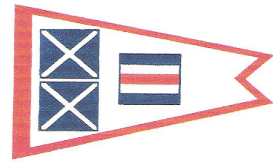


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I would like to quickly remind everyone that our **February** general meeting will be held on **Thursday, February 10th at 11:30 at Mackle Park**. Our speaker will be Pat Rutledge and her husband Ron, from the Marco Island Historical Society, who will be discussing a recent acquisition and restoration of a schooner associated with our island.

And there's more good news: **Coffee and donuts will soon be back!!!** I am excited to let everyone know about the change of location for our monthly general meetings. Beginning in **March**, we will be meeting at the **Marco Lutheran Church** on the **second Wednesday** of the month. By changing our venue, we will be able to have social time prior to our meetings. The meetings will begin at **10AM**. Coffee and donuts will be available for a bit before the meetings just as in the past. Our seating will be at round tables allowing for better interaction among our members. Come on out and let's get together again!

A "Thank You" goes out to **Warren Uhl, Don Lally** and the Hospitality Committee comprised of **Jerry Defibaugh, Rich Carlsen, Don Koppel and Derek Mullinder** for the delicious luncheon we had following our General/Annual Meeting on January 13th. The event was a celebration of Marco Men's Club's 30th Anniversary.

Pursuant to our By-Laws, we held our annual election of officers and the following were elected to one-year terms of office that will begin on May 1st:

President - Warren Uhl
Vice Presidents - Mike Ballenger, Tim Clune, Rob Reiley, Arne Sandberg, Dave Tobiasz
Treasurer - Rudy Landwaard
Secretary - Tom Kramer

I'm sure they will all do a great job in the coming year. Congratulate each of them when you see them, and give them a "Thanks" for stepping up to do the job.

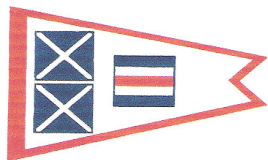
In addition, our event hosts have been doing a great job: **Jay Terzis** (Silver Alert-Marco Players), **Randle Grossman** (Michael Bolton-Artis Naples) and **Mike Ballenger** (All Decked Out and Someplace to Go - Davinci's Restaurant). These special events combined with our golf leagues, bocce ball league and various discussion groups produced a very active January. It is hard to attend everything that is available to our club members.

We would love to have more of our members participate as event hosts. Remember, that those men who are hosting events do get **perks** by way of expense reimbursement and they attend for free or at reduced cost for their efforts. We have very

detailed and easy to follow instructions on how to host an event on our website. Also, our board members are always willing to help, especially if this is your first time as a host. Take the opportunity to host an event that you would enjoy. You will have the gratitude of the club as well as a chance to meet and socialize with old and new friends.

In **February**, we have a calendar full of activities. There is the Winter Golf Championship at Hibiscus Golf Club; two Theater offerings; The Sweetheart's Ball at Hideaway Beach Club; and a Red Sox baseball game at Jet Blue Park. Check out the flyers on the website and sign up for the events you want to attend. Especially remember the **New Member Breakfast** on Feb.12th at Naples Lakes Country Club. You will be able to meet and get to know many of our new members and their spouses/guests. We had a wonderful meal and experience at our Holiday Party which was held at the same venue.

Jerry Swiacki



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Club News

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 .

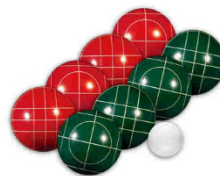
INVESTMENT DISCUSSION CLUB



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! We are in the 5th week of Play. Four teams are tied for 1st place, two on Tuesday and two on

Thursday. Team status can be found on the Bocce page of the MMC website, look for "weekly scoresheet". 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. Going forward, the regularly scheduled monthly meetings will be held on the 1st Wednesday of the month at CJ's 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

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

(Special Black Friday deal is no longer available)

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.

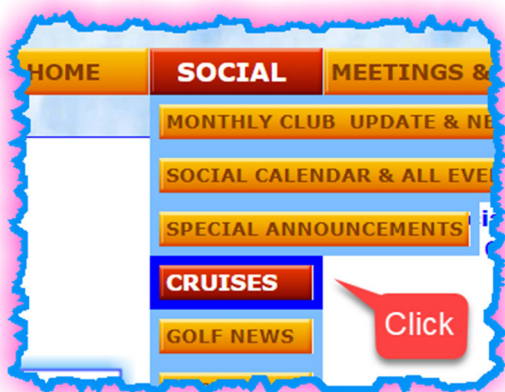
TO VIEW TRAVELEX INSURANCE COMPANY POLICY, please click on Travelex link:

<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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Speakers Calendar

Peter Piro, Program Director

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.

March 10, 2022

Dr John Esposito

Reconciling Islam and Christianity

University Professor, Professor of Religion and International Affairs and of Islamic Studies at Georgetown University, John L. Esposito is Founding Director of the Alwaleed Center for

Muslim-Christian Understanding and The Bridge Initiative: Protecting pluralism – Ending Islamophobia in the Walsh School of Foreign Service. S. Rajaratnam Professor of Strategic Studies for 2019, Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Singapore. Previously, he was Loyola Professor of Middle East Studies, College of the Holy Cross.

Past President of the American Academy of Religion and Middle East Studies Association of North America, Dr Esposito has been a member of the World Economic Forum's Council of 100 Leaders and the E.C. European Network of Experts on De-Radicalisation, a Senior Scientist for The Gallup Center for Muslim Studies, and an ambassador for the UN Alliance of Civilizations. He has served as a consultant to the U.S. Department of State and other agencies, European and Asian governments, corporations, universities and media worldwide. Editor-in-Chief of Oxford Islamic Studies Online and Series Editor of The Oxford Library of Islamic Studies, he served as Editor-in-Chief of The Oxford Encyclopedia of the Islamic World; The Oxford Encyclopedia of the Modern Islamic World, The Oxford History of Islam, The Oxford Dictionary of Islam, and The Islamic World: Past and Present.

Dr Esposito has published more than 55 books.

Esposito's interviews and articles with newspapers, magazines, and the media in the U.S., Europe, Asia, and the Middle East: The Wall Street Journal, The New York Times, The Washington Post, The Economist, the Guardian, the

Times of London, CNN, ABC, Nightline, CBS, NBC, and BBC. A native of Brooklyn, N.Y., he currently resides in Washington, D.C. with his wife Dr. Jeanette P. Esposito.

Peter Piro

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Golf News



Chris Hansen, Golf Chairman

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GOLF NEWS: JANUARY 2022

Mike Mueller shot his age on New Year's Eve, 68. **That is a big deal.**
Congratulations Mike!

Pace of Play: This is an ongoing issue. I've attached an article I read from the USGA online that can help us. Let's always play in 4 hours.

These are the highlights from the USGA article:

1. Hit when ready. Play ready golf.
2. Plan your shot before you get to your ball.
3. Keep your pre-shot routine short.
4. "Aim to play in 20 seconds", from club selection until you play your shot.
5. "When sharing a cart, use a buddy system". Drop your playing partner off at his ball and then go to your ball.
6. **Keep up with the group in front of you.**

<https://www.usga.org/content/usga/home-page/pace-of-play-resource-center/tips-and-suggestions-for-improving-pace-of-play.html>

The MMC 8th Annual Winter Championship starts Monday, 2/14 at Hibiscus. This is an individual low net event in two flights. The \$10 entry by CASH or check is due Wednesday, 2/9. **Jeff Dywan** in A Flight and **Jim Bahin** in B Flight are defending Champions.

GOLF PASS: **Tony Tomassone** is working on the 2022 South Florida PGA GolfPass program. If we get 25+ guys the cost is \$40; 10-24 guys it is \$45. This allows us to pay discounted prices at local country clubs from May through October for Friday golf. Look for an email from Tony about this.

From a conversation I had with Mark Canady at Lely recently, I do feel comfortable we will be back playing The Mustang on Monday 5/1 through 10/31, probably paying \$60, \$5 more than last year. We will lose two Mondays in May and two in June.

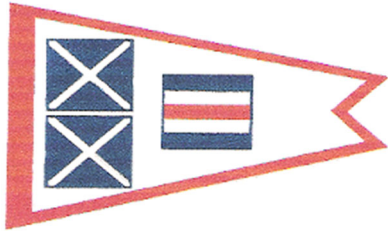
Spring Scramble: Eagle Lakes has tentatively agreed to an early shotgun scramble with lunch in their dining room after the event. The date is Monday, April 25, 2022.

New golfers to the group are always welcome! Contact the coordinator to get started and he will work you in.

MMC GOLF COORDINATORS WINTER/SPRING 2022

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
May	Monday	John Laird	jglaird64@gmail.com	920-366-4652

Chris Hansen



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