## Section 2

## **CAMMI – Supporting Marco's Condos**

## **By Don Manley**

"CAMMI congratulates the City of Marco Island on its 25th year Anniversary! CAMMI is grateful for the working relationship our association has had with the city over the years in dealing with condominium related issues."

That statement was issued by Al Diaz, president of the nonprofit Community Association Managers of Marco Island, which has been dedicated to serving its members and the community since being founded 28 years ago.

"Marco Island is an exclusive island paradise so for us to have the opportunity to work and live in paradise is priceless," he added.

## Among the benefits CAMMI members receive are:

Membership into the national organization, the Community Association Institute.





Al Diaz, Bill Holmes, Rick Yacono, Peter Hughes and Shari Fairchild.



- Continuing education courses at no additional cost, satisfying all Florida State licensing requirements.
- Opportunities for networking and social functions.
- The interchange of information pertaining to critical issues and problems confronting Florida Community Associations.
- A strong voice in the formation of legislation governing Community Association Managers.

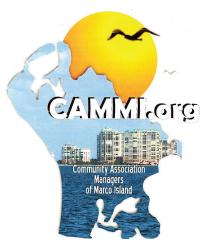
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Special educational programs designed for and offered to CAMMI members.

They also have access to the services and support of the organization's associate members which provide a wide range of quality products and services to Community Associations.

Diaz has seen Marco Island transform, over the years, from a slower, sleepier pace to the bustling community it is today.

"When CAMMI was established, the Island was just really starting to get noticed and



the demand for condominiums and homes was increasing," he said. "At the time it had a more of a small-town feel."

Those early days saw the nonprofit faced with the major challenges of encouraging condominium managers to join, as well as promoting itself on the island.

"Our organization takes pride in promoting professionalism through continuing education, networking, and working with the city and community to support and provide the condominiums we serve with the high level of service and excellence that our owners expect," explained Diaz. "So when we first started our association, we were blessed with great community support and recognition."

He pointed to CAMMI's growth since its nascent beginnings as the source of his most memorable Marco Island moment.

"When CAMMI was first established it was a great sense of accomplishment as our Association was able to get many of the condominiums on the island involved to enhance our educational opportunities and also to network and solve issues that we all encountered," said Diaz. "So our fondest memories were always of the successes we were able to achieve over the years."