

### **President's Letter**



Sharon Bohrer, President

As bad as Irma was for Marco Island and Eagle's Nest, it could have been so much worse. I had many owners contact me after Irma hit – all with concern for their resort. In the first 48 hours following the storm, detailed inspections were underway to accurately assess the damages. This

was difficult for all involved in light of the post-hurricane disruptions from storm-related problems – like hours in gas lines controlled by state police, National Guard patrolling for safety from looting and enforcement of the curfew, while no electricity, no water, for staff and contractors dealing with damage to their own homes. The modern communications from social media wanted fast answers and much misinformation was spread by individuals prior to all facts being obtained by the association and management. Once factual information was obtained following completion of the initial assessment, an emergency Board conference call meeting was held and it was agreed to update the Eagle's Nest website with the actual facts and, in time, a goal opening date was established.

We can be so thankful we are managed by Hilton and that we have the STAFF we do. Hilton started the ball rolling right away with remediation teams who had been waiting in the wings along with our own maintenance staff who were on site the morning after the storm had passed. It was then all hands on deck and everyone pitched in!

It will always be our home away from home and our owners have not changed, but it will take a while to get back to normal. We will still meet our friends, order from the pool bar, enjoy the pool and hot tubs, walk the beach, play bingo, plan our dinner arrangements, etc. Life at Eagle's Nest will go on! Thank you Hilton (Neil Hutchinson), Mona, Claudia and the rest of the staff for their hard work and determination to get our resort open as soon as possible.

Sharon

# On the Road to Recovery From Irma's Winds & Water



Dave DeCrow, Chief Maintenance Engineer, props up a closet door blown from the tower.

They say pictures are worth a thousand words and, in addressing recovery from a Category 4 hurricane, words are hard to come by. Let's give it a try.

September 10 was a dark, troubled day for Marco Island and for Eagle's Nest resort. The ferocity with which Hurricane Irma hammered the Marco shoreline and across the island prompted weather experts to equate Irma to monster storms like Andrew (SE Florida in '92) and Marco's own Hurricane Wilma, which shuttered our resort for over four months a dozen years ago.

The violence of Hurricane Irma as it walloped Eagle's Nest was punishing. At first blush, our storm-related challenges seemed chiefly with destroyed landscaping and wind-swept roof tile. Indeed, both were badly damaged.

However, comprehensive examination of our resort property by restoration/renovation professionals confirmed that the lion's share of EN damage resulted from driving winds and rain. Room-by-room inspection disclosed that walls, woodwork and carpeting were soaked in the majority of units, as well as on our tower mezzanine level. Severity

differed from unit to unit, depending on the whirling wind and rain, as they battered our buildings hour after hour.

#### Specifics of impact on Eagle's Nest by Hurricane Irma:

- •Significant water intrusion throughout, with the majority at our unit guest bedroom windows.
- •Extensive damage to palms, shrubs and other plantings. The tall vegetation offering EN privacy from the Marriott and Ocean Beach resorts was destroyed. Severe salt and wind-burn to vegetation property-wide.
- Grounds and common area lighting and signage damaged or blown away.
- Damage to our buildings, including fallen ceiling near the tower's 10th floor elevators; cracked walkways and railings along tower corridors; terra cotta villa tile fragments loose on villa rooftops and scattered across our grounds.
- •East and west sides of our tennis court fence were blown over.
- •Telephone service was lost intermittently, for weeks.
- •Various repairs were needed to mechanical and electrical components of the building.



10th floor corridor -broken-down railings, screens gone, cracked walkways.

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#### Irma Continued...

It obviously became necessary to close the resort for an indefinite period of time, to re-group and address recovery needs. There was no energy shortage among our pros at Eagle's Nest. Staff members had evacuated to areas near and far, but returned unharmed - and ready to go to work. They plunged in, lending their helping hands

The road to full recovery continues to be lengthier than we would like and our vacationers will find their "Home Away from Home" to be a work in progress. Because of the magnitude of the storm



Palms lining EN's southern boundary are now merely stalks of what they'd been before.

and the many areas throughout Florida recovering from the effects of Irma, contractors and materials are in short supply or unavailable for many weeks. The most frustrating element in this process has been the disruption such closure brought to EN owners whose vacation plans were thwarted by Irma and its aftermath.

We at Eagle's Nest are grateful to the owners who were with us during our shut-down, week 35, for their orderly evacuation from the island. Your timely departures allowed EN staff to properly secure the grounds and buildings in preparation for this rare hurricane-closure of Eagle's Nest, that occurs only every decade or so. Orderly evacuation by vacationers also allowed staff and emergency personnel the time needed to secure their own homes prior to the event.

We are also grateful to the many owners who sent warm thoughts our way through cards, emails, texts, Publix and Winn-Dixie lunches, Chicago pizzas and home-baked cookies for EN's staff to enjoy on their breaks from cleanup of the resort. (By the way, everybody wants the recipe for that last batch, with the M&M's.)

Most of all, we are grateful for all that Irma left for us, as we returned. She left our buildings to repair, our beaches to clean and - most important - she left intact the love for Eagle's Nest that so many owners, staff and management alike share for our little piece of Paradise.



Ceiling smashed to the floor, beside tower elevators.



Tall vegetation used to separate EN from the JW Marriott. Irma stripped it nearly bare.

# Forever Friends



Annie Lorensen and Chloe Arnold met for the first time when they were three and two, respectively, on holiday with their families at Eagle's Nest. Like so many EN owners, they formed a friendship which has lasted a lifetime.

Literally an ocean apart, with Annie from West Virginia and Chloe from Yorkshire, England, they have grown up looking forward to their annual times together at Eagle's Nest, when Chloe would bring an assortment of "holiday treats" from

England, to share with her Funbunch friends. Even as family dynamics change, the girls - now 26 and 25 still manage to dovetail their schedules together, to vacation with one another as they did again this year, when Annie and her mom hosted Chloe at their favorite resort, so the girls could continue their tradition of making magical EN memories.



What is a friend?

A friend is a person who is for you always. She wants nothing except that you be yourself. She is the one with whom you can feel safe. With her, you can utter your heart, its goodness and its concerns. A friend is an impregnable citadel of refuge in the sometimes-strife of existence. It is she who keeps alive your faith in human nature, who makes you certain that it is a good world. She is the elixir of hope and the tonic for depression. Give to her your own friendship, without reluctance.



#### HOW WERE YOU FIRST INTRODUCED TO MARCO ISLAND AND EAGLE'S NEST?

#### Raul & Maria Delgado from Lima, Peru



A quarter-century ago -- Rodrigo, Raul, Jr & Raul, Sr.

Raul and Maria have graced Eagle's Nest with an international flavor ever since they "discovered" vacationing in SW Florida in 1989.

Raul was born and raised in Lima, received his undergrad degree in engineering from Lima National University and his master's as a civil engineer at Georgia Tech in 1968. That same year, he met Maria, a native of Santiago, Chile, whose family had just

moved to Lima.

After working for several years in Washington D.C. for Bechtel, a leading engineering/construction firm, Raul's entrepreneurial spirit called him home to Lima, to establish his own business. CESEL Corporation quickly hit high gear and today it employs 800 people in 11 divisions in Peru and six other Latin American countries. Lima is a huge city, with population estimated at 8,852,000 and CESEL is a large consulting and engineering firm with projects across a wide range of industries. In Raul's words, "Customer service and relations with others prove vital in our business, as we are in the services arena, where capacity, capability, empathy and deliverance according to expectations are critical."



The Delgado men, 10 years later

The Delgados' timing of Jan/Feb for vacations stems from reasons totally opposite from those of many Eagle's Nesters, who are escaping bitter winters up north. Peru is in the southern hemisphere, so Raul, Maria and family come to SW Florida as an avenue of avoiding Lima's

very hot weather.

Having first vacationed in Orlando and along Florida's east coast, the Delgados sparked to a friend's suggestion that they explore the Gulf coast. So off they went to Sanibel – guess what, they bought 4 timeshare weeks. Finally, Marco Island – bought weeks 5 and 6 at EN and 11 more including: Hawaii, Orlando and Cancun. What a package – and SW Florida has been their 6-week vacation ever since.

Eagle's Nest has been a basic ingredient in the Delgado children's leisure lifestyle. They're all grown now

and the boys are deeply involved in CESEL Corporation, with Raul, Jr. serving as Executive VP and Rodrigo the manager of its commercial division. Daughter Daniela is a clinical psychologist, with her own practice. She has a master's degree from University College of London. Claudia is CFO of the largest finance corporation in Lima, after earning her MBA from Harvard.

Raul and Maria point out that the time they spend in Marco, Sanibel and Cancun, with fixed timeshares, brings them back year after year to friends they enjoy. They like the feeling of a home away from home, not being rushed out to see new places. They like making plans to go out to dinners, maybe catching a movie, perhaps watching soccer (their favorite team sport) on TV. Lots of time with family and friends, which they believe is EN's foremost feature.

When Raul was asked who have been the most influential people in his life, he stated, "Both of my parents and my wife, without any question. During their lives, every day was an example to imitate. They gave me education, Christianity and ethical and moral values. They introduced me to good friends and showed me how to succeed, socialize, share with others and love others. Having spoken with Maria about this, she feels likewise."

More thoughts from Raul, "The things we like about Marco and EN are the easygoing lifestyle and the people. We have made a lot of friends at the resort and we've known their families and children since they were little kids, who used to play with ours."

Continuing – "The resort's appearance is great and, of course, we recognize the effort of the staff and members of the Board to try to maintain its classy look and not let it deteriorate. We enjoy the layout and architecture, the sunsets and walking/swimming along the beach. If we put all these things and the island's restaurants together, Marco and Eagle's Nest combine into a very special place for our vacations and we look forward to being able to keep going for many years to come."



Hail, hail, the gang's all here -- Raul, Jr., Daniela, Raul, Sr., Maria, Rodrigo & Claudia.

# Parks and Wildlife On and Around Marco Island

Marco Island, the largest of Florida's Ten Thousand Islands, is surrounded by a unique ecosystem and exceptional wildlife and vegetation. Three of the Gulf Coast's "must visit" nature parks are just a short hop from Eagle's Nest:

- •Rookery Bay Reserve. Located between Marco and Naples, with 112,000 acres of nearly pristine mangrove forest, uplands and protected waters. In the mangroves, you'll find 150 species of birds (including bald eagles, osprey and pelicans,) fish (mullet, snapper, snook,) deer, bobcats, snakes and tortoises. Ideal setting for boating, sportfishing, sailing, hiking and bird-watching. Guided kayak tours in the morning boat tours in the afternoon and evening. Programs run November through April. Reservations: RookeryBay.org.
- •Collier-Seminole State Park. 10 miles east of the SR951 and US41 intersection is this 6,400 acre mangrove preserve, which is home to alligators, American crocodiles, manatees and sooo many birds even an occasional panther and black bear. There's a 13-mile canoe trail and a 6-mile hiking trail here.
- •Everglades National Park. One of the largest parks in the USA, with its 1.5 million acres of wilderness serving as habitat to an abundance of wildlife. Many years ago, the Everglades were regarded as just a big swamp. Today it offers a dynamic fabric of terrestrial and aquatic plant and animal life, enjoyed by the public along Everglades' roads, foot and canoe trails and wilderness waterways.

Here's an update on several species of wildlife commonly seen during your Eagle's Nest visits:

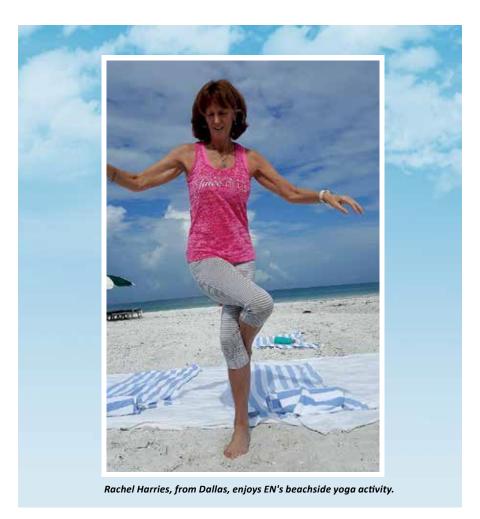
- •Loggerhead sea turtles. Marco's 2017 turtle season, May 1 through October 31, has been the most successful in years. 121 turtle nests were documented on Marco beaches, a major jump from last year's 79, according to "Turtle Mary," Marco's affectionate nickname for Mary Nelson, Collier County sea turtle monitor.
- •Burrowing owls. Nests for Marco's charismatic, little burrowing owls are scattered among the island's empty lots and are easily spotted, being roped off with twine, with a T-perch near the burrow's opening. They are the only species of owl which nests underground. Nesting and hatching season is February 16 July 15 and, this past season, over 220 such locations were posted and monitored. 119 pairs produced chicks, with clutch sizes varying between 2 to 7 offspring. They do not migrate and life span ranges 5-9 years.
- •American bald eagles. Two pairs of eagles presently call Marco home, one nesting near Tigertail Beach and the other at the Island Club, a private golf club. They reside there year-round, tending to nest in the same trees for years and continually building their nests, which weigh roughly 1,000 pounds and measure 6-8 feet in diameter. Nesting season runs October 15 May 15, with two chicks per nest, per season, on average. Young eagles, called fledglings when they're able to fly, generally remain close to where they were born and will usually have a lifetime of 25-35 years.
- •Black skimmers and least terns. With more people living and playing along Florida's shoreline, population of these beach-nesting birds is challenged. Least terns are a "threatened species," while black skimmers are judged a "species of special concern." Both are protected by the Florida Fish & Wildlife Commission.





Medieval times, it seems, were suspicious times. When nobles gathered for social events, each person would pour a little bit of wine from his or her own cup into the cups of others -- this was a way to ensure that no one was poisoning the drinks.

The tradition continues today (with less suspicion, one would hope) when people clink glasses during a toast.





The elective terms of two members of Eagle's Nest's Board of Directors, Sharon Bohrer and Dennis Schueler, are scheduled to conclude in February. Thus the upcoming election, at EN's Annual Meeting on Tuesday, February 6, 2018, 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 twice annually at the resort and Directors are expected to attend both sessions. Travel expenses are reimbursable.

Candidates for the Board may submit an 8 ½ x 11 page on which to describe their perceptions of Eagle's Nest's short-term and long-term challenges and opportunities, plus their backgrounds, experience, knowledge and talents which would enable them to productively serve on the Board. Candidate biographies must be received no later than December 1 by Riki Martin, Hilton Grand Vacations, 599 S. Collier Boulevard -- #113, Marco Island, FL 34145. Or email rimartin@hgvc.com or fax 239-389-2448.

### **VACATION CALENDAR**

The following Friday-to-Friday interval calendar for 2018 and 2019 is printed to help you plan your vacation.

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Week/Year2018	Week/Year2019
1 Jan 5 - 12	1 Jan 4 - 11
<b>2</b> Jan 12 – 19 <b>K</b>	<b>2</b> Jan 11 – 18
<b>3</b> Jan 19 - 26	<b>3</b> Jan 18 – 25 <b>K</b>
<b>4</b> Jan 26 - Feb 2	<b>4</b> Jan 25 - Feb 1
<b>5</b> Feb 2 - 9	<b>5</b> Feb 1 - 8
<b>6</b> Feb 9 <b>-</b> 16	<b>6</b> Feb 8 - 15
<b>7</b> Feb 16 - 23 <b>P</b>	<b>7</b> Feb 15 - 22 <b>P</b>
<b>8</b> Feb 23 <b>-</b> Mar 2	<b>8</b> Feb 22 <b>-</b> Mar 1
<b>9</b> Mar 2 <b>-</b> 9	9 Mar 1 - 8
<b>10</b> Mar 9 <b>-</b> 16	<b>10</b> Mar 8 – 15
<b>11</b> Mar 16 – 23	<b>11</b> Mar 15 – 22
<b>12</b> Mar 23 – 30	<b>12</b> Mar 22 – 29
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<b>14</b> Apr 6 – 13	<b>14</b> Apr 5 – 12
<b>15</b> Apr 13 - 20	<b>15</b> Apr 12 - 19
<b>16</b> Apr 20 – 27	<b>16</b> Apr 19 <b>-</b> 26 <b>E</b>
<b>17</b> Apr 27 – May 4	<b>17</b> Apr 26 - May 3
<b>18</b> May 4 – 11	<b>18</b> May 3 <b>-</b> 10
<b>19</b> May 11 – 18	<b>19</b> May 10 – 17
<b>20</b> May 18 – 25	<b>20</b> May 17 – 24
<b>21</b> May 25 – Jun 1 <b>M</b>	<b>21</b> May 24 –31 <b>M</b>
<b>22</b> Jun 1 – 8	<b>22</b> May 31 Jun 7
<b>23</b> Jun 8 – 15	23 Jun 7 - 14
<b>24</b> Jun 15 – 22	<b>24</b> Jun 14 – 21
<b>25</b> Jun 22 – 29	<b>25</b> Jun 21 – 28
<b>26</b> Jun 29 – Jul 6 *	<b>26</b> Jun 28 – Jul 5 *
<b>27</b> Jul 6 - 13	<b>27</b> Jul 5 – 12
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<b>29</b> Jul 20 – 27	<b>29</b> Jul 19 <b>-</b> 26
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<b>31</b> Aug 3 – 10	<b>31</b> Aug 2 - 9
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<b>48</b> Nov 30 - Dec 7	<b>48</b> Nov 29 - Dec 6
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<b>50</b> Dec 14 - 21	<b>50</b> Dec 13 - 20
<b>51</b> Dec 21 – 28 <b>C</b>	<b>51</b> Dec 20 - 27 <b>C</b>
<b>52</b> Dec 28 <b>-</b> Jan 4 <b>N</b>	<b>52</b> Dec 27 <b>-</b> Jan 3 <b>N</b>

#### **Holiday Codes**

- = Presidents' Day
- E = Easter
- M = Memorial Day
- \* = July 4th
- . = Labor Day
- = Thanksgiving
- C = Christmas
- N = New Year's Day
- K = Martin Luther King Day

# Marco Island Historical Museum

Marco Island's history is dotted with milestones stretching back over thousands of years and, now that all of the permanent exhibits are open in Marco's beautiful world class Historical Museum, visitors can get an excellent overview of that remarkable history.

Paradise Found: 6000 years of people on Marco
This exhibit tells the story of Marco Island from its geological
formation, the presence of Archaic Indians (approximately 4000
BC) and later, the Muspa and Calusa in the region, to the arrivals



The Calusa exhibit.

of Europeans in the 1500s. Much of the exhibit is devoted to the Pepper-Hearst Expedition of 1896, led by famed anthropologist Frank Hamilton Cushing. This yielded some of the most spectacular

wooden artifacts ever discovered in North America, including the famous "Key Marco Cat". Some of the items on display are thousands of years old and many were found on Marco Island on the sites of Calusa Indian villages and mounds.

Proposer Era: A Tale of Two Villages is an interactive exhibit which offers visitors an in-depth look at the people, industries and lifestyles on Marco Island. In the late 1800s, intrepid pioneers began settling on the island which became Marco and Caxambas, two small villages separated by five miles of shell road. This exhibit introduces the early families and local heroes that helped shape the community it is today.

This remarkable assemblage of graphics, technology, original artwork, animations, and replicas bring to life an important era in Marco Island's history. Combined with original



The 'cracker house'.

artifacts and breathtaking photographs, this exhibit is the museum's most impressive to date. Rare photographs and objects are brought to life in dynamic and engaging displays.

The most prominent feature is an immersive Florida "cracker house", where visitors can view films about Marco's history. Other exciting elements include digital projections, original animations and artwork, a replica Collier City archway and digital displays for viewing materials from the Society's collections.

Modern Marco Sland explores Marco's explosive growth over the last 50 years, beginning with the extraordinary vision of Deltona Corporation's Mackle brothers. Their massive development project would forever change the face of Marco Island, literally paving the way for the people who live here today.

Back in the 1960s, Marco Island possibilities were



Back to the 1960s, when the first lots on modern

Marco Island were sold.

plentiful and brand new houses could be purchased for as little as \$14,900. Highlights include a model Deltona sales office, including architectural drawings and master plan, sales brochures, maps,

posters and photos from the Historical Society's archives. An original Deltona promotional film from the '60s plays on a closed circuit monitor, via a retrofitted vintage television. The exhibit also includes a model of the Marco Island Airways airliner in 1/13 scale, that flew prospective buyers from Miami to the island.

Windows & Doors to History This outdoor gallery features 24 faux windows and doors depicting vivid scenes spanning 6,000



Outdoor wall exhibit.

years of Marco
Island history.
Original works of
art were created by
John Agnew, Paul
Arsenault, Merald
Clark, Muffy
Clark Gill, Tara
O'Neill, Jarrett
Stinchcomb and
Malenda Trick.

What's Next? The next target in the Historical Society's sights is to bring home on loan some of the Key Marco Calusa artifacts, including the Key Marco Cat. They are presently held at the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of Natural History, Florida Museum of Natural History, the University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology and the British Museum. The Historical Society, in partnership with the Collier County Museum System, is working to have these priceless artifacts on display beginning in late 2018.

Over 22,000 visitors passed through the Museum's exhibits and grounds in 2016. We know that, in the years to come, many more will be delighted to experience these wonderful exhibits.

The Marco Island Historical Society and Museum are located at 180 South Heathwood Drive,
Marco Island, FL 34145.

They are open 9am-4pm Tuesday through Saturday, admission is free and they can be reached at 239-389-6447 or www.themihs.org

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## **Nesters Need to Know...**

- The maintenance fee billing that owners receive after the budget meeting in November is due January 1, 2018. Please be sure to be prompt with your payment because Florida law identifies accounts as delinquent after February 15 and they are turned over to our attorney for collection by April 1. To avoid the embarrassment of lock-out and the added expenses of late fees after February 15 and collection fees after April 1, timely payment is important.
- In 2011, EN installed an automated external defibrillator (AED) in a prominent position beside the lobby's front desk. A second AED has now been installed at our Poolside Pub, which is central to much resort activity. Hopefully these life-saving devices will never be needed by an EN guest but, if that day does come, we have the equipment which could make all the difference.
- Guests with special needs who enter the stairwells with mobility or vision challenges could delay evacuation for themselves and others and may create an unsafe situation in stairwells. Therefore, guests with special needs should register themselves at check-in, on our red clip board, located at the front desk, so they do not need to traverse the stairs in the event of a general alarm. Guests registered on the red clip board should stand at the stairway door on the walkway of their floor, when there's a problem. The Fire Department is given this red clipboard when it arrives, to know what floor(s) have guests needing assistance, if they determine the event is a real situation and not a false alarm.
- Please be sure to pull your entry door closed to the latched position when leaving your unit. When properly set, door closers will not allow a door to slam, but will also not allow the door to automatically latch. If your door is slamming shut, please call the front desk to write a maintenance ticket for repair.
- EN is currently working with Comcast to arrange for installation of equipment newly available to our property. In the past, HD service was not available to us. We are hopeful that, at some point in the first quarter of 2018, this service may be in place for our guests to enjoy.
- Xbox games and remotes for play on the mezzanine level are now available through sign-up at the front desk, with a \$200 deposit (fully refundable upon return of games and equipment in good working order.)
- What cool stuff has transpired in your Marco Island and Eagle's Nest life that sparks of coincidence, chance or a twist of fate? Maybe a long-lost-friend found, a hot business deal clicked, a romance/marriage bloomed or a "who knows what" that stemmed from Marco or EN and brightened your life? Share your fun story with us by emailing it (or popping it into the mail) to Mona and we'll try to give it some ink in SandScript.















- Hot! Hot! Hot! Tourism in SW Florida has been red hot in recent years. Collier County's tourism hit record levels in 2015 and the industry racked up impressive numbers again in '16. Nearly 1.8 million visitors stayed in the county's hotels or other vacation rentals, booking over 2.4 million room nights and spending more than \$1.9 billion in the local economy.
- The holiday season is almost upon us! Since EN's "Holiday Tree" will once again grace the lobby during these festive times, owners are invited to send a personalized ornament (with your name, alma mater, favorite sports team or ??) to Mona or Claudia in time for tree-trimming just after Thanksgiving.
- Get crackin' .... It's stone crab season, which runs from
  October 15 through May 15. The majority of Florida
  crab claws are harvested off Florida's peninsula, from
  the Panhandle to Key West. This industry is a model for
  ecology these stone crabs are not killed; rather, legalsized claws are removed and the crabs are then returned
  to the sea alive, after which they regenerate their claws.
  Best of all they taste great!
- Conserve utility usage, both for the sake of conservation and to save more than a few bucks. When leaving a room – lights and TV off. And don't let water run unnecessarily, whether you're doing kitchen dishes or even brushing your teeth. EN has 96 units; when everybody makes a point of always giving a quick flick, it saves serious money for the Association – which means for you owners.
- Yes, we do (reluctantly) tow cars. Please remember that EN enforces the "one parking pass per unit" rule. This is not a new regulation, so here's a review of our parking policy:
  - All units receive one free, on-site parking pass at check-in.
  - A limited number of additional on-site passes may be available for a fee of \$12.50 per day/night per vehicle credit card payment in advance.
  - Partial-day passes may also be available at \$5.00 per hour, with a maximum fee of \$12.50 per 24 hours. First 4 hours are free.
  - Failure to display an authorized pass will result in enforcement of EN's parking policy
     violators without passes will be towed.
     So say No! to towing!
- Tower entry doors are now locked after 9 p.m. Please be sure to bring your room key to re-enter the building after 9:00. All guests must be registered at the front desk. A key will not be issued to anyone (not even children or family members) unless you have listed his or her name on your registration form.

#### 410 S. Collier Boulevard Marco Island, FL 34145-5304

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A couple of American White ibises enjoy foraging for their supper, usually aquatic prey like insects and small fish, just moments before beach waves dash their dinner plans. The White ibis is a wading bird commonly seen along the coastline.

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Yea for our EN team! Irma couldn't defeat our full-time staffers -- seen here on the job, streaming down the stairway, into EN's lobby.

From the top, L-R:

Orquidia Valdes, Erika Olivares, Luis Vazquez
Florina Hernandez, Tara Patel, Reyna Osorio
Bernardo Alfonso, Edgar Hueck
Brad Bleise, Betty Arriaga, Brian Bell
Jorge Castillo, Diane Wooten
Miguel Pompa
Michael Bailey, Aneudy Rodriguez
Mary Kirkum, Mac Ayala
Raquel Mendez, Dave DeCrow,
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