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## Letter from the President



The first phase of our Tower unit renovation project, all forty units in stacks 4, 5, 6 and 7, is now completed! What a challenge. What an ambitious undertaking. What an extraordinary end result! Feedback from resort management, input from staff and statements from on-site guests as well as correspondence from several owners indubitably articulate that the renovated units are absolutely stunning.

Phase I began on August 19, after numerous months of planning. However, as with any project of this magnitude, there can be delays as teams of construction crews hit the ground running and negotiated the initial learning curve. Regrettably, the completion dates were missed by two weeks for each stack. This unfortunately resulted in the relocation of some owners and guests to off-site locations. We thank everyone for the patience, understanding, and positive/cooperative attitude displayed as we made our way through this massive undertaking.

As noted, the renovated units are beautiful. They have exceeded our expectations and, hopefully, yours. The initial model, unit 107, did not have all the new furniture and total kitchen make-over. When one now enters a "new" unit, a completely renovated unit is seen, which includes all the upgraded elements of model unit 107 plus a new entry door, tile running the length of the unit, stainless steel sink, new fixtures, honey oak cabinets and CaesarStone counter tops. Wow! You'll also enjoy learning that all villa and Tower units will have the long-awaited Comcast wireless Internet service by year-end or shortly thereafter.

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Left: Contractors installed a hoist at the north corner of the Tower, for removal of debris and for bringing in new materials.



Right & Below: A multitude of skilled construction pros worked expeditiously to prepare the way for major unit upgrades.



Eagle's Nester Wayne Virkler, from Vernon, Connecticut, captured this brilliant photo of the sun's plunge into the Gulf of Mexico, while shooting from the resort's poolside deck.

# For Fun, Food and Small-Town Charm, Navigate to.... Marco Island!

The assignment for Rand McNally, in collaboration with *USA Today*, was to explore the best of small-town America, from sea to shining sea.

Eagle's Nesters won't be stunned to learn that this Best of the Road contest named Marco Island as one of America's most beautiful small towns.

It took 3 weeks and 25,000 miles for each of the five Best of the Road rally teams to motor across the USA, for in-depth visits to the towns which had been named finalists.



Marco Island's flag

Did Marco Island win the gold? Well, not this time, being edged out for 1st place by Sandpoint, Idaho. But it's a very special thrill to earn non-partisan ranking as one of the six most beautiful small towns in America.

So enjoy your Marco, as well as your own wonderful resort, all you Nesters! As Sandi Riedemann (Executive Director of Marco Island C of C) so aptly put it, "We're very proud .... There's lots to see and do here, all in a beautiful setting."

## Marco Farmers Market - - Just a Few Blocks from EN

After two highly successful seasons in greatly expanded lawn space in Veterans' Park, the Marco Island Farmers Market is lengthening its season and is open every Wednesday from November 2 through April 25. Hours: 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Scores of southwest Florida vendors have contracted for booths to offer farm-grown fresh fruit and vegetables, a wide variety of cheese, bread and other baked goods, shellfish and other seafood, honey, salsas, sauces and a dazzling array of fresh-cut flowers and plants. Several booths will feature scented and decorative candles and soaps. Jewelry and crafts will also be on display.

The Marco Island Strummers frequently offer their special brand of ragtime, river boat and Dixieland tunes from Tin Pan Alley days, as entertainment during the Farmers Market. This local band was formed in 1998 by 5 amateur musicians and now consists of 22 volunteer members.

The Farmers Market has proved a big hit with many Eagle's Nesters the past two years and promises a really fun shopping outing for you and your friends each Wednesday. Veterans' Park, site of the Farmers Market, is easy to find. It's on Elkcarn Circle, just off Bald Eagle Drive and down the block from Winn-Dixie.



## Letter from the President *continued from page 1*

Phase II of the Tower renovation project is scheduled to begin on April 27 with a completion date of June, 2012. Prior to year-end 2011, we plan to complete two villa models (2-bedroom and 1-bedroom,) for owners to visit and offer comments, as they did with unit 107 in the Tower. In 2013, the remaining twenty-four villas will be completed. When all is done, we will truly have a 5-Star resort, one that we, our children and grandchildren can be proud of for many, many more enjoyable vacations and memories.

We are all indebted to EN's Board members who, with vision and knowledge, "saw something special" in this task --- and also to our contractors, our engineering firm and our invaluable Eagle's Nest staff, all of whom did an outstanding job in adjusting to the renovation turmoil, keeping our owners/guests happy and going the extra mile to maintain professionalism and provide quality service to all our vacationers.

One thing I have discovered and have continuously learned over the years is that nothing good happens without a lot of hard work, support, planning and effort from numerous individuals. As such, I thank Wayne Gruber for his steadfastness, valuable past experience and helping to keep

us on track. I thank Tom Cockerell for his objectivity and identifying ways to improve the process as we move forward with the villa renovation project. I thank Sharon Bohrer for coordinating the interior design, colors and furniture.

And finally, a special shout-out to Fred Bathon, without whom we would not have our Phase I project completed with all its amenities and the quality workmanship we now see. I do not know many people who would be as committed as Fred. He was on-site for the Phase I project, representing all owners. He worked 10-hour days, received no pay, coordinated disputes and made sure we got "a model unit built to our best interests and specifications." Well done, Fred; truly appreciated.

The next time you're at Eagle's Nest, visit the new units when we can make them available. Visit unit 104 to see the new appliances that we are considering for installation in 2012. Most importantly, enjoy your time at Eagle's Nest knowing that we are progressing and shall continue to make and keep Eagle's Nest a 5-Star resort.

  
Bob Kelsey, President

# Nesters Need to Know

- Update on the long-awaited completion of the Judge S.S. Jolley Bridge construction: This \$25.5 million project has been completed and traffic flows freely, 2 lanes in each direction. This project was funded, in part, by Federal Stimulus dollars from the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act.
- Gate keys for access to the beach, without need to climb stairs, are available at the front desk. A \$25 deposit will be charged to your room and refunded upon your key's return, at the end of your stay.
- Your Association has several units, acquired by foreclosure, available for sale. This is a unique opportunity to acquire an extra unit for use or points. Owners with interest should contact Tom Schwartzburg in our lobby sales office, to make an offer.
- Need your feedback on a new idea – a “celebration garden.” Several owners suggested establishing a commemorative brick paver garden in a quiet section of our courtyard between the Tower and gazebo. Best guess on cost: \$80 to \$150 per brick. We will proceed on this only if there is considerable owner-interest (e.g., maybe 100+ commemorative bricks.) Interested?
- Courtesy counts: Use cell phones discretely in common areas.
- Courtesy counts: Don't “reserve” a poolside chair or lounge with your towel unless you are physically occupying it. Staff is instructed to remove any such towel after a 30-minute absence.
- Courtesy counts: 10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. is “quiet time” in the pool and both spas. A diagram of this poolside area is posted at the front desk and at the pool bar. Even a seemingly-sedate conversation can travel to the villas during the night air, which is why the Board recently adopted “quiet time” as a formal policy.
- As a convenience for both villa and Tower vacationers, a grocery cart and a vertical pull-cart are available from the front desk, to help you transport groceries to your unit.



- EN's “Holiday Tree” will once again grace the lobby this festive season. Owners are invited to hang a personalized ornament (with your name, alma mater, favorite sports team or ??). Send ‘em to Mona in time for tree-trimming at the first Monday Family Social following Thanksgiving.

- Please advise the front desk if you have handicapped or elderly guests staying in your unit. Your unit number will then be recorded on our red emergency clip board. During a general alarm, we advise Tower guests on this handicap list to wait at the north stairwell door on their floors (across from 07 units.) Villa handicap guests should vacate their rooms to the nearest safe stairwell to wait for emergency personnel. If the alarm is a true emergency, not a false alarm, we will give the clip board to the fire department, which will go to appropriate floors to rescue handicapped

guests. If it's a false alarm, our staff goes to those floors to advise guests they can return to their rooms.

- EN's lending library on the mezzanine (in the ping-pong/pool room) has a modest selection of books and magazines to borrow while you're here. Also feel free to bring books from home to donate to our small library.
- Mona and SandScript always welcome your “small world stories.” What cool stuff has transpired in your Marco or EN life that sparks of coincidence, chance or a twist of fate? Share your fun story with us – possibly we can use it in a future issue of SandScript.

## VACATION CALENDAR

The following Friday-to-Friday interval calendar for 2012 and 2013 is printed to help you plan your vacation.

Week//Year 2012	Week//Year 2013
1 Jan 6-13	1 Jan 4-11
2 Jan 13- 20 K	2 Jan 11- 18
3 Jan 20- 27	3 Jan 18- 25 K
4 Jan 27 –Feb 3	4 Jan 25 –Feb 1
5 Feb 3- 10	5 Feb 1- 8
6 Feb 10- 17	6 Feb 8- 15
7 Feb 17- 24 P	7 Feb 15- 22 P
8 Feb 24- Mar 2	8 Feb 22- Mar 1
9 Mar 2- 9	9 Mar 1- 8
10 Mar 9- 16	10 Mar 8- 15
11 Mar 16- 23	11 Mar 15- 22
12 Mar 23- 30	12 Mar 22- 29
13 Mar 30- Apr 6	13 Mar 29- Apr 5 E
14 Apr 6- 13 E	14 Apr 5- 12
15 Apr 13- 20	15 Apr 12- 19
16 Apr 20- 27	16 Apr 19- 26
17 Apr 27- May 4	17 Apr 26- May 3
18 May 4- 11	18 May 3- 10
19 May 11- 18	19 May 10- 17
20 May 18- 25	20 May 17- 24
21 May 25- Jun 1 M	21 May 24- 31 M
22 Jun 1- 8	22 May 31- Jun 7
23 Jun 8- 15	23 Jun 7- 14
24 Jun 15- 22	24 Jun 14- 21
25 Jun 22- 29	25 Jun 21- 28
26 Jun 29- Jul 6 *	26 Jun 28- Jul 5 *
27 Jul 6- 13	27 Jul 5- 12
28 Jul 13- 20	28 Jul 12- 19
29 Jul 20- 27	29 Jul 19- 26
30 Jul 27- Aug 3	30 Jul 26- Aug 2
31 Aug 3- 10	31 Aug 2- 9
32 Aug 10-17	32 Aug 9-16
33 Aug 17- 24	33 Aug 16- 23
34 Aug 24- 31	34 Aug 23- 30
35 Aug 31- Sep 7 L	35 Aug 30- Sep 6 L
36 Sep 7 – 14	36 Sep 6 – 13
37 Sep 14 – 21	37 Sep 13 – 20
38 Sep 21 – 28	38 Sep 20 – 27
39 Sep 28 – Oct 5	39 Sep 27 – Oct 4
40 Oct 5 – 12	40 Oct 4 – 11
41 Oct 12 – 19	41 Oct 11 – 18
42 Oct 19 – 26	42 Oct 18 – 25
43 Oct 26 – Nov 2	43 Oct 25 – Nov 1
44 Nov 2 – 9	44 Nov 1 – 8
45 Nov 9 – 16	45 Nov 8 – 15
46 Nov 16 – 23 T	46 Nov 15 – 22
47 Nov 23 – 30	47 Nov 22 – 29 T
48 Nov 30 – Dec 7	48 Nov 29 – Dec 6
49 Dec 7 – 14	49 Dec 6 – 13
50 Dec 14 – 21	50 Dec 13 – 20
51 Dec 21 – 28 C	51 Dec 20 – 27 C
52 Dec 28 – Jan 4 N	52 Dec 27 – Jan 3 N

### Holiday Codes

- P = Presidents' Day
- E = Easter
- M = Memorial Day
- \* = 4th of July
- L = Labor Day
- T = Thanksgiving
- C = Christmas
- N = New Year's Day
- K = Martin Luther King Day

# Who's Who at Eagle's Nest

Two decades ago, a 15-year old Lely High School sophomore named Mark Beatty paid a visit to Eagle's Nest, hoping to land a part-time job. And he did so, teaming up with John Fornes, who for years managed the Beach Hut, EN's Marco Beach water sports concession.

Tugging at your memory once more, remember Bruce Bell? He was EN's recreation director for 15 years and the first to operate our pool bar luncheon service. Mark would occasionally help Bruce out at noon and the flip side of that relationship would be a free Bruce-burger for Mark. One hand washes the other, as they say . . .

Mark was born in a tiny town in Scotland, to parents Adrian and Hilary Beatty. He has an older sister, Elizabeth, who now resides in Tampa and a younger brother, Patrick, in St. Augustine. Mark's mom and dad, originally from London and Ireland respectively, now live in Orlando and are planning to relocate to St. Augustine. Mark's first ten years were in England, Ireland and then Miami, when his family shifted across the pond.

In the mid-'80s, the Beattys vacationed on Marco Island, fell in love with early development and future plans for Eagle's Nest and purchased multiple timeshare weeks here. In fact, Adrian was elected to the resort's Board of Directors and served six years, 1988-93. The family enjoyed Marco so much they eventually bought a full-time residence here in 1990.

As a youngster, Mark had been a paperboy, delivering the Eagle to homes on Marco Island. During his high school years, Mark's part-time job at EN, coupled with culinary training by his mom, a gourmet cook, and restaurant stints at Konrad's, Arturo's and the Hilton left little time for team sports and most other extracurriculars, although he did enjoy playing the trumpet. But high school proved mostly a study-and-work chapter.

Mark moved to Europe three days after graduating from Lely, for culinary arts and business studies at Regional Technical College in Dublin. He earned degrees in both.

College years – and those shortly thereafter – provided Mark an opportunity to use his Eurail pass for relatively frequent, low-budget European travel in England, France, Ireland, Italy, Austria, Belgium and Spain. No other continents, though, as we all know most college kids are usually broke. Mark figures Australia might be next, perhaps as soon as 2012.

After graduating from college, Mark moved to England, then to France, where he earned his degree in baking and pastry arts at the acclaimed Le Cordon Bleu. Following these studies in France, Mark moved back to America and became head chef for 3 ½ years at Fiddler's Creek's grill/restaurant. His entrepreneurial streak then surfaced and he established his own bakery business, The Black Truffle, in Marco. During its five years, The Black Truffle was recognized as the #1 chocolate company



in Florida for four consecutive years, this award based on baking creativity, taste and appearance. Even then, Mark continued his part-time involvement with Eagle's Nest.

A man of many interests, Mark finds real estate an intriguing field. He has earned his real estate state license and is doing quite well, considering the limited time he can devote to it, in view of his full-time responsibilities at Eagle's Nest.

On the personal side of things, TV is not big on Mark's agenda, although he enjoys Food Network TV. Not tooting his own horn, Mark is nevertheless proud he's presently being auditioned to participate as a

contestant on The Next Food Network Star. He also really digs Seinfeld (there'll never be another Jerry Seinfeld!) and likes comedy and sci-fi flicks on the big screen. With his early years in Miami, Mark remains a Dolphins fan. He enjoys jazz a lot – actually likes all varieties of music, from classical to Sinatra. When queried about politics, Mark observed he's middle-of-the-road. Who's the best candidate?

Not surprisingly, with his European upbringing, Mark's sporting interests peak with soccer and rugby. He also plays a little golf, occasionally tries his luck in Las Vegas, likes sail boating and goes fishing with his brother (guess who catches the fish vs. who cooks 'em?)

Again on a personal basis, Mark has pitched in for deserving non-profits, like the Marco Island History Museum, donating his culinary talents at various functions. He is also a fund-raiser for St. Jude's Children's Hospital in Memphis and the American Cancer Society.

Following his circuitous voyage through college, across Europe and, ultimately, in the world of business, Mark returned to Eagle's Nest with a full-time schedule in 2003. He's a very familiar presence to all of us, whether it be manning the front desk, brightening Tuesday evenings with movies/popcom, lending a helping hand to Rosalie or the rec staff, or even assisting Nesters wrestling with problems in the computer room. Mark is always ready, always willing to help.

When asked who was most influential in his life and career, Mark made immediate reference to his father (business expertise) and mother (culinary pursuits.) He also saluted his uncle Walter, a life-long Irishman who took Mark under his wing in the early days, squiring him across the Emerald Isle and sharing his knowledge of the hospitality field, insight which still pays dividends in Mark's business days at Eagle's Nest.

Here's **Big News** for Mark's many Eagle's Nest friends: One might describe Mark as a Renaissance Man, multi-talented and multi-dimensional in his interests. Mark is now back to school again, in a manner of speaking. Only this time he's zeroing in on citizenship studies, with his final exam in mid-summer, 2012. **Mark will then become an American citizen!** Yea for Mark!

## HALLOWEEN Happenings



Who woulda guessed the town of Voorhees, NJ would be home to a devil princess, a pop diva, a surfer, Minnie Mouse, a ninja and a circus ballerina? Here they stand, in their Halloween finest: Sophie Ferguson; Danielle, Jacob & Michelle Hoppenfeld; and Benji & Michele Ferguson.

Halloween at Eagle's Nest traditionally means trick-or-treating by the kids. Lotsa treats, judging from the Mercurio girls' goodie bags, so no mischievous tricks expected from Veronica, Mary or Annie, who live in Lake in the Hills, IL.





Photo credit: Bill & Judy Friedman

## For Whom the Bell Tolls: It Tolls for Thee .... and Me .... Because It's Lunchtime

Granted, lotsa EN families don't need a reminder when the clock's about to hit 12:00 noon. Still, the June 4 installation of Eagle's Nest's ship bell at the poolside bar offers a friendly heads-up to "Come 'n get it" for the day's casual, tasty and inexpensive noontime treat.

EN owner Mike Achterberg from Rhode Island overheard rec coordinator Mary Kirkum brainstorming how to quickly spread the word that lunch is ready. On a visit to West Marine, a popular retailer of sailing and water sports equipment, Mike spotted the handsome brass bell shown here --- and it's now the newest addition to EN's poolbar.

Mary and Mike happily give the white cord ringer a yank here.

It merits mention that our resort's ship bell will also help our vacationers know of the start of pool activities --- plus any potential danger from an electrical storm.

## Miles of Smiles at FUN BUNCH

Fun Bunch is pure magic if you're an Eagle's Nest kid 4 years or older. Under the guidance of recreation coordinators Mary Kirkum, Gwen DeCrow and Ryan Aites, Fun Bunch is EN's kids' camp on M-T-W afternoons for 1 1/2 hours, plus shellcraft on Thursday and Saturday. \$10 per child.

The menu of fun includes arts and crafts, relay races and beach excursions, where they might create sand castles, do some sand coloring or play with water balloons. Not only is this great fun for the little ones, it also gives mom and dad a "time out" to relax and enjoy themselves.



With warm personalities and upbeat attitudes, Mary, Gwen and Ryan are an ideal match for the kids' enthusiasm and bright outlook on Marco life. Miles of smiles above, with girls and boys showing off the faces they painted on their pumpkins. L-R, Olivia Leone, Maggie Clark, Amelia Leone, Emma Kerr, Noah Kerr, Darrah Mohlberg, Reilly Kerr and Aidan Mohlberg. The Leones are from Baltimore, the Kerrs from Howell, NJ, the Mohlbergs from Arlington, VA and Maggie Clark from Shrewsbury, MA.

## SAND DOLLARS

*Are They the Money of Mermaids, Washed Up  
from the Deep, as Legend Says?*

Ah ... no. So don't take one to your bank; banks have enough trouble these days.

In actuality, sand dollars are echinoderms (a type of invertebrates,) spiny-skinned creatures which live in sandy shallows, sea grasses and just off the beach, under thin cover of sand.

Many Eagle's Nesters enjoy collecting white or off-white sand dollars, one to four inches in diameter, as they wash ashore daily. Such white, smooth sand dollars are not alive; they are shells, the fragile, rigid skeletons (called exoskeletons) of once-live sand dollars. These shells are fine to save.

Nancy Richie, environmental specialist for the City of Marco Island, reminds us that live-shelling is illegal on Marco Beach, as well as across the State of Florida.

Live sand dollars have a strikingly different appearance. A felt-like, densely-packed coating of fine brown to dark purple spines covers live sand dollars and hides their star designs. These spines, or tiny tube feet, gather plankton and carry this food to their mouths, a chewing apparatus in the center of the sand dollar, called Aristotle's Lantern. The holes or notches in live sand dollars help them to sink into the sand, for protection. In quiet waters, these flattened animals stand on end, partially buried in the sand. When waters become rough, they stand their guard by lying flat or else burrowing under the sand.

Nancy Richie offered this rule-of-thumb: If you have to dig into the sand to extract sand dollars, they are most likely alive. And they're off-limits to shellers, who should concentrate on the abundance of once-live sand dollars, now bleached by the sun and awaiting eagle-eyed collectors on Marco Beach, all the way north to Tigertail. Happy hunting!

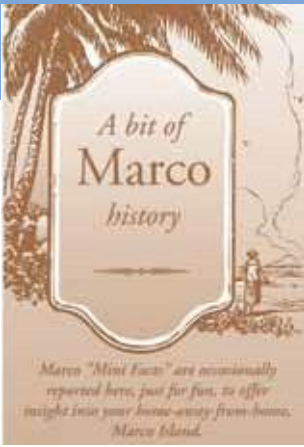


This guy is  
OK to collect.



This guy isn't.  
Leave him  
(her?) alone.

# Early Days in Modern Marco

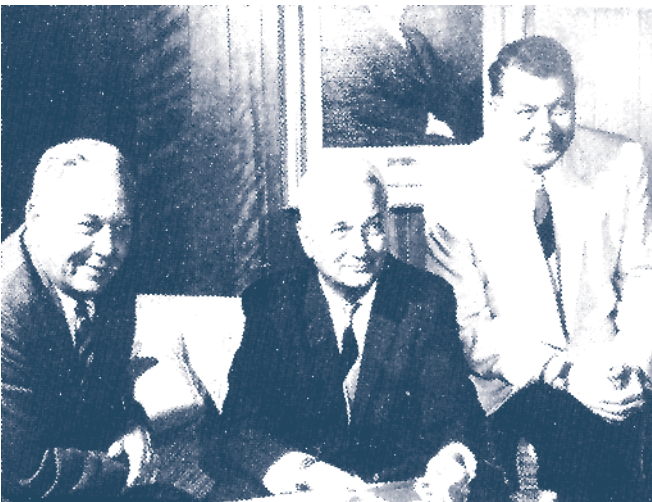


Envision a nearly deserted, swampy island off the south Florida coast. The year was 1962, only 49 years ago. Mosquitoes owned the air. The mainland was only approximately ¼ mile away, but the lone connection was over an ancient swing bridge, operated by hand.

That's the Marco Island to which the Mackle brothers and

their Deltona Corporation were introduced. Yet they agreed – let's go for it.

During development-planning stages, the theme for Marco became one of Deltona's first major decisions. Herb Savage, chief architect, remembers that debate among key corporate executives centered on whether buildings should reflect Polynesia or the Bahamas or Bermuda or the Mediterranean – should the theme be Spanish, Italian, Greek or what? Herb was enthusiastic and persuasive about using Hawaii for



*Elliott, Frank & Robert Mackle. Builders of Marco Island.*

Marco's theme – the Mackles concurred – so Herb and Emily Savage were dispatched to Hawaii for a whirlwind tour, to absorb the tropical atmosphere and return with South Seas ideas.

It was this venture which inspired so many of Herb's wonderful buildings: the original Island Country Club; Marco's first yacht club; Deltona's sales and administration headquarters on San Marco Road; and what many believe to be his architectural masterpiece – the Marco Beach Hotel (now the Marco Island Marriott Resort – can you imagine, however, it had just 50 rooms?)

Behind the creation of the Marco Island Country Club was the fact that golf was a sport the Mackles really enjoyed. They also insisted that a recreation facility was a 'Must' for an island as isolated as Marco. So Herb designed his Polynesian village-styled country club. It opened in 1966 as a public course with 9 holes and served as the island's premiere amenity for Deltona's sale of single family homes and condos.

The club's first golf professional was "Champagne Tony" Lema and, upon his untimely loss in a private airplane accident, the Tony Lema Memorial Tournament was established in his honor. It was commonplace to find golfing greats like Gene Sarazen, Arnold

Palmer, Sam Snead, Billy Casper and Ken Venturi rubbing shoulders there with other high-visibility supporters like Richard Nixon, Perry Como, Jackie Gleason, Johnny Unitas, Mickey Mantle, Peter Faulk and Johnny Bench. In 1981, Gene "The Squire" Sarazen became the club's resident golf pro, a title he enjoyed until his passing in 1999.

In 1986, a group of 400 Island Club members purchased the club from Deltona, thus creating Marco's only private country club. The Island Club has since survived two fires of significance, the biggie being in 1993, causing complete reconstruction of the clubhouse. The financial misfortunes of the Mackle brothers and their Deltona Corporation were also devastating. But the Island Club has, indeed, survived – beautiful and still a popular sports and dining venue for members.

A little-known fact about the club is its charitable work. While Gene Sarazen was acting as the honorary pro, the Sarazen Foundation



*Late 1960s press release photo: Across the lush green fairways of the magnificent Island Country Club, homes designed for resort and leisure living dot the shores of one of the man-made lakes at this new Florida community. Just 100 miles west of Miami, Marco Island is being developed by the Mackle brothers. Perched on the Gulf of Mexico, in the background, is the Emerald Beach condominium, the community's first high-rise apartment building.*

was established, with donations directed to various charitable causes. Following Gene's death, club members founded the Island Club Foundation, to continue these good works. In the past decade, they have contributed \$1.1 million to charities. The club was recently the recipient of a Rotary Club "Spirit of Marco" award, for this marvelous record.

In totality, Marco Island has come of age. People still pause to watch the sun dip into the Gulf of Mexico each evening in a blaze of purple and orange, just as they've done for centuries. But it's a new Marco now, one which promises to continue to be Eagle's Nesters' magic vacation getaway for years and years to come.

The Mackle brothers would be proud ...

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Vacations offer the perfect opportunity to escape from the rat race, to rejuvenate your spirit and to recapture those aspects of life you truly prize.

Beyond the fun of Marco Island, Eagle's Nest owners are able to expand their vacation options via exchange privileges offered through membership in Hilton Grand Vacations Club.

Club membership enables members to capitalize on the Club's unique relationships with distinctive leaders in the travel industry. The variety of vacation benefits offered can fulfill your individual travel style and your sometimes-changing leisure preferences. Perhaps you'd like to discover the colorful treasures of Mexico ... enjoy a chartered sailboat or river barge ... bicycle through the scenic wine country of Europe ... tour America on a spacious RV ... or explore foreign ports of call on a spectacular cruise.

Sound inviting? Simply check with your EN vacation counselor, Tom Schwartzburg -- or give him a buzz at 239-394-5167 (extension 3091.) Tom's wife, Suzanne, had been a sales associate, but recently retired and is enjoying other personal interests, like painting. We're going to miss Suzanne, but Tom is a trained professional, well versed in the vacation lifestyles of both Eagle's Nest ownership and membership in Hilton Grand Vacations Club.

The Club invites you to explore a broad range of flexible travel adventures ... and, while we're confident you'll enjoy them, we look forward to your returning home to the familiar comfort of Eagle's Nest!

## The Elusive Green Flash

"We saw the green flash!" This is a comment seldom heard, but often speculated upon by sunset aficionados in southwest Florida. With Eagle's Nest's superlative view of the waterfront setting sun, the controversy over the famous green flash never ceases.



Mariners from a time-gone-by believed that a green flash following sunset was God gathering the souls of shipwrecked sailors. A more scientific explanation is that green flashes are optical phenomena which occur shortly after sunset or before sunrise, when a green spot becomes visible above the sun, usually for no more than a second or two, or a green ray shoots up from the sunset point. The legendary green flash is most likely to be seen in clear air, when more of the light from the setting sun reaches the observer before being scattered. The green flash is also most often viewed over a distant horizon such as a large body of water or a flatland desert.

Commercial airline pilots often remark that, with a cruising altitude of 33,000 to 38,000 feet, a green flash is frequently visible at sunset. Airline flight crews generally have the clearest, least obstructed vantage point from which to behold this phenomenon.

For us ground-bound enthusiasts, hoping for a green flash, the ideal sky will be perfectly clear, with no clouds all the way down to the horizon. Then, combining the proper atmospheric conditions with an attitude for adventure and just a little luck, we might get to say, "We saw the green flash!"

*Credit: Marco Island Area Chamber of Commerce*



## Give Your Hair Some Tropical Flair!

Colorful hair braiding by KnotHead, for twins Evie and Erin, in the Eagle's Nest gazebo, with dad (Dave Detlefsen) overseeing the beauty treatment. The Detlefsens live in Northfield, IL.





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## Would You Like to Serve on EN's Board of Directors?

The elective terms of two members of the Eagle's Nest Board, Bob Kelsey and Wayne Gruber, are scheduled to conclude in March. Thus the upcoming election, at EN's Annual Meeting on March 19, 2012, offers the opportunity for other owners to become involved in the future of their vacation home, as Directors.

Eagle's Nest owners are encouraged to share their knowledge, talents and ideas through service on the Board. Terms of office are three years. Board meetings are held three times annually at the resort and Directors are expected to attend all sessions. Travel expenses are reimbursable.

All EN owners are automatically voting members of the Eagle's Nest Home Owners Association and are eligible to stand as candidates for the Board of Directors. So keep a watchful eye for the Board of Directors Candidate Form, which is included in the December mailing of maintenance fees/real estate taxes.

Striking floral arrangements enhance Eagle's Nest's Collier Boulevard frontage, with color-color-color, beginning at the entry sign, with its classic Mediterranean look. Our own Claudia Phoenix snapped this photo.

