

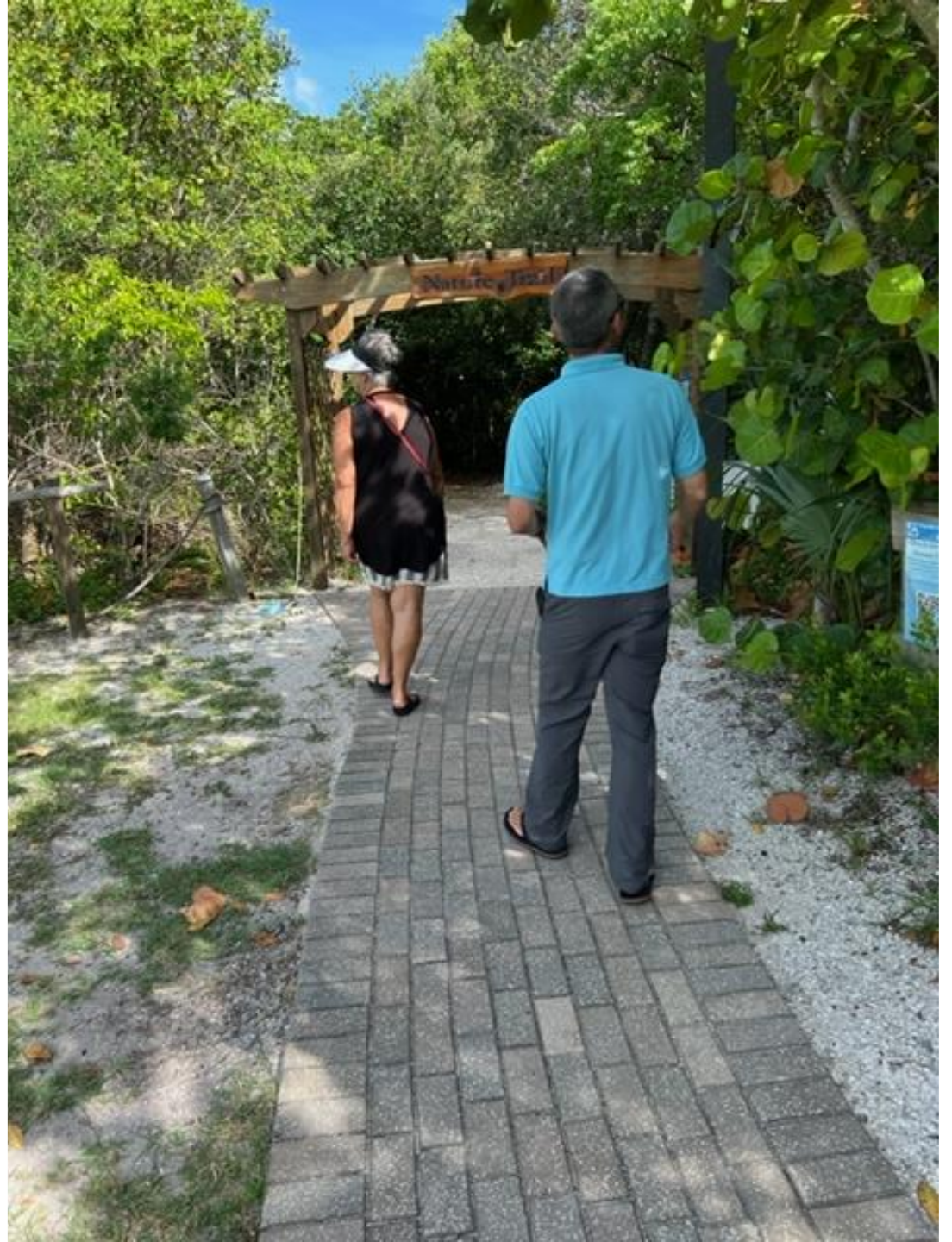
June Out & About to Florida Oceanographic Center

June 22, 2022

Hutchinson Island, Stuart, FL

A beautiful day was had by eight Rio Lindo Garden Club ladies starting with a private tour led by our favorite speaker, Dr. Zack Jud, Marine Biologist, starting at 9am & lasting for an hour & a half, ending at 10:30am. The center doesn't open until 10 am so we had all 57 acres to ourselves. As usual, Dr. Jud had many interesting facts & details to share with us. We always learn so much from him. The Florida Oceanographic Coastal Center is located on Hutchinson Island, situated between the Atlantic Ocean and the Indian River Lagoon. We saw the Society's headquarters, nature trails, 750,000 gallon Game Fish Lagoon, Sea Turtle Pavilion, Children's Activity Pavilion, Sea Star Touch Tank Pavilion, Rays on the Reef Ray Pavilion, the Frances Langford Visitors Center, and the brand new 3-story Ocean EcoCenter with state-of-the-art aquariums & displays on the first floor, offices of employees on the second floor, and an open air third floor for special events with an in-house catering facility. With its coastal hardwood hammocks and mangrove swamp communities, the site provides an excellent opportunity to see how the pristine, old Florida looked before heavy development hit hard. After our tour, we went over to touch the sting rays in their special aquarium. We could have stayed to feed the sting rays, but we heard the call of cold drinks & food at the Drift Kitchen at Hutchinson Shores Resort & Spa which was 5 minutes away. We want to thank Elaine Minga for planning such a great day for us. The participants were: Elaine Minga, Joleen King, Iva Cook, Pat Poplars, Barbara Wheatley, Stephanie Lennon, Cat Wiley Noisette, & Karen York. Following are some photos from the day's activities.









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