

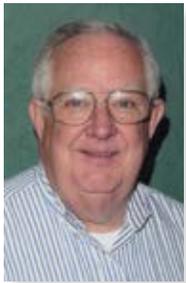


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President's Letter



Whatta year it's been for Marco Island and Eagle's Nest!

Certainly Hurricane Irma was the most forgettable event of the year – Marco took a terrific beating – the press says we were "Irmalized." But beyond that dark, troubled day,

September 10, let's not lose sight of the positive over recent months.

Pocketbook economics are always an important, favorite subject. Through careful management, EN's operating budget is in solid condition and our reserves are approximately \$3 million (vs. only \$300,000 just 5 years ago.) No special assessments are on the horizon and there was no increase in the 2018 maintenance fee.

You'll want to carefully examine Mona's review of 2017 and 2018 Eagle's Nest projects, reported in the Synopsis of Annual Meeting in this issue of SandScript. Of all upcoming renovations, our swimming pool merits special mention, as it has always been the centerpiece of EN's recreational lifestyle. During our pool's closure for refinishing and retiling in weeks 48 and 49, our Club Regency neighbor has generously arranged that EN vacationers may use its swimming pool.

The cover story in this issue describes 2018's ambitious renovation program, detailing activity throughout EN's common areas. Big, important project – please note.

Despite the unwelcome visit by Irma, we at Eagle's Nest have much to be thankful for – and lots to look forward to. Marco Island's promise of a tropical vacation paradise continues irresistible to all in the Eagle's Nest family.

Cheerio!

Pat

J. Patrick Doherty,
President

"Pardon Our Mess While We Spruce Up the Nest"

That was Eagle's Nest's slogan several years ago, as we mounted an important project for construction teams to work overhead and all around the tower, removing glass panels and installing hurricane-code glass. Painting the tower's exterior was the next step and the entire process took four months.

Now EN has launched an even more ambitious renovation program. April will see modernization and ADA (Americans With Disabilities Act) compliance throughout our resort's three common area floors – the ground floor level, our lobby and the mezzanine. Work will commence as soon as the City of Marco Island issues building permits and start-to-finish should take four months.

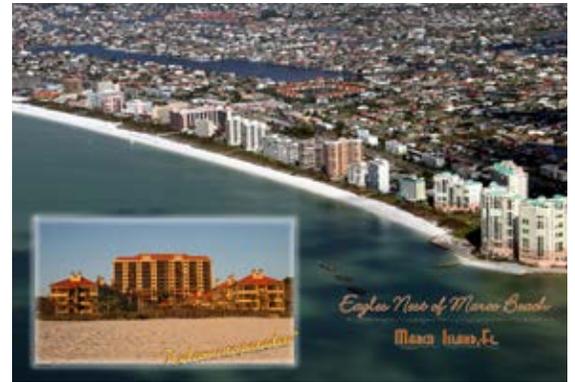
Our ground floor comes first on the renovation agenda. EN will spend nearly two months installing a lift to the fitness center, upgrading the recreation area and adding a unisex bathroom. For guest-safety, a construction barricade will be erected, to limit access to the ground floor. Exterior access will be either by elevator from the lobby or by the beachside lobby doors. EN's express check-in desk on the ground floor will be completed so that, when construction moves up to the lobby, we can continue front desk operations from the ground floor. Safety barricades will then be moved to the lobby and access to the ground floor will be opened.

On the lobby level, EN will renovate the front desk and lobby bathrooms, making them ADA-accessible, plus improving the employee lunchroom and the north stairwell access hall. At long last, automatic shades will be added at the large west side windows.

Work on the mezzanine will occur at the same time as on the lobby level, with most of it concentrated in the conference room kitchen and bathroom. We'll have brand new furniture groupings on the mezzanine for the first time ever – no more old, worn-out room furniture for this or any common area! Two mezzanine tables will have leaves to create lengthier servicing areas, which guests may need for parties or small gatherings. A chess/checkers/backgammon table and chairs have already been placed on the mezzanine. Another entertaining diversion - Xbox games and controllers can be checked out from the front desk for play on the mezzanine TV (\$200 deposit.)

EN's entire renovation project will include painting and lighting upgrades throughout. As with all our improvements, we hope you enjoy the new features for ADA accessibility and the modernized look of the resort's common areas.

Here once again, in 2018, Mona and the Eagle's Nest's Board ask owners and their guests for their patience and understanding of the daily evidence of construction, while on your vacations. "Pardon our mess, while we spruce up the Nest!"



Eagle's Nest — the crown jewel of luxury beachfront condos which line Marco's crescent beach of white-silver sand.

“For the Benefit of the Association as a Whole”

Over the 36 years since its inception in 1982, the Eagle's Nest Association has remained strong financially, structurally and socially. We have an owner base numbering approximately 3,200 -- people who actively participate in their ownership, not only by using their time year after year to enjoy family vacations, but also by participating in elections and voting on matters that affect the future of Eagle's Nest resort.

Yes, we had some tough years when, for example, a bathroom project with reserves funding of \$6,000 per unit evolved into a complete unit modernization of over \$70,000 per unit. Even then, we made it through, with guidance and support from our management company, Hilton Grand Vacations. HGV assisted with strategic financial planning that not only paid for our modernization but, also, left EN financially sound after completion of the nearly \$7 million project.

Eagle's Nest has also been fortunate all these years to have a sales and rental program through HGV that contributes 5% of gross rentals to Association reserves and 2% of gross sales to our operating budget. These amounts paid to the Association are sizable (2017 - \$23,034 from sales and \$27,629 from rental.) The more owner participation there is in EN's sales and rental programs, the higher the payout to the Association.

With an owner base of 3,200, it is inevitable that a variety of reasons will prompt some owners to choose to sell or rent their unit weeks. Purpose of this article is to strongly suggest that such transactions be done through EN's sales office (for sales listings) and front desk (for rentals.) Our own staff has the knowledge, skills and contacts to help owners address their needs.

In recent years, some owners, especially in the high-demand winter months, have begun doing private sales and rentals. In reality, this can spur a downward path for the Association. Many timeshare properties do not have on-site sales or rental programs. Such resort-based programs can help owners achieve the sale/rental of their units in an orderly fashion and prevent winding up in foreclosure. We have also recently found that some transactions which have been handled privately are deeded incorrectly. Since the courthouse doesn't proof for accuracy and records whatever is provided to them, right or wrong, these title problems do not show up until the next deed change, when a title search is done. Additional legal fees can be incurred to correct the past errors. The Association, in its foreclosure

process, has already footed the bill for these additional legal fees to clear a title that had been transferred privately.

Eagle's Nest has maintained a very low delinquency rate for years, by helping owners who can no longer use their time to be able to sell their weeks or put them up for rent. For this reason, it is important to support the sales/rental programs HGV operates here on-site at EN.

When owners choose to sell or rent privately, they will generally do so after consulting EN staff for advice or information on resort operations, policies, procedures or the marketplace in general. This is important because, while not all owners benefit from a private sale/rental, all owners are paying for the staff time. Plus zero dollars from a private sale go to Association coffers vs. 2% of sales and 5% of rentals when done through EN's sales office and front desk.

EN's on-site sales and rental programs also need inventory to support and continue operations. A property lacking such inventory will soon lose its sales staff and, likewise, a rental program with low inventory can become obsolete, leaving owners no option but to sell or rent privately. This doesn't affect the high-demand winter months (e.g., March) but, when the rest of the year lacks means to sell or rent, more and more owners can fall into delinquency. That costs all owners.

It is therefore important in timeshare management to remember our decisions should always be based on "the benefit of the Association as a whole." So the next time you're not able to use your week(s) or desire to sell your unit(s,) please support the programs your Association is fortunate to have here at the resort. This, in turn, supports the long-term well-being of Eagle's Nest.



Extra! Extra!

There are still a few great deals on the Association's 9 flex weeks and 6 fixed weeks available for sale through the process of foreclosure. Contact our resort sales team at 239-394-5167 ext. 3081 for Lisa and ext. 3091 for Samantha.



Color—Color—Color

Under leadership of EN's rec coordinators, the Mallaris became a burst of vivid colors, after exercising their creativity through tie-dying tee-shirts. Great fun for kids, teens and adults - and only ten bucks apiece.

Dave and his youngsters - Caleb, Sophia, Siena and Ava - sport their personal, colorful designs here and they couldn't wait to show them off to friends in Kansas.

New Attractions for Poolside Fun!

For many years, Eagle's Nest vacationers have enjoyed our Family Social every Monday afternoon. Now there's a new twist, as it has shifted from the lobby to a bright, new setting, at poolside.

Jason Beal (seen here waving to fans) livens the gathering up with an assortment of tropical tunes, perfect for 50+ers as well as younger owners and guests, from 3:00 until 5:00.



Jeff Piegols, a Maryland resident, caught this photo of his dad, Fred, and his friend, Teresa, from Midland, Michigan, who chose to dance the afternoon away.

Complimentary beverages and raffle prizes continue to highlight the Social.

Important: you'll want to know all this fun is underwritten 100% by the EN Sales Department, Samantha Evans and Lisa Seymour. So hats off to Sam and Lisa - and to Peter Berc, our m.c., for his jokes and for yanking winning raffle tickets out of a hat. Peter is a master photographer, owner of Marco Island Photographic Art, and is available after the Social for photographic portraits on Marco Beach.

Here's a mid-week plus: More music at Eagle's Nest! On Wednesdays, the talented Marco guitarist, Joe Rey Ortiz, shares his tunes at poolside, 3:00-5:00. No wonder he's a special entertainer - long-term Nesters will remember his uncle, Frankie Ray and aunt, Mary Ellen owned the famous Mexican restaurant, LaCasita, in the Shops of Marco center. Their signature tune was 'Marco Memories.' Always a packed house at LaCasita, a vivid memory for me occurred during the Gulf War, when Jeanne and I asked a special request - 'God Bless America.' Brought the house down.

Pickleball. What the Heck is Pickleball?

If you're vacationing at Eagle's Nest, all one needs to do is pop this question to Mary Kirkum, our resort's coordinator of recreational activities.

Pickleball is a paddlesport which combines elements of badmitten, tennis, table tennis and racquetball. While the sport of pickleball has been around since 1965, it was a well-kept secret until 2008, when the game hit the senior market. Then a flurry of excitement swirled with pickleball frenzy and it's estimated that over 8 million enthusiasts play now, in 2018.

68% of all players are over 60 years old and younger people are being introduced to the sport in record numbers. Places to play pickleball have soared 64% since 2010.

Pickleball is perhaps the fastest-growing sport in America and is taking the nation by storm. Mary Kirkum is Eagle's Nest's on-site whiz on the game's ins and outs -- and Mary's your good friend in introducing you to this new avenue of maxing your sports-fun at EN.



Mary's got the pickleball in her line of fire --- Wham! A rocket across the net and a point for - guess who - Mary.



A dozen or so Eagle's Nesters testing their skills in a spirited game of water volleyball, in the tropical water of EN's beautiful swimming pool.



Mona Fohlbrook, Resort Manager, and Claudia Phoenix, Assistant Resort Manager, welcomed owners "home" to Eagle's Nest.

Synopsis of Annual Meeting

The 2018 Annual Meeting was held at Eagle's Nest on February 6, at 1:00 p.m., on the resort's mezzanine level. Association President Sharon Bohrer called the meeting to order. In attendance were EN Board members Sharon Bohrer, Pat Doherty, Wayne Gruber and Dennis Schueler, (Director Charlie Shelby was ill and unable to attend) and Hilton Grand Vacations (HGV) staff including Mona Fohlbrook - Resort Manager, Claudia Phoenix - Assistant Resort Manager, Sharry Luneke - Area Managing Senior Director, Marco Region 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 2017 Annual Meeting minutes were approved.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Mona Fohlbrook thanked the owners for attending the meeting and reviewed projects completed this past year and currently underway:

2017 Projects:

- Lobby furniture replaced in the tower.
- Guardhouse replaced the old "guard shack," air conditioned, classic Mediterranean design, tying in with appearance of our resort.
- New tower living room furniture (sofas, loveseats, chairs, reupholstered stool cushions.)
- Installation of kitchen backsplashes begun in tower (remaining 30 to be completed in 2018.)
- Walkway tile installed at all villa front entrances and corridors.
- Ice machine installed for north villas, near the handicap restrooms.
- A 3rd designated smoking area was created across from the north villas.
- Vending machine was added at the ground floor game room.
- Plaza bathrooms were enclosed with doors and were air-conditioned.
- Interiors of north and south spas were refinished and retiled.
- Tower elevator hoist way doors and roller guides have been replaced.

2018 Projects:

- Common area renovations at the ground floor, lobby and mezzanine levels will address ADA accessibility and modernization.
- Comcast has installed new unit equipment to provide HD signal to TVs and to return the cable guide channel.
- Dunes (vegetation between our 2 boardwalks) have been trimmed.
- Barbeque grills will be replaced.
- Villa living rooms will have new living room furniture and new art and accessories will accent 2-bedroom villas.
- New furniture for tower mezzanine and conference room.
- Renovations of swimming pool interior (refinishing and retiling) will be done during weeks 48 and 49.

Hurricane Irma Projects (some have been completed):

- Repair of broken tile on villa roofs (done February/March.)
- Installation of new tennis court fence (done March.)
- Perimeter lighting - waiting for permit from the city.



Mona and the Board led this afternoon's spirited discussion.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT

Sharon Bohrer, Board President, reported that the common area renovations expected to begin in April are our first in 30 years. Sharon stated it has been a pleasure to work with the Board of Directors, Mona and her staff.

Pat Doherty, Board VP, and his wife, Jeanne, have vacationed at EN since 1983. He expressed appreciation for owners' understanding and patience during times of change and said we must all accept the challenge of finding and funding those actions which preserve and maintain the integrity of EN, as the crown jewel of luxury properties on Marco Beach.

Wayne Gruber, Director, thanked the owners for attending EN's Annual Meeting. He has been working with the architect, contractors and management and is happy to report the new guardhouse has been completed. He thanked the HGV management team for its support.

Dennis Schueler, Secretary/Treasurer, reported that the 2017 audit being prepared by the CPA firm of Myers, Brettholtz & Company will be completed in May. He was pleased to state there was no increase in the 2018 maintenance fee.

RESALES REPORT

YTD 2018

Number of weeks sold 10
(including Association-owned weeks)
 Dollar volume..... \$141,100
 Dollar volume for 2 Association-owned weeks..... \$ 22,000

2017

Number of weeks sold 120
(including Association-owned weeks)
 Dollar volume \$1,151,700
 Dollar volume of 6 Association-owned weeks..... \$ 20,500



EN President Sharon Bohrer shares a moment with owner Tony Smith, vacationing from Ohio.



Dennis Schueler, Secretary/Treasurer, briefed the assemblage on EN's very healthy financial condition.

NEW BUSINESS

The 2018 budget was ratified, as advanced by the Board of Directors.

TELLER'S REPORT

There were 1,980 unit weeks represented by voting, both in person and by proxy, out of a possible 4,800 unit weeks, which represents 41% owner response.

WAIVER OF STATUTORY FUNDING

There were 1,502 votes to waive the statutory funding of reserves and 131 against. Therefore the waiver of statutory funding of reserves was approved and the reserves funding will remain at the level approved in the 2018 budget.

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

There were 6 candidates seeking election to fill the 2 seats available on EN's Board of Directors. The candidates receiving the highest number of votes were Candice Verwey and Keith Provin, who were elected to serve 3-year terms.

Appreciation was expressed to all owners who participated in the election process and to those who attended the Annual Meeting.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Q. What is the dollar amount with or without the waiver of statutory funding for 2018?

A. It is roughly \$20 per unit week less with the waiver of statutory funding. (Exact amount is \$29.84 per unit week, or \$143,282.)

Owner comment:

In the past, efforts had been made to keep the fees low, resulting in a very tight financial situation when a major renovation was planned and Eagle's Nest had to have a special assessment. To avoid this in the future, we need to be sure we are adequately funding the reserves. There needs to be a plan of projects, prioritized with cost projections.

Mona replied:

Yes, the reserves portion of your maintenance fee billing is for the future replacement of items. Our reserves schedule identifies every item on the property, from furniture to roofs and painting, with the life of an item and the cost for replacement. This 15-year schedule is adjusted each year to update the life as either shorter or longer, if there is more or less useful life in the item and the updated cost of replacement. This plan is then used to determine the necessary reserves funding to be billed to the owners each year.



Meeting adjourned at 1:52 p.m.

Sharry Luneke is our principal contact at Hilton Grand Vacations, EN's management company.



While unable to attend our Annual Meeting, Director Charlie Shelby was present in spirit.



Ed Krommer, an owner living in both Cincinnati and Naples, offers his viewpoints on statutory funding of reserves.



Pat Doherty talks things over with EN owners.



Wayne Gruber's comments reflected a very upbeat outlook for EN's upcoming common area renovation.

Help Save Baby Turtles

May 1 to October 31 is Sea Turtle Season on Marco Island, highlighted by an island-wide effort to safeguard beach nesting areas and protect turtle hatchlings. Loggerhead sea turtles are a threatened species, although Marco's 121 total nests and 93 hatched nests in 2017 represent nice increases from the recent past. There are generally 100 to 120 eggs per nest.

Marco's "Turtle Mary" Nelson, who has for years overseen turtle activity on the island, remarked that, were it not for Hurricane Irma, the above numbers would have been even larger - Irma's winds and water destroyed the last 18 nests along Marco Beach. Nevertheless, Mary estimated over 4,000 hatchlings last year.



To lay their nests, turtles crawl up onto the beach at night, dig nests 18-20 inches in depth, then drop their eggs, the size, shape and color of ping-pong balls. Since the eggs are soft, they don't break when 'mom' lays and then buries them.

While the female turtles return to the sea, Mother Nature takes over, with the sun warming the sand, allowing the eggs to incubate. The hatchlings then dig out of the sand and scramble for the water.

Hatchlings instinctively head toward the brightest image in their range of vision, so they can be easily misled by man-made lighting. This can cause them to scoot in the wrong direction, following artificial onland light instead of crawling toward the warm, moonlit waters of the Gulf of Mexico.

This is why Eagle's Nest and other beachfront properties are required by law to have patio lights turned off and unit drapes drawn after dark. Deadline for doing so is 9:00 p.m. EN resort security will phone units not in compliance and, should there be no answer, they are authorized to access your room to close drapes and turn off patio lights.

flashbacks

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

Bill & Carole Kelly from Glastonbury, Connecticut

In April of 1987, a co-worker of mine approached and said, "Bill, I know you go to Florida every year. Can you do me a favor and rent the condo I just bought, to help me pay the mortgage?" Without hesitation, I replied, "Sure- by the way, where is it?" When he said "Marco Island," my reaction was,



Bill, Carole & John - with an eagle peeking over Bill's shoulder.

"Where the heck is Marco Island?" My friend owned at Sea Winds, down by the deserted missile tracking station, abandoned by the government when the Cuban issue cooled.

Carole, our daughter Tara and I immediately fell in love with the location and, upon going to Snook Inn for dinner early in the week, saw Eagle's

Nest's kiosk there, offering a comp'd dinner for those that took an EN tour. We obliged, were teamed up with fellow Nutmegger (from Bristol, CT) Mitch Moore, who had a great run with Eagle's Nest and the Mariner Group. We hit it off and bought fixed week 17 (about the time we were there.)

Back in '87, eight or nine building lots large enough for a condo or hotel – as well as a palm tree or two - were still available on the beach, right by the water. When we purchased, pricing was based on a specific week, floor level and view. Since then, all the lots have been developed and our view has been minimized on the south side by the Marco Beach Ocean Resort and, to the north, by the renovated JW Marriott. The missile site became Cape Marco, which includes the Tampico, Vera Cruz, Cozumel, Belize and Monterrey condos.

When we returned home from vacation that year, and told my mom we bought a timeshare, she cried for a week, based on negative publicity toward timesharing on local talk radio shows.

We loved Eagle's Nest so much that we used it our first five years. Then I remarked, "Let's check out the left coast and swap into the San Diego area." Angrily, my wife said, "You mean, we're not going to Marco Island?" Well, that forced me to buy a second timeshare, in the Florida Keys, to use as a swapper.

Tara had many, many friends and every year we'd bring a cousin or friend along as company, so many classmates got to

enjoy our paradise. Over the years, we have gone horseback riding (Tara is a gifted equestrian,) dinner on a murder mystery train, with the wait staff as the cast, several plays at the Naples Play House (now gone,) King Richard's Castle Amusement Park (gone,) a family portrait by Peter Berec, rounds of golf at virtually every public course within 40 miles, numerous boat trips including air boats, the zoo, Edison's and other historical sites, to name a few. But dining, oh yes.....dining!

Many of us return yearly, so a high percentage of us see each other frequently and, thus, have made many friends. Now that Tara is grown up, married, almost completed her PHD and is teaching ESL in Connecticut, we have brought together my sister, my brother and his wife and my brother in law, John Mullin, seen in the attached photo, with Carole and me.

To see our daughter grow up year by year and having great memories, great friendships and wonderful vacations, it has all been worthwhile. By the way, my mom finally got to see our destination and understood why we loved Eagle's Nest so much. We definitely got our money's worth – and we can't wait till "nest" year.

Dill, Heimke & Pedersen Team from Kansas & Texas

Bob and Gwen Dill, natives of Kansas, chanced upon Marco Island while on a business trip to Naples in the early '80s. Suggestions to "check it out" along with word-of-mouth compliments to Eagle's Nest – then in the tower's pre-construction days – prompted them to walk the property and take a tour 36 years ago.



Hail, hail, the gang's all here! Bob (Sr. & Jr.), Amy & Landon Dill; Cole, Kristen, Collin & Roman Pedersen; Brody, Karl, Niki, Mason, Julie & Bob Heimke.

Nesters Need to Know...

- Permit us another nudge for owners/guests to refrain from “reserving” poolside lounges and chairs by draping towels across them in the AM - then not using them for hours. Most EN vacationers “get it.” A few repeat violators do not - courtesy does, indeed, count. Fellow owners have started taking pictures of repeat violators to show to management for enforcement of the rule. Don't let that photo be you!
- Very positive reaction to EN's arranging with Comcast for HD service and a TV channel guide, to help everyone find programs without plowing through hundreds of channels.
- Security. For you and your family, security is a must, so EN locks tower entry doors after 9:00 p.m. Just slide your room key through the mechanism on the left side of the tower doorway - Presto, it opens.
- For owners in tower units with a half wall on the patio, you may want to request one or two “high-top” chairs to sit more comfortably above the wall and enjoy the view. Other items are available by request. If you're not sure, just call down to the desk and we may very well have what you need.
- Ever “met” a stingray? They are fish with wing-like fins that help them shift back and forth. Accidentally stepping on a stingray in the shallow Gulf water can prompt its tail to flip upward and strike a painful puncture into one's foot. Florida's stingray season runs April to October and the “stingray shuffle” wards them off. Just shuffle your tootsies as you enter the Gulf and they'll dart away.



- Following some false starts with other providers, Publix is now again EN's source for fresh donuts for Saturday's orientations and Tuesday's owners' meetings. They're delivered by Publix, using Uber drivers. This may not sound like a huge deal, but their quality really rings a bell with our owners and guests.
- The Poolside Pub was ahead of the curve when it eliminated use of plastic straws in 2016. In a recent meeting, Marco Island City Council voted 5-2 to ban the use of plastic straws from any establishment on the beach side of Collier. Straws made from biodegradable materials will still be allowed.
- Everybody knows Mark Beatty, a fixture at Eagle's Nest since landing a part-time job here at age 15. In today's world, Mark is manager of our vastly-improved Poolside Pub. Well, here's a sidebar of the Mark we know so well. He's quite athletic and flew to Chicago in February to once again participate in the footrace up the 94 stories of Chicago's Hancock Building. Mark was among 34,000 men, women and teens who contested that day, including a number of Eagle's Nesters who share Mark's passion and raced with him (editor's note: not me.)
- Please remember EN does not have bellmen, so be sure to pack only as much luggage as you can handle moving in and out yourself. Our maintenance men take time from their work every Friday to assist with the room moves, but are not available to help owners or guests with luggage when checking in and out. If you are involved in a room move, please be timely and have your things packed and ready to move by 10:00 a.m.

Flashback *Continued from page 6*

They liked what they saw, then departed. Second thoughts brought them back and led to the decision to buy a week in the tower. Today they own several – three in June and another in October.

Eagle's Nest has proved perfect for family reunions, gathering all the troops from Kansas and Texas. Everyone enjoys Marco Beach – long, daily walks plus eventual relaxation in cabanas fronting the Gulf of Mexico. Gwen is gone now, but family members love the shell lamps and ornaments she created from beach discoveries.

Poolside games are a big hit with the Dills, Heimkes and Pedersens: Bingo, especially (hooray for B-1!,) our beanbag toss, water volleyball and blackjack. Watersports, too, are fun for all, as everybody's a swimmer, with EN's wonderful pool and the Gulf providing primo settings. The younger kids are Fun Bunchers, just like their brothers, sisters and cousins used to be (plus some of their parents were years ago.) Lunch at EN's Poolside Pub is a

given, most days. Expanded menu and hours simplify mid-day dining interests.

Julie Dill Heimke, Bob (senior's) daughter jokes, “One of our biggest decisions is where should we gather for dinner?” Saturday evenings generally bring the whole family to the Olde Marco Island Inn. Other favorites are DaVinci's, the Snook Inn, Quinn's on the Beach and Island Café.

When asked whether the Eagle's Nest lifestyle has generated lasting friendships, Julie emphasized, “Oh, yes – beginning with dad and mom, then our generation, now even the kids.” Continuing, Julie observed, “EN's laid-back atmosphere creates a family-friendly, family-welcoming vacation experience, where everyone makes friends – smiles abound – upbeat attitudes are common among staff, management and all of us owners/guests, who are here for the fun. Eagle's Nest's grounds are beautiful, location is ideal and the staff is kind, caring and friendly.”



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Tigertail Beach is one of the stops on the Great Florida Birding Trail. Above is an osprey, gliding home after a fishing mission.

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Marco's brilliant sunset, shot from the Esplanade, looking across Smokehouse Bay.

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