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The year got off to a strong start with selection of the architect (Amy Nowack) and general contractor (Benchmark) to round out our project team for the new Aquarium we’ll open in 2020. Our attendance and earned revenue was strong early in the year. Visitor reviews were better than ever. Everything indicated that we were fulfilling our educational mission with gusto.

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So please accept this expression of my great appreciation for all of you who helped repair our part of the world in ways large and small. I am honored and humbled by your generosity.

2019 will be a year full of marvelous, transformational growth because you gave us a strong place upon which to stand and build. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

DORRIE HIPSCHEMAN
Executive Director
Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum
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As we move into 2019, the Museum’s future has never been brighter! Because of exceptional management of financials, insurance, assets, reserves, staffing, and expenses, the Museum has advanced both scientifically and operationally. With its well-defined mission, vision, and long-term strategic plan being executed and embraced from the board down, the Museum begins a new chapter in its storied history, ensuring the organization will have the resources to thrive for generations to come. The Board of Trustees is a passionate group of colleagues and we are proud of our progress from 2018 to 2019 as we all work toward completing your new acquisition, providing more educational programs to students throughout Lee County and beyond, and transforming our Museum and community.

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...WE DO THE RIGHT THING, TOGETHER. AND WE SUCCEED, TOGETHER!

CELEBRITY ISLAND DINNER 2018 (serves from left) Robin Roberts, Robin Cook, Mary Boudreau, JoAnna Almeida and Liz Podgelski generously helped us raise funds to support the Museum’s mission.

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2018 was spent putting final touches on the architectural, engineering and aquarium designs to prepare to begin construction in 2019 and to welcome new living mollusks in 2020! To learn more contact Dorrie Hipschman or Melanie Moraga at (239) 395-2233.