



PRESS RELEASE

**SUNRISE ROTARY AWARDS UNSUNG
HERO TO KAITLIN ROMEY**

On March 6, 2018, the Rotary Club of Marco Island Sunrise presented its Unsung Hero Award for Fourth Quarter, 2017 to Kaitlin Romey. Kaitlin was awarded for her services to the Marco Island Museum.

Prior to Kaitlin's arrival, the Marco Island Historical Society was in desperate need of full-time dedicated collections care. Founded in 1994, the MIHS had collected materials for 16 years before the Marco Island Historical Museum was built in 2010, providing the first permanent home for the collections.

Along came Kaitlin, and in the 19 months since she was hired, has cataloged, labeled and recorded nearly 10,000 items in the Museum collections, assisted in the development of the Museum's fantastic new exhibits, supervised graduate and undergraduate museum interns and volunteers, facilitated research requests with the public, and otherwise performed the daily work essential to the preservation and accessibility of the history and heritage of the Marco Island community. Indeed, the mission of the MIHS is "to preserve and to share the history and heritage of Marco Island," and no one at the museum performs those duties more literally on an everyday basis than Kaitlin.

As Sunrise Rotary's Unsung Hero, Kaitlin was awarded a plaque commemorating the recognition. In addition, the Club will donate \$100.00 to a charity of Kaitlin's choice and 20 polio vaccines in her name as part of Rotary International's effort to eradicate polio.

The Unsung Hero award recognizes a member of the Marco Island community who unselfishly helps others and who has not generally been recognized for such service. The recipient is not a member of Rotary, but either works, lives or provides service on Marco Island.

Sunrise Rotary is now accepting nominations for the 2018. Please submit nomination to Chairman Bill Morris at 247 North Collier Blvd., Suite 202, Marco Island 34145 or by email at wgm@wgmorrislaw.com.