensclub.com/ComingEvents2/S-303-AnniversaryFreeLunch-2022-0113.pdf>

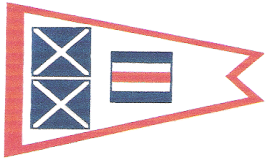
Finally, I would like to welcome all of our **New Members** who have joined our club in 2021. **They are:** Roy Axelson, Michael Ballenger, Raymond Cavanaugh, Fred Curtis, James Donato, John Fox, Steven Furlong, Edward Gerri, Mark Haynes, Andy Hayward, John Herbert, Bill Hillyer, Gary Iwansky, JJ Johnson, Rick Kohnen, Bill Dreppein, Peter McHugh, Tony Marco, Daniel McNichol, Robert Newman, Juan Perez, Anton Piringer, David Ponder, Robert Potter, Detlef Rethage, Guy Riordan, Edmund Shebert, Mike Simpson, James Smith, Roger Smith, Thomas Walthall and Bruce Wombough. Be sure to attend the **New Member Breakfast on February 12th** to

welcome and meet these gentlemen and their wives. You can click here to download and print that flyer.

<https://marcomensclub.com/ComingEvents2/S-305-NewMembersBreakfast-2022-0212.pdf>

Again, in closing, I want to say “Happy New Year” to all of our members and families. And if you or a loved one haven’t been fully vaccinated, or haven’t yet gotten a booster shot, I hope you resolve to do that ASAP. That would be a very good start to the new year, and would be good for you and everyone you hold dear to you.

Jerry Swiacki



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COMPUTER/TECHNOLOGY CLUB

Computer/Technology Club typically meets the 3rd Thursday of the month at 10:30 a.m. This is an informal round table discussion group. Beginners, experienced and in-between are all welcome. Reservations are not required. Contact **Charlie Erker** at 239-259-8054 Or charles.a.erker@gmail.com .

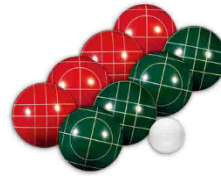
INVESTMENT DISCUSSION CLUB



This is a gathering where opinions are valued, facts are appreciated and experience is not necessary, but prized. An open and broad discussion of topics relating to investment raised by those present, is conducted. The Club typically meets the second Wednesday of the month at 1:30PM at the Marco Lutheran Church. We will be meeting in the choir room, please enter through the administrative offices.

Contact Don Koppel Ph:856-906-4318. Meeting status will be through an eBlast the week before the meeting.

BOCCE BALL



Bocce is on! I have been in communication with anyone that has signed up. If you did not hear from me, you're not signed up. That said, we could use one more team (4players) to play on Thursday to round out ten teams. Play starts January 4th and 6th and runs through March. If you would like to be on the "sub list", please let me know.

We have a **web page** devoted to Bocce. We will list the teams, schedules and weekly results. Check it out under **SOCIAL** – **BOCCE BALL** menu. Or follow this link to the Bocce webpage.

<https://marcomensclub.com/BocceBall.htm>

If you have any questions contact: **Warren Uhl** at 727-247-5167 or MMC.BocceLeague@gmail.com

Travel Discussion Club



The next Travel Discussion Club meeting will be on Wednesday, February 2nd at CJ's starting at 11AM. You can stay and have lunch with us, or go after the meeting – your choice. Please bring your questions, ideas, and suggestions.

Hints for those planning trips:

1. Check online for specific requirements when you plan your trip.
2. Take proof of your vaccination status.
3. Consider purchasing travel insurance.
4. Double-check your passport early. It takes 4 ½ months to renew.
5. Apply for TSA PreCheck or Global Entry.
6. Pack multiple masks. (Pack extra masks, hand sanitizer, Lysol spray, wipes, and water in your carryon bag).

Let me know if I can help in any way. Contact **SILKY SULLIVAN** marcosilky@yahoo.com or 239-404-3249.

SPORTS UPDATE

Spring Training Baseball, “Boston **Red Sox** vs New York **Yankees**”, February 27th. For tickets, check out the flyer on the Club's website. Click here to download and print flyer.

<https://marcomensclub.com/ComingEvents2/S-308-SpringTrainingBaseball-2022-0227.pdf>

For additional information, contact **Jack Martin** at 347-837-2131

HOSPITALITY

Thanks to the guys who set up the room. Chairman **JERRY DEFIBAUGH**, **RICH CARLSEN**, **DON LALLY**, **DEREK MULLINDER** AND **DON KOPPEL**.

MMC HATS AND SHIRTS

The order form for Hats and Shirts is available on-line on the MMC Website, under the **MISCELLANEOUS** header. Click on **CLOTHING & ACCESSORIES** to obtain Order Form and Instructions.

SICKNESS AND BEREAVEMENT

Wishing everyone and theirs' a healthy and prosperous New Year. Please telephone **George Vitta** at 586-942-8056 or email golflover3@yahoo.com regarding information of illness or death of members, their spouse, and immediate family. George will notify the MMC board.

CRUISES



THE MMC “52nd” CRUISE THE CARIBBEAN MARCH 27 – APRIL 3, 2022

THE CARIBBEAN 3/27/22 CRUISE:
WE HAVE “TWO” AC2 AND “ONE” E4
CATEGORY STATEROOM AVAILABLE
WITH CELEBRITY’S SUBSTANTIAL
DISCOUNT PER PERSON BOOKED
BY 1/20/22. THIS “7” NIGHTS CRUISE,
MAKES 4 PORTS OF CALL, WITH 3
FREE PERKS, THE BEVERAGE
PACKAGE, SHIPS GRATUITIES AND
UNLIMITED WI-FI, ABOARD
CELEBRITY’S LUXURIOUS **EDGE**.
FLYER AVAILABLE ON CLUB’S WEB
SITE AND bobmarksmi@hotmail.com .

THE MMC “50th” CRUISE AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND OCTOBER 22 - November 3, 2022

ABOARD CELEBRITIES 5 STAR SHIP,
THE ECLIPSE, 15 DAYS, 14 NIGHTS
VISITING 7 PORTS, “2” NIGHTS
HOTEL TO ENJOY SYDNEY,
AUSTRALIA TOURING SYDNEY AND
THE COUNTRY, ON CLUB’S PRIVATE
COACH. **THREE FREE CELEBRITY
PERKS.**
THE CLASSIC BEVERAGE PACKAGE,

SHIP GRATUITIES AND WI-FI.
CLUB IS RECEIVING A LARGE
REQUEST FOR THIS CRUISE SPACE.
**CURRENTLY 90 PEOPLE
CONFIRMED IN 48 STATEROOMS.**
A VERY POPULAR CRUISE. LIMITED
STATEROOMS AVAILABLE IN EACH
CATEGORY, WITH CELEBRITY
EARLY BOOKING STATEROOM ON-
CREDIT BONUS OF \$200.

THE MMC “51st” CRUISE CHINA, TAIWAN, JAPAN FEBRUARY 17- MARCH 4, 2023

SIXTEEN DAYS, TWELVE NIGHTS
SAILING ABOARD CELEBRITY’S 5
STAR SHIP “**THE SOLSTICE**”,
VISITING 10 PORTS OF CALL IN
CHINA – TAIWAN AND JAPAN. “3”
FREE PERKS: THE CLASSIC
BEVERAGE PACKAGE, SHIPS
GRATUITIES, UNLIMITED SURFING
WI-FI, AN EARLY BOOKING BONUS
FOR \$200 ON-BOARD STATEROOM
CREDIT, A PRE-CRUISE VISIT
STAYING IN HONG KONG, CHINA 3
DAYS/2 NIGHTS, ENJOYING MMC
PRIVATE HONG KONG TOURS. 5
STAR HOTEL, DAILY BREAKFAST,
HOTEL AND SHIP TRANSFERS,
MIAMI ECONOMY ROUND TRIP AIR.
TOKIO SHIP AIRPORT TRANSFERS,
PORT CHARGES, TAXES.
**CURRENTLY 11 STATEROOMS
BOOKED, 19 GUESTS.**

**“A NEW CELEBRITY TIME LIMITED
JAPAN CRUISE PROMOTION:
GUESTS BOOKING STATEROOMS
UP TO 2/28/22 RECEIVE A \$600 PER
PERSON CRUISE DISCOUNT:
CRUISE FLYER UPDATED WITH THE
INFORMATION.”**

**CELEBRITY’S POLICY UPDATED
COVID-19 INFORMATION:**

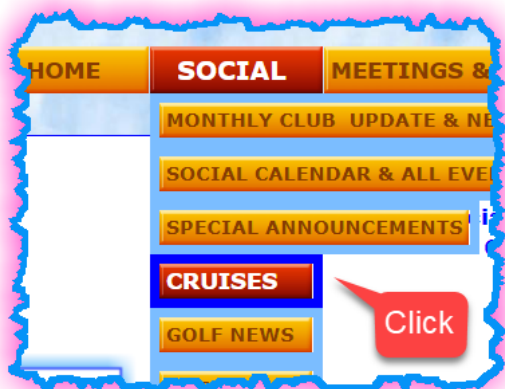
- GUEST DIAGNOSED WITH COVID-19 WITHIN 14 DAYS BEFORE DEPARTURE RECEIVES 100 PERCENT OF MONIES PAID.
- GUEST WHO BECOME INFECTED WITH COVID-19 ABOARD SHIP WILL BE FLOWN HOME AT CELEBRITIES' EXPENSE BY PRIVATE PLANE.

TO VIEW TRAVELEX INSURANCE COMPANY POLICY, please click on Travelex link:

<https://marcomensclub.com/ComingEvents2/998K-50th-Australia-NewZeland-TRAVELEXpolicy.pfd>

PLEASE GO TO THE MMC WEBSITE & USE THE DROPDOWN MENU, AVAILABLE ON ALMOST EVERY PAGE, FOR ALL THE LATEST INFORMATION ON MMC **CRUISES**.
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<https://marcomensclub.com/Cruises.htm>



Contact Bob Marks at:
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Speakers Calendar

Peter Piro, Program Director

January 13, 2022

Rick LoCastro

Collier County Commissioner

Rick LoCastro holds a Bachelor of Science Degree from the Air Force Academy and three Master's Degrees. He is also a 2013 Leadership Collier graduate.

He was elected County Commissioner of District 1 (East Naples, Marco Island, Isles of Capri, Port of the Islands, & Goodland) on November 3, 2020. A 1988 graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy, he served in the Air Force for 24 years and retired as a full Colonel in 2012. He's held positions in NATO, The Pentagon, and worked in 80+ countries. Rick is a former Commander at Andrews Air Force Base supporting Air Force One, was also the base commander of Eglin Air Force Base in Ft. Walton Beach FL...and later returned to the U.S. Air Force Academy (where he was a 1988 graduate) serving as Base Commander there as well. After

military retirement he was recruited to Naples as COO of Physicians Regional serving for 4 years and later was a senior executive at Avow Hospice. While in the military, he worked for two Presidents (Bush 41 & Bush 43), for General Schwarzkopf, and was the aide to an Air Force 4-star General for three years.

February 10, 2022

Pat Rutledge

Marco Island Historical Society

Pat is the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Marco Island Historical Society (MIHS). She and her husband, Ron, came to Marco Island 12 years ago after spending 40 years with a Fortune 500 Corporation. She retired as Vice President of Operations for the Financial Services Division of Pitney Bowes. Pat joined the Historical Society in 2012 first as a volunteer and then as a member of the MIHS Board of Directors in

2013 serving as Chair of the Marketing and Communications Committee. In 2015 and 2016, she served as Board President, Volunteer Executive Director and continued as Marketing & Communications Chair. From 2017 to present, Pat continues as the Historical Society's leader promoted from Executive Director to CEO in 2021.

Pat is a graduate of Leadership Marco Class XIII (13) and Greater Naples Leadership Class XVIII (18). She was named The Marco Island Eagle Volunteer of the Year in 2016. That same year Pat and Ron were recognized by the Noontime Rotary Club's Spirit Award for their contributions to the betterment of the Marco Island community. She also received the 2019 Collier County "She Made a Difference" Award as a woman who made a significant difference in Collier County.

Pat is a Past President of the Marco Island Noontime Rotary Club and was named Rotary District 6960 President of the Year – Small Club in 2019.

Speaker for March 10, 2022

Dr John Esposito

Reconciling Islam and Christianity

Peter Piro

We are seeking an individual to assume the responsibility of Program Director. Peter will be leaving the position April 1, 2022. He will assist the new director in understanding the process.

January 2022

Golf News



Chris Hansen, Golf Chairman

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GOLF NEWS: DECEMBER 2021

Al Bozzo shot his age, 83, at Hibiscus December 6th, parring 3 of the last 4 holes. Al birdied 2 holes with a 3 on #6 and a 2 on #12. **Congratulations Al!**

Jeff Dywan organized a low net handicap event for the group on Monday December 13th.

The winners in 3 Flights were: **Mike Mueller** in A Flight

Joe Atkin in B Flight

Jim Lavery in C Flight

Congratulations to the winners. The cost was just a \$5.00 entry for the 26 guys who played.

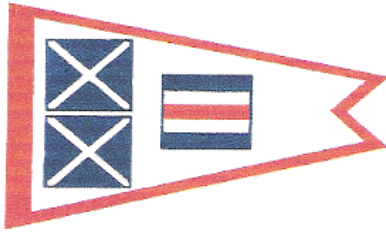
Thanks to **Jeff** for organizing this event and to **Tom McCullough** and **Ken Burnham** for their help.

My hope is to continue having these events.

MMC GOLF COORDINATORS WINTER 2022

January	Monday	Ron Bales	rpbmi@comcast.net	239-389-5587
February	Monday	Lou Makris	loumak42@aol.com	781-258-0456
March	Monday	George Vitta	golflover3@yahoo.com	586-942-8056
April	Monday	Tony Tomassone	tonytom_52@msn.com	610-937-2324

Chris Hansen



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2001: Ned Wright

2005: Wayne Boose

2009: Joe Varano

2013: Jack DeHanas

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