

Dear Members:

It has been a while since we have corresponded with you. It has been a sobering 3 years for all of us ... Including the Covid shutdown and then, when we were just getting back on our feet, the destruction of Ian. Although our beloved island was severely damaged, luckily, the museum has come through pretty much unscathed. We are so lucky to have suffered no significant damage during the hurricane. We hope all of you have recovered and are on your way back to your normal life.

We are working toward scheduling our Membership meetings again, beginning in January of 2024. We have secured the Fishers of Men Lutheran Church for our meetings, on the first Friday evening of each month, January, February, March and April, at 7:00 p.m. We are working on putting together a list of great speakers for our meetings. More information about these meetings will follow as we secure speakers.

It is election time again. We have recruited some great new volunteers to serve on our Board and these names are presented in the attached Proposed Slate of Officers. This slate is posted at the museum. If we do not receive any other nominations from our members by March 15, 2023, these officers will be elected by acclamation. If you have someone you wish to nominate, then please notify us by email. The nominee must notify MOTI in writing that they accept the nomination. When that occurs, we will add the person to the slate of officers and a meeting will be scheduled for the vote.

Thanks for your support of MOTI. Our membership is down, so if you have not renewed your membership, please come by and visit, or send us a check to P.O. Box 103, Matlacha, FL 33993.

Membership rates are the same:

Individual	\$20.00
Family	\$25.00
Sponsorship	\$50.00
Lifetime	\$100.00

Also, our Gift Shop has dramatically improved under Karen Hartshorne's management. Many new items have been added. So, please think of us when you are in need of a gift ... or something new for yourself!

Please respond to Sharon Traylor at smtraylo@gmail.com if you have any questions, or if you are interested in volunteering. She will get the message to the right person.

Your MOTI Board