



**PRESS RELEASE**

**SUNRISE ROTARY AWARDS UNSUNG  
HERO TO GENE BURSON**

The Rotary Club of Marco Island Sunrise presented its Unsung Hero Award for Second Quarter, 2017 to Gene Burson. Gene was awarded at the Happy Hour for Hope held to benefit Meals of Hope on August 28, 2017 for his services to the Marco Island community and placing “service above self “consistent with Rotary’s aspirations.

In announcing the award, Rotary Chair Bill Morris praised Burson, “Gene has worked tirelessly on the Seafood Festival and serves on the boards of Police Foundation and Fire and Rescue too. He is a part of countless other charitable activities and always willing to lend a hand.”

As Sunrise Rotary’s Unsung Hero, Gene was awarded a plaque commemorating the recognition. In addition, the Club will donate \$100.00 to a charity of Gene’s choice. The Club will also donate 20 polio vaccines in Gene’s 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 2017 third quarter Unsung Hero. Please submit nomination to Chairman Bill Morris at 247 North Collier Blvd., Suite 202, Marco Island 34145 or by email at [wgm@wgmorrislaw.com](mailto:wgm@wgmorrislaw.com).