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Letter from the President

After serving on your Eagle's Nest Board of Directors for the past few years, it's both humbling and exciting to now be elected by the Board as your new Association President. I sincerely hope this, my first President's Letter, exhibits the sense of determination and highly positive attitude which I feel.

Most assuredly, the last three or four years have been challenging and, at times, frustrating but, overall, they have been extremely rewarding, coupled with a sense of significant pride and accomplishment.

As you know, Eagle's Nest is undertaking a major, time-sensitive and aggressive state-of-the-art unit renovation project – its largest such endeavor since the resort opened its doors in the early '80s (villas in late 1982 and the Tower in '84.) This project has been in planning stages for a number of years. Certainly it was not taken lightly and innumerable hours have been invested examining all the options, beginning with identification of outdated, leaky plumbing (approximately 30% of the unit renovation cost) and culminating in creation of Tower model unit 107. Highlights of the model include new plumbing, plumbing fixtures, bathrooms, a walk-in shower in the MB, American-made wood cabinets, CaesarStone countertops, crown molding, tile floors, carpeting, dining and living room furniture, lamps, A/C cut-off switches and numerous plugs and receptacles.

Many of you Eagle's Nesters have viewed the model and wholeheartedly endorsed what you've seen there. Some of you have also provided viable and very specific recommendations which, to the best of our ability, will be incorporated into the final design, while staying within our budget. Our sincere thanks go to all who took their vacation time to visit the model and offer valuable ideas and input.

What was not available for owners to view in the model was the renovation as it applies to kitchens. This aspect took additional time to evaluate but, in the end, it was judged far more reasonable and cost-effective to replace kitchen cabinets while workmen dismantled the kitchens, removed existent cabinetry (with some predictable damage during the process) and replaced the plumbing.

Thus unit kitchens will additionally include new, solid wood cabinets (made in the U.S.A.), stainless steel sinks and CaesarStone countertops. Time didn't permit having new cabinets installed in time to display them in the model. You would wish to know this new cabinetry is included in the special assessment which, as you know from the recent assessment letter, is \$395 per unit week.

The timing and planning for completing this major undertaking are critical and complex. Nevertheless, we believe we have done a lot of the "heavy lifting" during the evaluation period, by finalizing the design, writing specs, selecting a well-qualified and professional engineering/construction firm and establishing engineering and management oversight.

The renovation schedule is as follows:

- Phase one to start on August 19 and be completed by October 14, 2011 for stacks 4, 5, 6 and 7-- all units from floors 10 - 1.
- Phase two to begin in April/May, 2012 and be completed by the end of June, 2012 for stacks 1, 2 and 3 -- all units from floors 10 - 1.
- A villa model will be completed by December, 2011 and another villa model shortly thereafter. Thus both 1 and 2-bedroom villa units will be modeled.
- In 2013, the remaining 24 villas will be completed.

When the renovation of Tower and villas has been completed, we will have a truly wonderful resort – a 5-Star resort which owners will be proud of and which will continue to offer memories for all, including our children and our grandchildren, for many, many years to come.

I want to acknowledge and thank Wayne Gruber, whose leadership has shepherded this project, Fred Bathon and Sharon Bohrer, who headed up the design, Mitch Moore, who provided guidance, resort manager Mona Fohlbrook and chief maintenance engineer Jack Kiper, who added additional amenities and Jeff Anderson of Karins Engineering. This has truly been a team effort, which involved substantial time, effort and planning. Thank you all for a job well done. Well done, indeed.


Bob Kelsey, President

*Color, color, color greets Eagle's Nest vacationers,
in bright floral arrangements across
the front of our resort, along Collier Boulevard.*



Who's Who at Eagle's Nest

Over the past two decades, one of Eagle's Nest's most popular personalities has been Claudia Phoenix. Claudia is a ray of sunshine to all, from the wee ones to retirees, with her bright smile and professional/customer-friendly demeanor being marvelous assets in a service business where first impressions create lasting memories.

Claudia's New England roots revert back to Bristol, CN where, even as a youngster, she was a "do-er," first as a papergirl delivering the *Bristol Press* and, later, a Rexall drug store clerk during her teens. Claudia's character and leadership qualities didn't escape her classmates, either, as they elected her president of their high school class.

She had a boyfriend, too, a young fellow named Wes, whom she still calls her sweetheart and best friend; they've been married 31 years. They soon welcomed a son, Leigh, onto the team. One of Claudia's early ventures in child-care was in managing a daycare center in Bristol.

Claudia and Wes decided one winter to flee the Connecticut cold and their travels brought them to Marco Island, where they stayed at the Radisson, now the site of Marriott's Crystal Shores. Marco proved a terrific "fit," so they moved here 22 years ago, for warm weather and because of Wes' health-related issues (he lost his leg in a hunting accident, having fallen from a tree stand.)

A year later, Claudia met Bruce Bell, then EN's recreation director, at a cocktail gathering. Bruce's brother, Brian, who was on EN's rec staff, had just accepted a different job, so Bruce needed to replace him – and Claudia needed a job. Bingo! They worked together for nine years. To illustrate what goes around comes around, Brian is now back at EN, on the front desk team.

When Bruce left Eagle's Nest to invest full time in his Rookies Sports Bar, Claudia was promoted to rec director. Not long thereafter, she and a friend also partnered-up in a Naples bridal shop named Tie The Knot.

Besides leading EN's recreation department, Claudia's activities were expanded in spring of 2006, to join Rosalie Engskow in overseeing our Resort Store's operations. They've been a first-rate combination: good friends plus black ink for the store.

Claudia was then promoted to EN's Assistant Resort Manager in September, 2010, and loves her new job, giving much credit to her mentor, Mona Fohlbrook.

On a personal note, Claudia and Wes still enjoy the Marco home they bought years ago. It's an easy, 2-mile commute from EN, which she travels by bicycle or, more often, in her Honda Civic.



Education has always been a high priority for Claudia. She graduated from Edison Community College and has taken night school courses at Florida Gulf Coast University, aiming toward a Bachelor's degree. Only a few credit hours remain ahead but, as is evident from her on-the-go schedule, they'll just have to wait a bit.

She's extremely proud of Leigh, her and Wes' 30-year-old son, who graduated from Florida State and has subsequently earned two Master's degrees, including his PA from Nova

University, which prepared him for his responsibilities as a physicians' assistant.

Claudia's personal interests are many and varied, with helping coordinate Wes' medical needs being foremost. Many Eagle's Nesters are conscious that medical challenges have come Claudia's and Wes' way. They're private people, but the "short form" is that Wes confronts a rare blood disease, while Claudia is a cancer survivor.

One person's labor is another person's fun. Home improvement projects are a favorite in the Phoenix household. Claudia says Wes is now the supervisor --- so can you imagine Claudia laying tile floors, building their deck and getting knee-deep into plumbing issues? They just love renovating and Claudia likes to quote her mom, "You can do anything as long as you have a good attitude and a good set of instructions."

Claudia also enjoys quilting and crafts and is big into crossword puzzles, even the weekend *L.A. Times* and *N.Y. Times* (no peeking, Claudia.) She sorta roots for the Red Sox and Patriots because Wes does, and she is definitely a UConn and Seminoles fan. Claudia likes reading the classics, watching new-release movies and tuning in all kinds of music. There's little time for TV, but home improvement films, *Modern Family*, *30 Rock* and *Parks & Recreation* are toward the top of her list.

Busy, busy, busy. That's what life has been like for years for Claudia and Wes. Now, however, they've discovered a wonderfully-quiet form of relaxation they've grown to love – bird watching in their back yard.

When asked who has been most influential in her life, Claudia quickly pinpointed her parents, both of whom passed away in 2010. So different, one from the other: her mom an extrovert, talkative, very engaging; her dad a quiet, patient, gentle man. Both helped shape Claudia's warm personality, solid work ethic and upbeat attitude. Certainly these attributes have been integral to Eagle's Nest and all our owners, young and old, throughout Claudia's 21 years at Eagle's Nest.



Holy Mackerel! Sand Sculpture Looked Like the Real Thing!

September, 2010 saw the spitting image of Jaws, prostrate on Marco Beach --- but fear not! Here's "the rest of the story"

Del Howard, an EN owner vacationing from Fall River, MA with his brother-in-law, Bill Bartleson, from Wind Gap, PA, embarked on a fishing expedition one morning – and Bill got lucky. He tangled with a trophy-size fish for 40 minutes, only to have the line finally snap. But was that the story's end? Oh, no.

Turned out Del is a highly skilled sand sculpture artist, who enjoys creating wonderful, lifelike sculptures on Eagle's Nest's beach. Del figured if they couldn't catch "the big one," then he'd take matters into his own hands. Literally. Some people build castles out of sand, but Del constructed a giant, sand-sculpted mackerel shark, colored it grey and named it Marco Mako, in honor of all the big ones which somehow get away. Took a bit longer than 40 minutes, too!

Nesters Need to Know... About New EN Parking Policies

After years of monitoring and tracking our guest parking history and as a result of losing our free, off-site parking at Charter Club of Marco Beach®, available to EN owners for the past 10+ years, the Board of Directors has revisited our parking policy. Effective May 27, 2011, a new parking policy will be implemented.

- All units will receive one free, on-site parking pass at check-in.
- A limited number of additional on-site passes will be available for a fee of \$12.50 per vehicle per day/night (credit card payment in advance).
- Specific areas of EN parking lot will be identified as designated "Paid Parking" spaces.
- Security will be on-site to direct you to the proper spaces. Hourly parking lot surveillance will be performed to ensure pass compliance. Cars found to have expired passes will have charges applied accordingly, to the credit cards left on file when the passes were issued. Violators without passes will be towed.
- A limited number of partial-day passes will also be available at a rate of \$5 per hour (credit card payment in advance) with a maximum fee of \$12.50. The first 4 hours will be free if you are visiting a guest or having a business meeting with a staff member and your pass is validated with a signature by a front desk employee. These spaces have likewise been identified as "Paid Parking" spaces.

Through negotiations with the Charter Club of Marco Beach®, we have also arranged for continued off-site, overnight paid parking, as availability permits and at the discretion of the Charter Club Board of Directors and management.

Our new parking policy will not only provide a systematic and fair method for all to choose from, it will also secure our property for use only by Eagle's Nest registered guests and their limited number of invitees. The fees collected for parking at Eagle's Nest will be posted as revenue to your Association and may be used for future parking improvements.



Easter Egg Hunt at EN

A busy day for the Easter Bunny! The magic bunny made friends easily, as witness Mr. Bunny's brand-new pals, Chase Vanini (Londonderry, NH,) Chloe Hansen (Newburyport, MA,) Chloe Flint (Dublin, OH,) Katie Ogden (Holderness, NH) and Casey Hansen (also from Newburyport.)

"Royalty" at the Eagle's Nest

Sundays at Stan's Idle Hour restaurant in beautiful, downtown Goodland are always a kick and sorta wild. But the annual Mullet Festival, in its 27th year, was like the Super Bowl for this tiny fishing village.

An estimated 5,000 fun-lovers flocked to Stan's over January's 3-day Mullet Festival, enjoying fried and smoked mullet, nonstop country music by the Buzzard Band (oh yeah, loud) and plenty of beer and other good stuff. The Buzzard King himself, octogenarian Stan Gober who acts like he's 25, frequently mounted the stage to share songs and jokes.



The Grande Finale of the weekend's festi-

The joy and exuberance of winning!

ties was the 20th annual Buzzard Queen Contest. Eight lovely potential Buzzard Queens took the stage and danced, while Stan rocked the house with his composition from decades ago, "The Buzzard Lope." Outrageous costumes and high energy were the order of the day --- feathers, ribbons, the brightest colors imaginable. Dancing the Buzzard Lope, everyone twirled and bounced around, wings flapping and tail feathers flying, with smiles aplenty for the enthusiastic gathering.

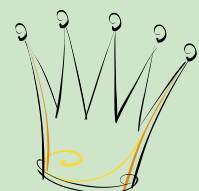
An informal applause meter – the cheering of the crowd – gradually honed down the number of remaining contestants until, finally, there was one. Stan then cheerfully announced the winner of Buzzard Queen 2011 to be a beautiful Eagle's Nest vacationer, Alane Summers, from Indianapolis.

Alane's mom and dad, Megan and Stu, were in the jubilant crowd with good friends Tom Ludwig and Alice Harrington, long-time Eagle's Nesters and neighbors from Valparaiso, Indiana.



Buzzard Queen Alane Summers, relaxing with Buzzard King Stan Gober.

All hail the Queen!



Editor's note: Real feathers were not used in Alane's costume.

Synopsis of Annual Meeting

The 2011 Annual Meeting was held at Eagle's Nest on March 14, at 2:00 p.m., on the resort's mezzanine level. Association President Wayne Gruber called it to order. In attendance were all EN Board members and Hilton Grand Vacations (HGV) staff including Mona Fohlbrook – Resort Manager, Claudia Phoenix – Assistant Resort Manager, Lael Kilpatrick – Regional Director Resort Operations and Riki Martin – Executive Assistant and Acting Recording Secretary.

A sign-in sheet was circulated for owners present to sign, instead of a formal roll call. There was a call for outstanding proxies. A quorum was established and the 2010 Annual Meeting minutes were approved.

Manager's Report

Mona thanked the Board of Directors for their support and volunteer time. She also thanked the Eagle's Nest staff for its commitment to the property. She stated they have done an excellent job this year in keeping costs low, while providing quality service. A review of past projects included:

- Completion of flat screen TV installation in 1-bedroom villas.
- Completion of Tower and villa walkway restoration and screen enclosure/handrail replacement at walkways.



Mona Fohlbrook, Resort Manager, briefs the assemblage on EN projects.

Board of Directors Report

Mr. Gruber introduced the Board of Directors to EN Association members:

Mitch Moore is VP of the Board and today concludes his 3rd term on the Board. He stated EN is facing a challenging time and the job of the Board overall is to maintain EN as a premier resort. He thanked the owners, resort management and the Board of Directors, saying it was a pleasure to serve on the Board.



EN Director Fred Bathon brings owners up to date on all the upgrades in unit renovation.

Fred Bathon has completed his first year on the Board and has been very involved in the design and construction of the model unit. He invited owners to view the model unit after today's meeting. Fred said the Board has done everything possible to keep the project cost down, while maintaining quality, and has planned for more efficient use of Association dollars by including in project specifications such cost-saving features as CFI lighting and an A/C shut-off control for the lanai sliding doors.

Bob Kelsey is Secretary/Treasurer and has completed his second year on the Board. He is considered the Board's financial counsel. He stated that EN is beginning its first renovation of

this magnitude in our 29 years. The 3-year project will include both the Tower and villa renovations. In the fall of 2011, 39 Tower units will be completed in stacks 04 through 07 of all floors; one model villa will be installed in December. In spring of 2012, 30 Tower units, stacks 03 through 01, plus one more villa model will be completed. In 2013, the remaining 24 villas will be done. Bob said this construction plan will require a one-time special assessment of \$395, due in May, 2011.



Resort finances was the subject addressed by Bob Kelsey, Secretary/Treasurer.

Sharon Bohrer has served on the Board of Directors for 14 years and is very involved with choosing furnishings for unit renovations. She reminded the owners that everything they enjoy is paid for by the owners and we are not subsidized, so every decision is made with detailed consideration, to assure that we best meet the overall needs of the property.



Sharon Bohrer, Director, talks things over with EN owners.

Wayne Gruber stated that most of our attention has been on the upcoming unit renovations. However, another very important issue in 2011 will be the renewal negotiations of EN's management contract with Hilton Grand Vacations for the years 2012 through 2014. Wayne also thanked the other four Board members for their hard work and support during the past year of his Board presidency.



Association President, Wayne Gruber, chaired the meeting.

Mona then presented a token of appreciation to outgoing Board member Mitch Moore, in recognition of his efforts over the years.



In recognition of 3 terms of Board service, Mitch Moore was presented with a driftwood replica of EN.

Financial Report

This was presented to the Board at its morning meeting:

A recap of the year's activities:

Operating cash	\$1,526,319
Reserve cash	\$ 482,048

4CDs, 100% guaranteed by FDIC, earning an average of 2.67%, ranging from less than 1 year to 5 years, totaling \$482,099.

Total operating revenue	\$3,245,348
Total operating expenses	\$3,078,485
Excess (deficiency)	\$ 166,863

Beginning operating deficit balance, January 1, 2010. \$(28,624)	
Interfund transfer to reserves	(126,000)
Ending operating fund balance, December 31, 2010 ...	\$ 12,239

Resales Report

2010

Number of weeks sold	84
Dollar volume	\$659,268

YTD 2011

Number of weeks sold	21
Dollar volume	\$202,900

2011 Budget

The budget was ratified, as advanced by the Board of Directors.

General Discussion

Q. Why are the rental rates lower this year?

A. When the decisions on rates were made this past June, the Gulf oil spill had taken place and vacationers were afraid the oil was on our beaches. The rates were reduced to attract more rentals.

Q. Why was the time changed for the Annual Meeting?

A. The time change allowed more time to complete the morning Board meeting.

Q. Is Eagle's Nest still an RCI Gold Crown resort?

A. Yes.

Q. Are there any plans for boardwalk replacement?

A. We are working on getting that moved up on the schedule for replacement sooner than 2017.

Jon Udell stated that a lot of credit has been given to Hilton Grand Vacations for the EN personnel and the cleanliness of the resort. That credit should go primarily to Mona, who is the one who hires the staff and oversees the property. Jon credits HGV for the hiring of Mona and Lael Kilpatrick, both of whom do a great job for the owners.

Teller's Report

There were 1,447 unit weeks represented by voting, both in person and by proxy, out of a possible 4,800 unit weeks, which represents 30% owner response.

Waiver of Statutory Funding of Reserves

There were 1,328 votes to waive the statutory funding of reserves and 107 votes not to do so. Waiver of statutory funding of reserves was therefore approved and reserves funding will remain at the level approved in the 2011 budget.

Election of Director

There were 6 candidates seeking election to fill the single seat available on EN's Board of Directors. The candidate receiving the highest numbers of votes was Tom Cockerell, who was elected to serve a 3-year term. Appreciation was expressed to all owners who participated in the election process and to those who attended the Annual Meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.



Owners packed the resort's mezzanine, for EN's Annual Meeting.



What's That Funny-Looking Gadget on the Wall?

With all the beautiful renovation taking place at Eagle's Nest, there's one major improvement which gets little attention. It won't win any beauty contests, but – who knows – it may save lives.

Shortly after New Year's, an automated external defibrillator (AED) was installed in a prominent position beside the lobby's front desk. An AED can be a life-saving device for people at risk due to sudden cardiac arrest, shocking the heart back into a normal rhythm.

In the United States, 500,000 die annually from heart attacks --- 2/3 before victims reach hospitals. The national survival rate for heart attack victims is 2-4% and it's estimated that chance of survival drops 7-10% for every minute without defibrillation and CPR. So every minute counts. What AEDs do for victims is simply to buy the time for the real pros (paramedics) to arrive and take charge.

The subject of defibrillation was judged timely at EN especially because of the advancing age of our owner-population and the high incidence of cardiac arrest (heart attacks) among seniors.

Are AEDs tough to use? They're simple --- a recorded voice track inside the AED actually talks a person through usage. Taking that a step further, literally anyone can use it and its centralized location at the side of the front desk allows easy access to all.

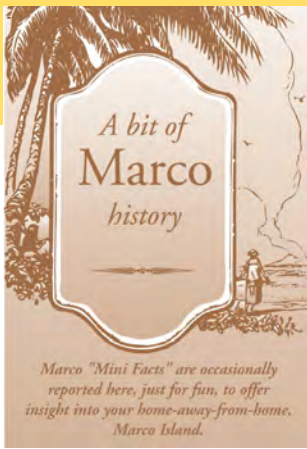
A question was asked recently whether EN should locate another AED near the pool bar. It was learned that an AED cannot be used when the victim is in contact with a metal or wet surface, or has wet skin, so there are no plans to install a pool bar AED.

Hopefully our AED will never be needed by a guest at EN but, if that day does come, we have the equipment which could make all the difference.



Front desk staffers Betty Arriaga and Mark Beatty are "all smiles" as they pose beside EN's new AED.

THE BAD OLD DAYS *For Florida's Feathered Friends*



What price high fashion? Between 1880 and 1910, Florida's wading birds were brought to the brink of extinction, to decorate ladies' hats.

Following the American Civil War, a revolution in garment making positioned high fashion fabrics, designs and accessories within the reach of the average American woman.

The invention of the sewing machine, advanced manufacturing techniques and synthetic dyes played key roles. Additionally, the rise of retail and mail order giants like Sears & Roebuck and Montgomery Ward contributed to reduced cost, increased availability and broader selection.

Women's hats became elaborate creations featuring bright feathers, then birds' wings and, ultimately, whole bird skins with glass eyes, nesting within voluminous curls of satin and silk ribbons. To complete her ensemble, milady might also carry an alligator purse and wear buckskin gloves and a fur "wrap," to ward off any chill. The toll on wildlife to supply this trade was enormous, with many species nearing extinction.

An international network of hunters, brokers and retailers quickly grew to exploit this financial bonanza. To impoverished pioneers of south Florida, plume-hunting was perceived a natural extension of living off the land.



Very pretty. Except if you're the bird.

Most wading birds nest in rookeries, which are large breeding colonies often found on mangrove islands in the Everglades. Plume hunters capitalized on this high concentration of birdlife. Most adult birds would fly off after hunters' first shots, but could be counted on to return later. Hunters simply found concealed locations and waited – the birds never had a chance.



Bye, bye birdies.

Shooting adult birds and leaving the nestlings to starve or become vulnerable to predators quickly depleted bird populations. Yet back in the 1880s and '90s, few people really believed that indiscriminate hunting would seriously impact "inexhaustible" bird populations numbered in the hundreds of millions.

In the 30 years between 1880 and 1910, which made up the worst of the feather trade, an estimated 150,000,000 birds were killed in Florida alone. Egrets were a prime target because of their elegant plumage, especially during breeding season.

The millinery industry employed 83,000 people (one out of every 1,000 Americans) and vigorously opposed legislation to halt the killing of birds, fearing the loss of many jobs. The creation of the Audubon Society was directly related to wading birds being relentlessly slaughtered by plume hunters seeking financial gain. Besides acting to protect remaining rookeries from further decimation, the Audubon Society mounted a campaign to acquaint women with the down-side of feather-fashion. Regulatory committees were established to audit millinery sales in key markets. The American public was beginning to understand.

On May 25, 1900, Congress passed the Lacey Act, banning shipment of wild animals and birds from one state or territory to another. This was the first effective weapon against plume hunters – but it limited activity only within the U.S. Overseas demand continued to fuel this illegal trade. Several species were hunted to near-extinction (e.g., Flamingos, Reddish Egrets and Roseate Spoonbills.)

It was passage of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918 that effectively ended the plume trade. Additionally, conservationist lobbying of the Florida legislature helped shift enforcement of wildlife protection laws from private citizens to state game wardens. Laws in Florida and other states were given teeth and stiff fines were levied against violators.

Population of some bird species remains low. Reddish Egrets currently number 800 adult birds in Florida; Flamingos are virtually nonexistent; and Roseate Spoonbills, down to 30 in Florida in 1939, have mounted a slow recovery. The population of Great Egrets in Florida has rebounded, however. In 1953, the "Great Egret in Flight" was chosen as the symbol of the National Audubon Society.

Continuing to monitor the well-being of Florida's bird population remains a MUST, both for the Audubon Society and for the general public. We've seen how it can be done wrong. And we now know it must be done right.

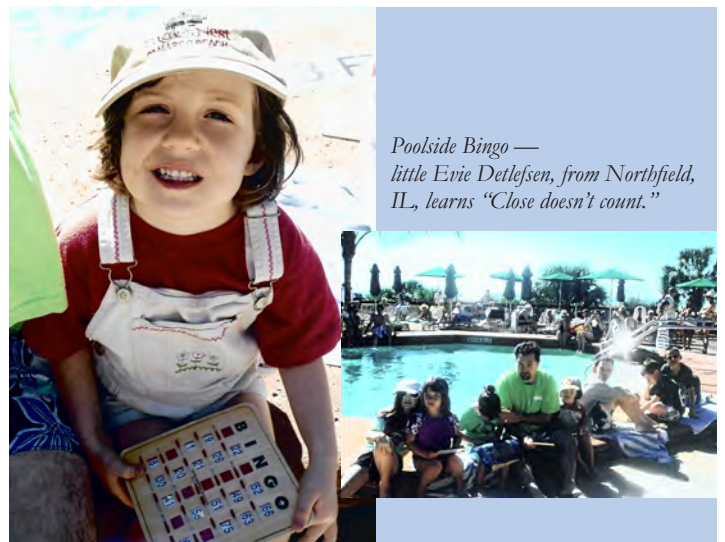
SandScript's editor thanks the Collier County Museum and, in particular, David Southall for content of this story.



150,000,000 wading birds were slaughtered in Florida by plume hunters.



The Snowy Egret, a prize treasured by the turn-of-the-century millinery trade.



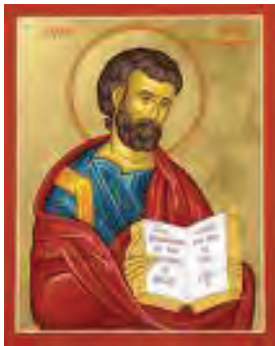
Poolside Bingo — little Erie Dettlefsen, from Northfield, IL, learns "Close doesn't count."

How Did Marco Island Get Its Name?

The origin of the name 'Marco Island' offers a history lesson which dates back thousands of years before the birth of Christ, when warlike, seagoing Calusa Indians were its sole inhabitants. This tribe thrived on the abundance of clams, mussels, oysters and other seafood. Carbon dating of artifacts unearthed from clam and oyster mounds indicates that the Calusa made Marco home some 5,000 – 6,000 years ago. These ancient Native Americans believed their island to be sacred because hurricanes, which came howling up from the Caribbean, spun counter-clockwise and always seemed to mystically detour past this landmass.



Spaniards, in search of gold, jewels and silk, were the first Europeans to stumble upon this island – the largest of the Ten Thousand Islands – in the mid-1500s. It contained two cool, artesian springs located near what we know today as Caxambas Pass, on the island's southernmost tip. For three centuries, this served as a popular stop for traders and explorers to fill their casks with fresh water, for their return trip to Spain. Not coincidentally, this also became a favorite hunting ground for pirates of the Gulf, who plundered countless vessels laden with treasures of gold, silver, precious gems and spices. While the notorious Golden Age of Piracy occurred in the 1700s, pirates plied their trade along southwest Florida shores as late as the 1870s.



Sailors eventually named this barrier island "La Isla de San Marco" – the island of Saint Mark, the Christian evangelist who authored the Second Gospel of the New Testament. As years passed, the name of this site shortened to San Marco Island and, finally, just Marco Island.

Credit: Marco Island Area Chamber of Commerce

Hi! It's Lunchtime and I'm Back!



A regular noontime visitor, week after week in February. Never a pest; didn't snatch poolside burgers; preferred a menu featuring a few geckos. This egret proved a real ham, for EN photogs.

Mining for Silver in Orlando

At the American Resort Development Association's annual meeting in Orlando in March, Eagle's Nest's *SandScript* was awarded a silver medal in competition for recognition as the finest timeshare newsletter in the nation.

Eagle's Nest is no stranger to lofty praise. As our resort opened its doors in 1982, its unique design of pool, spas and landscaping received top honors in a nationwide competition sponsored by the National Spa & Pool Institute.

In 2002, EN's new web site (www.eaglesnestmarco.com) won the ARDA silver medal, competing in the category of timeshare resort web sites. The following year, 2003, it was *SandScript* which won the silver in newsletter competition. *SandScript* proved a winner again in 2004, this time capturing the gold medal and adding to Eagle's Nest's tradition of excellence in communicating with resort owners.

Now *SandScript* has once again earned high praise by ARDA as a silver medal winner. This is another meaningful thumbs-up for Eagle's Nest from a highly respected voice in the timeshare resort industry. EN owners can take great pride in this tribute.

SUPER BOWL SHENANIGANS



Mary Ann Martin, an Eagle's Nest guest from Schofield, Wisconsin, was outnumbered at our resort pool bar, but not on the gridiron, where her Green Bay Packers squeaked by the Pittsburgh Steelers 31-25. EN rec coordinators and Steeler fans Ryan Aites and Gwen DeCrow look happy here, but this was before the game.

Long-Awaited Wireless Internet Arriving Soon at EN



At the Board of Directors meeting in March, approval was granted for Eagle's Nest to enter into a

contract with Comcast for high-speed Internet service. Resort manager Mona Fohlbrook is working with Comcast to finalize contractual details.

If all goes as expected, EN should have reliable wireless Internet service available in all Tower and villa units sometime this summer.





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Meet your Eagle's Nest Directors

Wayne, Fred, Sharon, Bob and Tom share a smile and a sunny day, following this year's Annual Meeting.