

PRESS RELEASE

**SUNRISE ROTARY SELECTS
JOHN JOYCE UNSUNG HERO**

The Rotary Club of Marco Island Sunrise recently awarded John Joyce as its 2018 First Quarter Unsung Hero. Sunrise Rotary's Unsung Hero Program recognizes special people in the Marco Island community that do good work and who are not generally recognized. The nominee must reside in Marco Island at least 6 months of the year or be employed in Marco Island at least 30 hours per week or provide service on Marco Island for which the nominee is recognized.

Peter Sottong thought that description fit his friend John Joyce perfectly and Marco's Sunrise Rotary agrees. Chairman Bill Morris explained, "John Joyce is the epitome of an Unsung Hero. He does much community service, never seeking recognition and even shunning the spotlight that comes from receiving this award."

John works more than 30 hours per week at the YMCA, but finds time to regularly contribute to the community. He delivers meals and food to local needy families. He helps in the kitchen at Knights of Columbus and church events, volunteers for YMCA special events and works the Marco Island Christmas Parade. He even dresses up as a leprechaun for children on St. Patrick's Day.

In the words of the nominator, "John is always willing to help out and has become a regular at many civic activities. He is well known and well liked but has never received formal recognition for his many hours of volunteer service."

John was recognized as the Rotary Club of Marco Island Sunrise Unsung Hero at its recent breakfast meeting. He received a plaque recognizing the Club's appreciation for his service. 20 polio vaccines will be donated in his name to Rotary International and the Club will also make a \$100.00 donation to a charity of John's choice.

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.

For further information concerning the Unsung Hero Program or to nominate an Unsung Hero please contact Chairman Bill Morris at wgm@wgmorrislaw.com or visit the Rotary Club of Marco Island Sunrise website at www.marcoislandsunriserotary.org.