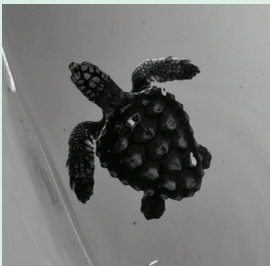


## Coral's Release

On Saturday, November 11, 2023, we said farewell to our ESC sea turtle, Coral. She was released 12.5 miles off shore according to FWC guidelines. License number MTP-23-004. We are thankful to the Anson and Polhemus family for assisting the ESC with the sendoff! We wish you a wonderful life in the deep blue sea, Coral!!

And now we would like to introduce our new little sea turtle to the ESC family...Welcome Millie! Congratulations to the kindergarten students in Ms. Lopes' class, from Pt. Salerno Elementary, for submitting the winning name! They chose the name, Millie, because it means strong and you have to be strong to live a long life. They want her to live for a million

years! We know Millie will enjoy her time here at the ESC growing, swimming, eating, and being gawked at by loads of turtle lovers!



## Congratulations to our Volunteers of the Year!

Thank you to our amazing volunteers for the 2023 year! Your willingness to give your time and service is greatly appreciated. Your support of the ESC allows us to continue to fulfill our mission and serve the people, students, and marine life in our community each year. Please know that we could not do this without your hard work. We are forever thankful for the time you have given!

**Fintastic Aquariums**  
**Ellis Hatch**  
**Kaija Mayfield**  
**Paul Stemle**

**Please consider leaving a legacy by naming the  
Environmental Studies Council in your estate plans.**



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To protect and enhance the education programs of the Environmental Studies Center and to promote and extend environmental awareness through community education.

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## From the desk of the President

I trust this letter finds you well and in good spirits. As we bid farewell to the holiday season and welcome the new year, I hope each of you had a joyous and rejuvenating time with your loved ones.

The Wetlab is gearing up for its grand reopening on Grandparents' Day, February 10, 2024, from 9 am to 12 pm. We have been hard at work to make this event special, and we can't wait to welcome you back to our newly renovated space. It promises to be a day filled with discovery, learning, and celebration.

In addition, mark your calendars for our highly anticipated fundraiser scheduled for April 5th. The festivities will include live music, engaging auctions, and a delectable array of food. It's an event you won't want to miss, as we come together to support the Environmental Studies Center!

As we embark on this action-packed new year, we encourage you to stay connected with us through our social media channels. Important dates and updates about our events will be shared there, ensuring you don't miss out on any of the exciting happenings.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to the ESC. With anticipation building for the grand reopening on Grandparents' Day and the thrilling fundraiser in April, the year ahead is brimming with promise and excitement. As we forge ahead into this new chapter, let's embrace the opportunities for connection, growth, and community engagement. Together, let's make 2024 a year to remember for the ESC!

Sincerely,  
Coltin Radabaugh

## Did Your Membership Expire?

Have you renewed your membership to the Environmental Studies Council? We need your support!

To sign up, log on to [www.escmc.org](http://www.escmc.org) or call (772) 219-1887 x 121

# **CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF LOUISE CARNEVALE, THE UNSUNG HERO OF THE ESC**



As a lifelong and relentless advocate for the environment, children, education and more, Louise Carnevale died peacefully at her home in Stuart, FL on Sept. 3, 2023. She was 108 years young.

As part of the original volunteers who joined forces to form the ESC council, Louise gave her all, both at the Center and in numerous other projects benefiting Martin County as a whole. As the ESC council's executive director for over thirteen years, she started an endowment fund, this publication the Turtle Tracks newsletter, committees that produced the first Florida Flavors Cookbook, the yearly and very popular Kitchen Tours, the Arts and Crafts Exhibits, The Environmental Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony and the Mars Lecture Series. During this time frame, the council raised \$1 million dollars.



Louise is also known for appearing before County Commissioners regarding the comprehensive plan, Pendarvis Cove park, a \$12 million bond issue for school improvements, a beach bond issue for additional access strips, a referendum to purchase Indian Riverside Park, and donating her own funds to the ESC to obtain an alligator for environmental

studies. Today, ESC is on its 11th alligator, all named Joey, for her late husband, Joe Carnevale.

In 2014, Louise officially received the Unsung Hero Honor of the Environmental Stewardship Awards from the Keep Martin Beautiful organization for her more than four decades of involvement in environmental issues in Martin County. Those who volunteered for many years alongside Louise felt they were lottery winners of the "big jackpot!" Were it not for her dedication at the beginning of the ESC, it might not have survived. Longtime friend, fellow volunteer and current council member Nancy Scott said "I doubt there are many that could match Louise's record of service to her community and country. She was definitely one in a million combining a brilliant mind and unselfish spirit."

Rest in Paradise, Louise. Thank you for leaving this world a better place than when you found it. What a truly remarkable woman you were.

*Louise Carnevale*

*Dec.11, 1914 – Sept. 3, 2023*





## Save the Dates

March 23  
Waterfest at Memorial Park

April 5  
Annual Fundraiser  
Rockin' H Ranch  
6pm-10pm

April 20  
Spring Celebration at the  
ESC  
10am-1pm

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## Support the Center!

If you would like to be a sponsor for this year's fundraiser "Beach to Barn", please contact Marcia Hendry at [urbancrackerdesigns@gmail.com](mailto:urbancrackerdesigns@gmail.com) for all the details.

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## Wish List

The Environmental Studies Center needs your support! The Center has a current need for:

- *Boat hard top*
- *Stereoscopes*
- *Dip nets*
- *Compasses for the Sea Scout*
- *Hydrometer*
- *Plankton Net*
- *Plantation Shutters in Orange Door Room*
- *Signage for Yellow Door*

If you are interested in supporting any of the above opportunities, please contact us at [info@escmc.org](mailto:info@escmc.org) or by calling 772-219-1887 x121. Or stop by the Center - we'd love to see you!

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## Beach to Barn

**T**rade in your flip flops for cowboy boots this April 5, 2024, 6-10pm for our annual Fundraiser "Beach to Barn" at Rockin H Ranch.

It is sure to be a great time with live music, great food, fun cocktails and lots of great items to bid on in our silent and live auction! Silent Auction will be from 6-8pm so be sure to grab a "tipsy turtle" and peruse all the wonderful items to bid on!

Tickets go on sale February 23 and you can purchase online at [www.escmc.org](http://www.escmc.org). Only 200 tickets will be available so be sure to get yours right away, they will sell out fast!

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