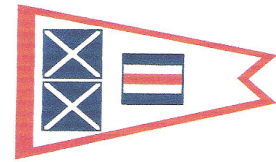


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The Marco Men's Club

Newsletter



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Sunday, February 20, 2022, I was enjoying a wonderful evening with my wife, Linda, and several close friends. We were at **The Sweetheart's Ball**. The food was great, the band was great, the venue was great and the company was fantastic. There were 136 people present and I finally felt that the Marco Men's Club was "BACK". To view photos from the **Sweetheart's Ball**, click on the following link:

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

In the past year we have had pretty good participation at our events despite the COVID epidemic. The 30th Anniversary Luncheon in January was well attended. Our theater events and luncheon/dinner parties have enjoyed good support. The golf and bocce leagues are full. However, it was not until Sunday night when I saw so many of our fellow club members on the dance floor, enjoying the evening with their friends that I felt that we had survived the worst and now we are as close to a "new normal". Thank you,

Ray and Candy Seward for a truly memorable night.

In the spirit of thanking people, February was a great month. **Randle Grossman** hosted *The McCartney Years* at Artis Naples. Senior Vice President/President elect, **Warren Uhl**, welcomed many new members at our annual New Member Breakfast at Naples Lakes Country Club. **Bill Flasche** has maintained the club's support of our local theater group by hosting an evening with the Marco Players at the Town Center enjoying the play *The Bona Dea Challenge*.

Jack Martin has stepped up to head our Sport's Committee and obtained tickets for the Spring Baseball game between the Red Sox and the Yankees. However, because of the owner/player dispute the game had to be cancelled. Another game is in question depending on how that dispute is resolved. Still, Jack has persisted and now we have the opportunity to attend an Everblades Hockey game.

Lastly, the Winter Golf Championship has just finished under the direction of Golf Chairman **Chris Hansen**. The winners are:

A Flight: 1st Place- Ron Bales
2ndPlace- Jim Smith
3rd Place- Dan Wolfe

B Flight: 1st Place- Tim Sullivan
2ndPlace- John Cunningham
3rd Place- Jim Malerba

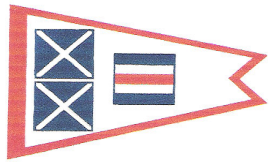
Congratulations to all of them!

March is looking to being a busy month. Check out the schedule and flyers on our website (marcomensclub.com) and plan to make arrangements to attend some of those events.

On **Wednesday, March 9th**, we will be holding our General Meeting at the **Marco Lutheran Church**. (**Future** monthly meetings will also be held on the **2nd Wednesday** of each month.) Dave Tobiasz and Tom Kramer will be our hosts. The meeting will begin at **10AM** and will feature our speaker Dr. John Esposito who will discuss “Reconciling Islam and Christianity”. Get there early to enjoy coffee and donuts. And don’t forget to sign up for the “**boxed lunch**” following the meeting.

I hope to see many of you there.

Jerry Swiacki



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Club News

COMPUTER/TECHNOLOGY CLUB

Computer/Technology Club typically meets the 3rd Thursday of the month at 11:00 AM at CJ's. 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

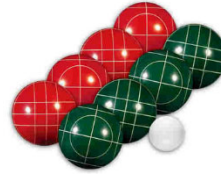


This is a gathering where opinions are valued, facts are appreciated and experience is not

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! In fact, we can see the end to another great season. As of March 1, we play the final round of regular

play. March 8 begins four weeks of double elimination tournament schedule. It is ever more important that players can get the next weeks play by looking on the MMC Bocce web page. It is also on the clipboards at the courts. Top teams: Tuesday, with 7 wins, Gary and Ann Vanic with Dave and Sandy Fuhrman. Thursday, with 6 wins Tony and Adele Meilan with Owen O'Shaughnessy and Warren Uhl.

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, March 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, has been **cancelled** and has yet to be rescheduled.

Everblades Hockey Game, Hertz Arena, Wednesday, March 16, 2022. For tickets and information, click on [Coming Event Flyers](#) on our club website. <http://marcomensclub.com/> 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

Club member and past President Randle Grossman was involved in a serious car collision on San Marco Rd. He was hospitalized for a period, but is now home recovering with wife Susanne. Please feel free to reach out to Randle and Susanne.

Best,
George Vitta
Please telephone **George Vitta** at 586-942-8056 or email

golflower3@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.

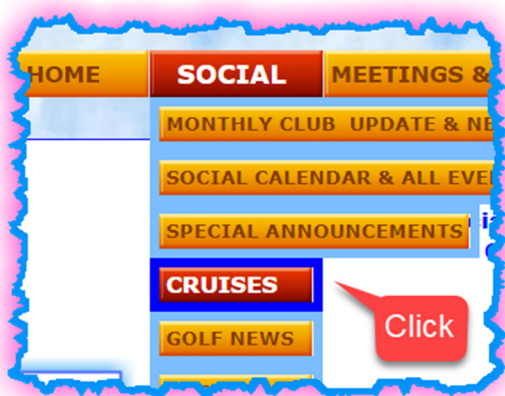
TO VIEW TRAVELEX INSURANCE COMPANY POLICY, please click on Travelex link:

<https://marcomensclub.com/ComingEvents2/998M-52nd-Caribbean-2022-03-TRAVELEX.pdf>

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

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

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.

April 13, 2022

Mr. Chris Byrnes
Marco Island Fire Chief

May 11, 2022

Ms. Linda Oberhaus

An update on the status of Domestic Violence and Human Trafficking in our community.

Gentlemen... This is a ‘Woman of Consequence’ and a speaker NOT TO BE MISSED! On Wednesday, May 11, 2022, the Marco Men’s Club is honored to welcome Ms. Linda Oberhaus as our guest speaker. Her topic will be as follows: **“An update on the status of domestic violence & human trafficking in our community.”** As attested to by the vitae below, Ms. Oberhaus is consummately qualified for the position she holds. This presentation will shine a bright light on the effects of domestic violence and human trafficking right here in Southwest Florida. With more than 30 years of professional experience in the human services field, Linda Oberhaus is the CEO of The Shelter for Abused Women & Children in Naples, FL. She has led The Shelter since 2007 as its Chief Executive Officer, and in 2021 became President of FPEDV, Florida’s new federally recognized domestic violence coalition. Ms. Oberhaus previously served as the Executive Director for the certified domestic violence center in Tampa, Florida.

- Harvard Kennedy School, 2012 Performance Measurement for Effective Management of Nonprofit Organizations
- Harvard Business School, 2009 Strategic Perspectives in Nonprofit Management
- Eckerd College, 2004 Leadership Development Institute

- MASTER'S DEGREE, Social Work University of South Florida 2000
- BACHELOR'S DEGREE, Social Work University of South Florida 1994

June 8, 2022
Mr. Mike McNees
City Manager Marco Island

STAY INFORMED! Come learn more about your community and what it takes to run it! The Marco Men’s Club welcomes Mr. Mike McNees, City Manager of Marco Island on Wednesday, June 8, 2022!

Mike McNees assumed the role of Marco Island City Manager on July 1, 2019. Before that he served as City Manager for Melbourne on Florida’s Space Coast.

McNees started his thirty-plus year career in public service in the early 1980’s when he moved from the private sector into an entry-level job in Collier County Government. 17 years later he left his position as Assistant Collier County Manager to become City Manager in Sarasota, Florida, a position he held for six years. He then moved to the mountains to become the first County Administrator of Blaine County, Idaho which covers 2800 square miles and includes the Sun Valley ski resort.

In 2009 Mike was recruited by a former associate to the position of Chief Operating Office for USA Track and Field, and a year later was unexpectedly

thrust into the Chief Executive Officer's role. In two years in that position, he took Team USA to the Pan American Games in Guadalajara, Mexico, and to World Championship events in Istanbul, Turkey and Daegu, South Korea, while negotiating the necessary contracts for the execution of the 2012 USA Olympic Track and Field Trials in Eugene, Oregon. McNees subsequently returned to public service in Melbourne in early 2013.

Mike is a native Hoosier who received a degree in Chemistry from Indiana University, where he was a Big Ten Conference Champion in track and field. He served as Assistant Track Coach at Louisiana Tech University while earning his Masters' Degree in Business Administration.

Peter Piro

March 2022

Golf News



Chris Hansen, Golf Chairman

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2022 Winter Championship

The results are in. Day 1 started out cold and windy, but other than that, we had nice weather. We had great competition, we struggled and we had fun.

Congratulations to our winner in A Flight, **Ron Bales**, and our winner in B Flight, **Tim Sullivan!** Congratulations to the great play of **Jim Smith** and **Dan Wolfe**, who finished 2nd and 3rd in A Flight, and to **John Cunningham** and **Jim Malerba**, who finished 2nd and 3rd in B Flight! The winner's names will be engraved on their respective trophies, which they will retain for the coming year. Thanks to all who participated.

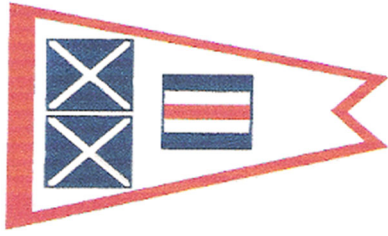
South Florida PGA GolfPass 2022: Thanks to Tony Tomassone for his work on this. Tony has set a deadline of March 1 for our discounted group purchase.

The **Spring Scramble** is set for April 25 at Eagle Lakes Golf Club with a shotgun start at 8:30 AM. The cost will be \$80 per person including lunch after golf. Winners and prizes will be announced at the event.

MMC GOLF COORDINATORS SPRING 2022

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|-------|--------|-----------------------|--|--------------|
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| April | Monday | Tony Tomassone | tonytom_52@msn.com | 610-937-2324 |
| May | Monday | John Laird | jglaird64@gmail.com | 920-366-4652 |
| May | Friday | Jeff Dywan | j.j.dywan@gmail.com | 219-718-9615 |

Chris Hansen



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