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Luke Hoffman, our 2019 Scholarship Recipient

(shown with MGC representatives, Nancy & Carl Miller)



**MARATHON GARDEN CLUB
2019 COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP
WINNER
LUKE HOFFMAN**

This year's Marathon High School graduate receiving our Club's scholarship, Mr. Luke Hoffman, sports an unweighted Grade Point Average of 3.8.

Luke is a member of Marathon High School (MHS) National Honor Society, MHS National Art Honor Society, Captain of the Varsity Soccer Team, Chief Editor, Dolphin Pride newsletter, MHS mock Trial Team, Mu Alpha Theta (tutoring in mathematics) and Delegate to Florida Boys State (studying City, County and State governments).

He is also active at his church and volunteers at our local domestic abuse shelter. And he works at a few local businesses too. Then he moonlights as a videographer "creat(ing) quality videos at low cost"!

Luke will be attending Florida State University in Tallahassee. He plans to major in environmental engineering or scientific computing, with maybe a little video production on the side.

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Our Marathon Garden Club scholarship comes with a few stipulations. Recipients are required to maintain a 3.0 (B) average Grade Point. They must also remain in a major field of study falling under the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering or Mathematics) categories of disciplines. Preference is given to candidates interested in environmental studies, conservation, horticulture, botany or landscape design.

Our scholarship is currently a four-year award — \$1,500 each of the Freshman, Sophomore and Junior years, then \$2,000 the Senior year. This gives each year's recipient \$6,500 of support for their college education.

We are now in our eighth year of awarding four-year scholarships. Thus far

all but one recipient is still in school or has graduated college.

...by Carl Miller

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Save these dates

Oct. 15, 2019 Fall FFGC District XII Meeting in MARATHON, hosted by the Marathon Garden Club at the yacht club!

Oct. 18 MGC monthly meeting

Nov. 30 MGC Holiday Bazaar

Jan. 25, 2020 MGC January Jamboree

Mar. 7, 2020 MGC House & Garden Tour

Apr. 16-19 FFGC Convention, Tampa Hilton

PR Help is Still Needed

Jack and Susie left the Keys at the end of May so Susie is looking for a few volunteers to help her with the transition to a new PR team. She said, "I don't intend to leave the club hanging. This is a computer job, where we have deadlines to meet, but everything is scheduled well ahead of those deadlines, so you can work at home at your own pace.

Basically I need someone to send in the notices Nancy writes up in the Yearbook about the meetings, to the papers. Also someone to review the ads (we have a template done for all the ads already), and work with the papers to schedule those ads for our three special events.

Then there are several small tasks that must be done, again on the computer, to keep the PR rolling. It's a fun job and we can easily split up the work with 3 or 4 people. So please consider helping with this

Photos of Marie Selby Botanical Gardens

Carl's brother, Ed, and his wife, Joann, visited Selby Gardens in Sarasota in February and shared these photos with us.

We also have enjoyed these beautiful gardens when our parents lived in Sarasota . If you haven't been there, keep it in mind as you go up the west coast of Florida.



Marie Selby Botanical Gardens
811 South Palm Avenue
Sarasota, FL
For more information visit:
<https://selby.org>

FFGC District XII Highlights

The Spring District meeting was held on May 20 at East Ridge at Cutler Bay, A SantaFe Senior Living Community. Five members from Marathon served as delegates -Scarlett Duffy, Toni Appell, Connie Miola, Phyllis Schewe and Nancy Miller. They all were lucky enough to win a gift basket or a centerpiece! About 70 garden club members from Miami-Dade & Monroe County attended.

The meeting was chaired by our new District Director, Jean Hawa. New officers, Leticia Gunn Assistant Director, Ann DeCicco Secretary & Helen Realini Treasurer were installed by Marylou Ruiz. Guest speaker, Jerald Ault, Ph.D., spoke on the Marine Ecosystem and our responsibility to protect it. Club presidents and committee chairmen reported. Lunch was outstanding.

Floral Designs from Units 1, 2, 3 displayed at the 2019 FFGC Convention



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Sincere Condolences

To Germaine Main and her Family

We are saddened to report that Germaine's son, Jeffrey Scott Main, passed away unexpectedly on Palm Sunday, April 14th in Marathon.

According to his obituary in the May 9 *Marathon Weekly*, A memorial service at St. Columba Episcopal Church will be planned at a later date for friends and family in the Marathon area.

Condolences can be sent to Germaine at

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