



**PRESS RELEASE**

**SUNRISE ROTARY ANNOUNCES  
“NOT SO NEWLYWED” EVENT  
MARCH 8, 2017**

The Rotary Club of Marco Island Sunrise announced today JW Marriot will host Marco Island’s first “Not So Newlywed” event on March 8, 2017 at 6 p.m. The event will be patterned on television’s popular Newlywed Game, but instead of newlywed panelists, the participants will be some of Marco’s best known and “not so newlywed” couples

Not So Newlywed will feature Fire Chief Mike Murphy as emcee. Mike will ask often personal questions of the participating couples to see if their recollections and opinions are harmonious. Co-Chair Bill Morris confirmed, “We do not expect all of the answers to match. The differences should be pretty funny and with Mike as emcee, the evening should be a lot of fun for everyone.”

The panel of wedded bliss will include George and Cindy Abounader. George is long standing principal of Marco Island Charter Middle School and Cindy has been the Chief Executive Officer of the YMCA for years. Although both work in fields helping children, their personalities and approach are remarkably different.

Local banker Keith Dameron and his wife Barbara will also share answers to Mike’s questions. Keith is well known for his Island activities, including Iberia Banks’ “In The Round” series of seminars and more recently work with Step Smart Collier. Barbara has provided much support to Keith in his community endeavors, but has made time to pursue her own career. It will be interesting to see how much Barbara agrees with Keith when they are asked the same question, but do not know what the other has answered.

Jimmy and Dale Downey are well known to locals, especially to those visiting Marco’s famed Farmer’s Market. Jimmy is the purveyor of Wild Jimmy’s Beef Jerky and can often be seen pulling his mini house behind his pickup truck to or from events. Recently, Dale has taken over hotdog sales competing with Jimmy at the Farmer’s Market. Will their answer to questions differ even more than the foods they offer?

Larry and Lisa Honig will offer yet more insight into wedded bliss. Larry is Chairman of Marco City Council while Lisa is in charge of the Marco Island branch of The American Cancer

Society. Both serve the public, but in a clearly diverse manner. Will Lisa's political positions align with Larry?

Curt and Jacquie Koon round out the panel. Curt and Jacquie are well known as the owners of CJ's restaurant and for their broad community service. Curt is the immediate Past-President of Marco Police Foundation and Jacquie is Past-President of the Chamber of Commerce. They may reach agreement on how to run their restaurant, but Islanders should enjoy hearing if they agree on other matters.

In addition to some of Marco's most well known couples, Not So Newlywed will also present a fabulous buffet at the newly re-opened JW Marriott. The evening will be a culinary feast in addition to one of the most fun and entertaining events to ever raise the island.

Tickets are \$95.00 each or \$180.00 per couple and include dinner and valet parking at JW Marriott. Limited Table sponsorships (8 tables) are available at \$850.00. Proceeds from the evening will benefit CART (Coins for Alzheimer's Research Trust) and American Cancer Society.

Tickets are available from any of the Co-Chairs and at Law Offices of William G. Morris, P.A. at 247 North Collier Blvd., Suite 202, Marco Island, FL 34145. Co-Chairs can be reached by contacting Wanda Burson at 239-777-1484, Bill Morris at 239-642-6020 and Debra Shanahan at 239-248-7419.