



**GFWC ROTONDA WEST WOMAN'S CLUB**  
**GFWC-FL DISTRICT 12**  
*A Proud Member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs*



**CHATTER**

May, 2023



**GFWC FLORIDA - DISTRICT 12**  
**WHERE VOLUNTEER SERVICE**  
**AND FRIENDSHIP MEET**



**NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT**

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April was one of the busiest months that I have ever experienced with the club. But maybe because it's the first time I've been President in April. There were so many wonderful events happening and I'm so proud of our club and all the work the members accomplish.



Right at the beginning of the month, several members participated in Rotonda West's "Celebrate the Circle" when they helped entertain the children and some adults too with crafts, press-on tattoos, and fairy hair.

Then there was the Englewood Chamber of Commerce "Fun After Five" where our cookies were a big hit for dessert. It's good to make friends with our local businesses and other non-profit organizations.

And who could forget the wonderful Spring Fling Fashion Show and Luncheon. Kudos to the great efforts of all the members who supported and worked. It was one of the most successful fundraisers that our club has had!

But the most rewarding event I attended was the GFWC FL 127<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention in Orlando. Five members joined with several hundred other club members from all over the state. The theme was "Puttin on the Ritz" and we celebrated our clubs' accomplishments of 2022 with awards and cheering. A great time to renew friendships and make a few new friends, learn something about GFWC Florida and enjoy being a flapper of the 20's.



GFWC Rotonda West Woman's Club headed home with lots of awards including having our own Kathryn Gallagher named as District Director of the Year!



The next GFWC Florida conference is in September, and I hope you will consider attending.

This May's Chatter Newsletter is full of pictures and information from our leadership members and I hope you take the time to read it! They are doing an outstanding job and I can't thank them enough for all the work they do.

"BEE" proud of your accomplishments.



### **FIRST VICE PRESIDENT**

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May is the month for flowers, Moms, Memorials and more. In most parts of our country, May begins the summer growing season – the seeds are planted and prayers for a bountiful harvest are offered. A dance around the May pole might seal the deal. Mother's Day, this year, is May 14<sup>th</sup>. Tell your mother you love her however you can – in person, on the phone or through a prayerful thought. Moms are so very special.

Memorial Day is May 29<sup>th</sup> this year and was created to honor U.S. military personnel who sacrificed their lives while carrying out their duties. This is another group who deserves our prayers of thanks every day.

I hope to see each of you at our GFWC Rotonda West Woman's Club meeting on May 18<sup>th</sup> and again on May 20<sup>th</sup> for our GFWC Florida District 12 Meeting which will include a special membership presentation from Laura Connelly, who is our GFWC Florida 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President. Both meetings are being held at the RWA Community Center.

Best wishes for a fun summer. Keep living the volunteer spirit!



### **SECOND VICE PRESIDENT**

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### **MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN**

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I hope you all have time to slow down and rest a little this summer after the hectic aftermath of Jan. If you are staying in Florida for the summer, look for our occasional group activities and invite your friends to join us!

We will be doing orientation and induction in the fall.

Safe travels!  
Jennifer





**GFWC FL DISTRICT 12 DIRECTOR**  
**GFWC RWWC BOGGY CREEK PRESIDENT’S PROJECT CHAIRMAN**



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**GFWC FLORIDA - DISTRICT 12**  
**WHERE VOLUNTEER SERVICE AND FRIENDSHIP MEET**  
**District 12 Director’s Report**



Certificates for GFWC Florida Club Awards, Category 5 (Clubs with 100 or more members) from the 2023 Puttin’ On the Ritz Convention in Orlando, April 21 to 23<sup>rd</sup>. Congratulations and thanks to all members of GFWC Rotonda West Woman’s Club for your contributions to a Winning 2022 Year!

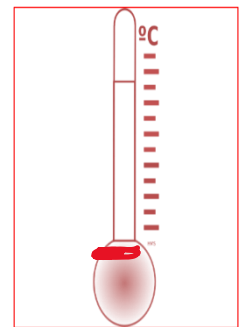
Chairmen from left to right:

- Clare Imrie, Membership Chairman, Category 5, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place
- Jennifer Cope, Health & Wellness Chairman, Category 5, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place
- Betsy Bouchard, ESO Chairman, Category 5, 1<sup>st</sup> Place
- Gwen Grace, GFWC FL Honor Score Certificate
- Kara Kelly, Education & Libraries Co-Chairman, Category 5, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place
- Rachele Adler, Environment Chairman, Category 5, 1<sup>st</sup> Place
- Kathy Altenburg, Art & Culture Chairman, Category 5, 1<sup>st</sup> Place
- Debra Sigismondo, Education & Libraries Chairman, Category 5, 1<sup>st</sup> Place
- Bev Dobbins, Civic Engagement & Outreach Chairman, Category 5, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place
- Kathy Kean (not shown), Signature Project Chairman, Category 5, 1<sup>st</sup> Place



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\$2,500  
2,150  
1,800  
1,450  
\$1,100



GFWC Rotonda West was blessed with a very generous donation toward our club sponsoring one child for a week at Boggy Creek. We are almost half-way there so to keep track of our progress, here’s a little thermometer to show where we are to date. Let’s pass around the Bear Barrel at our meetings and see if we can achieve the goal of \$2,500 to become a sponsoring GFWC Club!

You should have seen all the Boggy Bears and Afghans that were delivered to the Rosen Hotel during Convention Weekend.

Our four bags of Bears were a part of the 1,000 Boggy Creek items that arrived! Transporting them to Boggy Creek Camp took a whole pickup truck and a van to carry it all! GFWC FL President Linda O'Toole presented a check in the amount of \$25,000 to the representative from Boggy Creek after dinner on Saturday evening. That donation will allow 100 children to attend Boggy Creek Camp this season.



The banner features the GFWC logo on the left, which includes the text "GFWC" and "UNITY IN DIVERSITY". To the right of the logo, the text reads "National Day of Service" in a large, serif font, followed by "SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2023" in a smaller, sans-serif font. Below this, there are three items: "Living the Volunteer Spirit", "www.GFWC.org", and "#GFWC23NDS". A thick yellow horizontal bar is positioned below the text.

GFWC is excited to announce its inaugural National Day of Service on Saturday, **September 30**, to combat hunger and food insecurity.

GFWC's first Day of Service is a campaign to encourage clubwomen in all 50 states and internationally, old and new GFWC friends, and GFWC team members to participate in activities to collectively work to end hunger in our communities.

### Soaring with President Elect Sara

During Convention in Orlando, the 14 current District Directors met with President Elect Sara Dessureau to hear plans and schedules for the next club year. Sara has tentatively set the date for our 2023 District 12 Annual Meeting for Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>. At that time, a new District 12 Director will be elected for the 2024-2026 Administration.

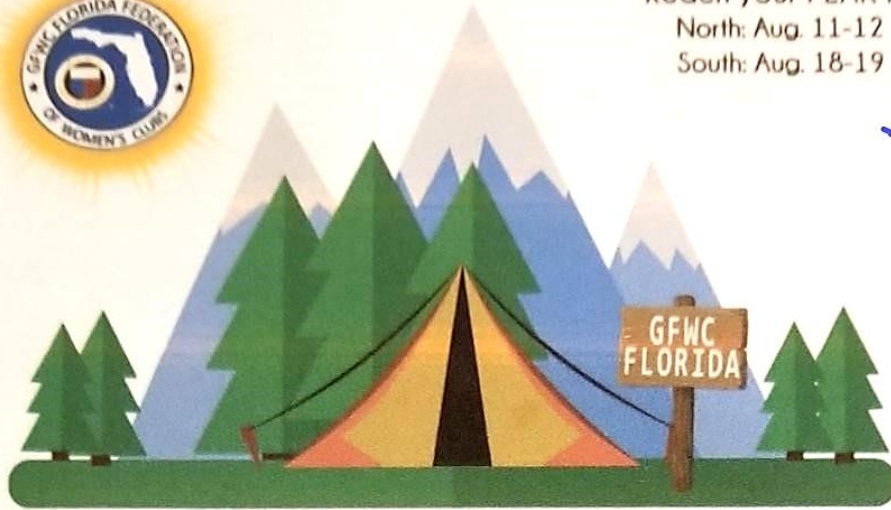


A Leadership Camp schedule was announced with an overnight Leadership Camp for the "southern region" of Florida to be held at Lake Placid, FL beginning on Friday afternoon, August 18 through Saturday afternoon, August 19<sup>th</sup>. The flyer follows.

**The most interesting and unique piece of information is that President Elect Sara Dessureau has selected her President's Project for 2024-2026.** Sara says we have honored and supported so many organizations throughout the years that it is time to honor our own. There are more than 100 GFWC Florida members who have served in the Armed Forces. "Soaring with Sara" translates as an **Honor Flight for our own GFWC FL Veterans and their escorts.** The Honor Flight timing will probably be late winter 2025 or early spring 2026. I will have Sara's initial President's Project Pins available for you to purchase at our May General Meeting on May 18<sup>th</sup>. They are \$10 and the income will begin funding for Sara's installation as President and her wonderful Project!



Reach your PEAK FL  
North: Aug. 11-12  
South: Aug. 18-19



● LEADERSHIP SUMMER CAMP 2023 ●

*Save the date*

Make a plan to join your GFWC Florida sisters at the  
2023 Leadership Summer Camp at either location:

August 11-12, 2023  
Lake Swan Camp  
647 State Road 26  
Melrose, FL 32666

OR

August 18-19, 2023  
Lake Placid Camp  
2665 Placid View Drive  
Lake Placid FL 33852

Details and registration coming soon to  
[www.GFWCFLCamp.com](http://www.GFWCFLCamp.com)







## ARTS & CULTURE

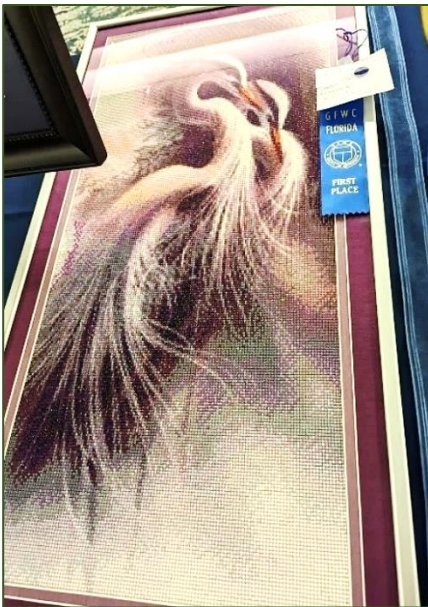
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## ARTS & CULTURE

Ladies we went to GFWC Florida convention with three projects and came home with one ribbon. An honorable mention for Mixed media collage for Jackie Boutin from Punta Gorda.

I took pictures of some of the winning projects to show you the variety of crafts and photos that won. Our club is as talented as those from across Florida, so don't be disappointed.











Work on your projects for next year. And don't forget those great photos that you take all year. You have until December 31st of this year to finish a project, so put on your creative thinking caps!!

Our Arts and Culture project for the Charlotte County middle schools will be happening sometime this fall. "AllStar Artists".

This summer I will try and arrange some trips to the Naples

Botanical Gardens, the Sea Grape Gallery that recently reopened since the hurricane, and maybe a trip to the Dali museum in St. Petersburg.

**CREATIVE CRAFTERS**

Ladies as you know we have started our first projects and will continue throughout the summer. We are making our own name badges and are working on Faux Stained Glass pictures now. We can also apply this technique to empty bottles also for the craft fair!

We will be having some craft/paint classes by our own members and maybe we should have another trip to the 'Paint with a Twist' store in Port Charlotte.

Toward the end of summer, we will be starting on bazaar projects. Fall crafts, Halloween and Christmas items for our Craft Bazaar on Saturday, October 21.

Remember 'ALL' ideas are welcome.

If I don't see you this summer have a wonderful, safe one and bring in one of your summer projects to our September crafting meeting.

*Thank you, Kathy Altenburg*



## EDUCATION & LIBRARIES

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'Tis the season for graduations, celebrations, and recognition. President Gwen Grace and Debra Sigismondo presented four Lemon Bay High School Seniors with \$1500 each to attend their choice of institutes of higher education.

Our two awardees for the Bella Williams Continuing Education are local leaders in their fields. Susan Fields is pursuing her Master's in Educational Leadership at FGCU at

Alexa Adler-Petry, Christopher Hatfield, Gwen Grace, Debra Sigismondo, Matthew, Jasmine Powers

the same time teaching ninth graders

In North Port. Joshua D. Cochran works as an RN Educator while finishing his BSN online with Ohio University. Our efforts on their behalf are truly appreciated. We want to thank wholeheartedly the members of the Scholarship Committee for their time and attention to detail. Thanks to Elaine McNeil, Eileen Tranz, Judy Long, Nancie Jankowski, Karen Lambert, JoAnn Hopkins, Eileen McVeigh, Linda Muir and Gwen Grace. We can be very proud of the over \$10,000 in scholarships awarded in 2023!

### Great Job Rotonda West Women!!

This week my husband and I delivered our donations of a car full of Toilet Paper and Instant Mashed Potatoes. I forgot to get the name of the volunteer who helped us unpack the car. Pictured with me is the Director of St. David's Jubilee Center Laura Roy Fink. She said their clients will greatly appreciate these necessary items, the volunteers were all smiles when we brought it all inside. They appreciate that we checked their Facebook page which is updated weekly with their current needs.

Debra Sigismondo





Teacher Appreciation Week, May 8-12, and our CSP is celebrating educators by gifting Cookies and good wishes to the faculties of LBHS, L.A.Ainger Middle School, Myakka River Elementary and Vineland. Thanks to the team of Linda Muir, Eileen Tranz, Wendy Lisbon, and Nancie Jankowski.



Vineland School



Myakka Elementary School



Lemon Bay High School

Members please look for the bargains in August and September for our Annual School Supply Drive at the Club’s September General Meeting. We will be addressed by Tammy Tieu of The Learning Center for Dyslexia in Englewood. Kindly forward any topics, questions you would like her to cover in her visit to us.

Let Kara, Betsy and I know how you could assist our CSP, we welcome ideas and volunteers.

**“ONE CHILD, ONE TEACHER, ONE BOOK, ONE PEN CAN CHANGE THE WORLD.” -Malala Yousafzai**

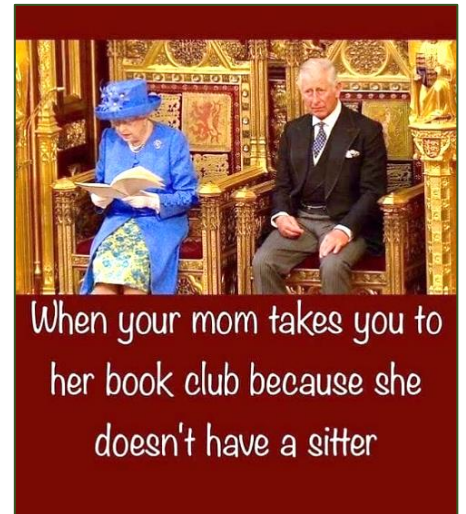


**ESO** Betsy Bouchard, Chair

Calling all readers! Our Epsilon Sigma Omicron or ESO has seven, count ‘em, seven book clubs! There’s always room for more members. Yes, books are discussed, and some clubs read books together. Some just discuss what everyone is reading. Some love to go to lunch. Some have a meeting at each other’s homes to share a meal or a snack. Book clubs are educational AND social.

Contact me if you’d like to join, I’ll email you some details, and will be happy to help you join one of our clubs. Betsy Bouchard 757-952-9890 [betsybou@yahoo.com](mailto:betsybou@yahoo.com)

And to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III, a little book club humor!



**The Spring ESO Luncheon was hosted by the Brunch Buddies.** We celebrated Tartan Day, acknowledging Scotland, Scottish heritage, and Scottish authors. Did you know 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence were Scots, as were 9 of the 13 original governors of the newly established states? Probably the most prolific famous Scottish writer is Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, creator of Holmes and Watson.

Our entertainer was Piper Diane Nally.















### **ENVIRONMENT/FUNDRAISING COORDINATOR**

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### **ENVIRONMENT**

**COMMITTEE UPDATE:** Our 2nd committee meeting was held on May 2nd. We will be doing a collection at the May general meeting for our local animal rescue groups, EARS and Suncoast Humane. The following items are requested for this collection:

EARS requests: Wet and dry cat food, bleach, laundry detergent, and tall kitchen drawstring garbage bags.

Suncoast Humane requests: Purina adult dog food, Greenies pill pockets, large Nylabone and Kong toys, plastic litter scoops, meow mix original choice dry cat food and Fancy Feast tender feast variety pack canned kitten food.

Ice Cream Planters: we will be offering the opportunity to make an ice cream cone basil planter. Ice cream cone planters can be put directly into a pot or the ground. Basil plants are mosquito repellent plants. We will have 36 Planters available from 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. during the Social Hour. Please look for the Environment CSP committee table. Planters are offered on a first come, first served basis while supplies last.



Our first project was the purchase of a recycling bin to be used during our meetings and events at the RWA Community Center. It was dedicated at our April meeting. Two of our committee members have volunteered to empty the bin and dispose of the recycled material. A picture of the dedication is below.

## Recycle Beyond the Bag

We will be offering a new project in the fall which entails collecting certain plastic items. If we can collect 500 lbs. of these items within a 6-month period, we can receive a bench that we can then have placed where we choose. The items that can be recycled for this program are on the poster which is shown here. While the program will start in the fall, most likely November, you can start collecting this plastic over the summer and then turn it in when we have begun collections.

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This is a program available to Florida homeowners that provides a grant to upgrade your home for hurricane preparedness. It provides matching funds to your contribution so check it out.

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## Tip of the Month:

### 20 PLANTS THAT REPEL MOSQUITOES





If you are interested in joining our committee, please feel free to contact Rachele or Janet.

Rachele Adler/Janet Rojas

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Environment CSP Co Chairs

## FASHION SHOW UPDATE

Thank you to all the members who supported the Spring Fling Fashion Show luncheon. Special thanks to Walmart for sponsoring the event, Brad Pike and his assistants from Off The Wave for the fashions, Sally Vandenberg and Jane Tumanic for the wonderful job of obtaining donations, our models, our committee members, our local community and Mary Ann Zipp for getting our information into the local papers. We had a sellout crowd and raised \$10,000 which will be split between The Literacy Center for Dyslexia and our club's projects and programs. Some pictures of the event are below, including our presentation of the check at our April General meeting.

**Save the Date for the Holiday Tea** which will be held on Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at the RWA Community Center.

Joyce Crumpton & Rachele Adler

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**Thank You to those who donated**  
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Nutrition \* Rosana Halprine  
Rachele Adler \* Linda Muir  
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Registration & Opportunity Draw & Share the Wealth Sales

Please put your Unique number on the back of any opp. Draw tickets

Introduction from Rachele Adler  
Co Chair, and GFWC Rotonda West Woman's Club President—Gwen Grace

The Blessing  
Doris Walker, Club Chaplin

Lunch Selection  
Boar's Head Croissant Platters mixed, egg ham, tuna & chicken  
Veggie Cups & Boar's Head Party  
PinWheels  
Decadent desserts & assorted mini petit fours

**Special thanks to our sponsors**

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Our guests arriving



Brad, from Off The Wave, and Club President, Gwen Grace



Some of the Port Charlotte and Punta Gorda Club sisters who came to support our event



Our student volunteers



Our models



Presenting the check to The Literacy Center 4/20/23





## PENNY HARVEST COLLECTION

This year's Penny Harvest donations will again be going to Canine Companions for Independence (CCI). Please remember to keep saving those pennies or any change and turn them in to the blue and yellow dog house each month. Every little penny helps, thank you.

### HEALTH & WELLNESS

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Thank you very much to everyone who donated and supported the PanCAN Purplestride USA 2023 walk

to end pancreatic cancer. We raised \$2,000 and exceeded our goal! There were 21 of us on Saturday April 29<sup>th</sup> who walked around beautiful Broadmoor Park, enjoying each other's company and discussing the effect pancreatic cancer has had on our lives. I spoke to my Dad after the walk and he was very grateful for everything we'd done. Donations can still be made up until June 30<sup>th</sup>, if you wish to do so. (<http://support.pancan.org/goto/RotondaWest>) I'd like to organize this walk again next year and I'd also like to start a walking group soon, watch this space! Thanks again for all your help and encouragement with this project, it means a lot to me.



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Everyone is invited to attend a free Jazzercise exercise class, (specifically for beginners) by Deanna Dunlap of Jazzercise Englewood on Monday May 15<sup>th</sup> at the old Englewood Event Center, 3069 South McCall Road. This class is before the monthly May meeting. Friends, neighbors, family etc. are all invited. Please wear comfortable work-out gear, tennis shoes, bring water, towel, and enthusiasm, let's have some fun!

Please save the date of Saturday September 30<sup>th</sup> - this is a GFWC National Day of Service, and Health & Wellness and Civic & Engagement are working on an activity to reduce food insecurity in Charlotte county - more details to follow.

I hope everyone has a great summer, if you have any Health & Wellness suggestions for projects & activities, please let us know! Over the next 4 months I'll be travelling to Dominican Republic, UK and South Africa - my husband and I are catching up on our overseas trips!



## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

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### SPECIAL APRIL THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

**SOME DAYS ARE BETTER, SOME DAYS ARE WORSE.  
LOOK FOR THE BLESSING INSTEAD OF THE CURSE.  
BE POSITIVE, STAY STRONG AND GET ENOUGH REST,  
YOU CAN'T DO IT ALL, BUT YOU CAN DO YOUR BEST.**

**WELCOME APRIL  
NEW MONTH, NEW CHAPTER, NEW PAGE  
AND NEW WISHES.**

**MAY THE MONTH GIVE YOU COURAGE, STRENGTH,  
CONFIDENCE, PATIENCE, SELF-LOVE, SUNSHINE, AND ENERGY.**

**LET THERE BE JOY, FUN AND LAUGHTER,  
GIVE THANKS AND PRAISE TO THE LORD FOR  
ALL OUR BLESSINGS.**

**AMEN**

**APRIL, 2023**



### BEDTIME BAGS PROJECT

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How to begin...You cannot imagine how grateful a person can feel when a community comes together to help those less fortunate than themselves. But, that is exactly what happened at the last General Membership Meeting of the RWWC held on April 20<sup>th</sup>. The members made the most generous of donations to benefit the children of Charlotte County as a part of the Guardian ad Litem "Bedtime Bags" project.



Donations included: 26 pairs of pajamas and 19 pairs of socks. Toothbrushes and toothpaste, as well as travel-size soaps, shampoos & conditioners, have been received in abundance. Comfort toys have been received in large quantities. The Education & Libraries Committee has been generous with providing age-appropriate books for the children.



The next quarterly delivery of 12 bags to the Punta Gorda GAL office will take place on Wednesday, May 31<sup>st</sup>. What a terrific end to this half of RWWC's year!

If you would like to participate in the delivery and take a look for yourself at the facility, or would like information on becoming a GAL or otherwise helping out, please contact me.



### KNIT AND CHAT

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Half a year has gone by! I hope everyone has a terrific Summer! We will certainly miss our members who have gone back North for the Summer.

The Knit n Chat ladies worked very hard to get ready for the Bazaar in March – which went very, very well and was terrifically received by all those in attendance. Items included hats, scarves, dishcloths, scrubbies and potholders, fidget sleeves, crocheted jewelry, eyeglass/phone cases, Christmas and Fall items and much more!

We are making a list (and checking it twice) for items to be included in the October 2023 Bazaar along with the other ongoing projects which include, but are not limited to:

- Mittens for the Mitten Lady Project at Myakka River Elementary School;
- Fidget sleeves for distribution by the Tonettes;
- Teddy Bears for the GAL Bedtime Bags Project;
- Lap blankets and other items for local donation.

### **REMEMBER:**

You don't need to know how to knit! There are ladies who crochet and/or loom knit as well as those who are learning. Besides which, we have a lot of fun!!

Meeting:       WHERE:       RWA  
                  WHEN:       Tuesday mornings  
                  TIME:         9:30 – 11:30 or 12:00

**Also, there is always a need for donations of yarn. Call me if you have any questions or concerns.**

I have included crochet Scrubbie pattern:

Crochet Scrubbie

This pattern is written using standard US crochet terminology.

- **Ch** Chain
- **Fpdc** Front Post Double Crochet
- **Dc** Double Crochet
- **Rep** Repeat
- **Slst** Slip Stitch
- **St(s)** Stitch(es)



**Round 1:** Ch 22. Join with a slst to the first chain to form a ring. Ch 3. Make 25 dc *around* the foundation chain (don't attempt to work into the chains). Do not join, continue with next round.

**Round 2:** Fpdc first dc. Fpdc every st. Do not join at end of the round.

### Repeat

Continue working a fpdc for every st in a spiral fashion until your work measures approximately 4" tall from starting edge. Fasten off leaving a 6" tail.

### Assembly

For the top and bottom of the scrubby, weave the tail in and out of each stitch in the round. Pull the tail to draw up the closure.

Flatten the scrubby with the drawn up ends in the center of the scrubby. Thread one tail through the center of the scrubby and tie it off with the other end. Trim the tails and you're done!



### RECEPTION

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Please wear your name tags. If you forget, we have temporary tags you can have. Also, remember to bring \$10 for our pizza lunch.

Thank you, Diane



### Sew n Sews

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Hi ladies.

Would like to extend a big THANK YOU to you for participating in our "Head and etc" game and your donation.

We did a road trip after our general meeting and quite sure we have come to a mutual agreement on fabric choice. We will finalize our choice at our next sewing meeting Tues.

Have a wonderful summer. Looking forward to seeing you in Sept.



### SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

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Hello sister RWWC Club members.

Please call or send an email to me when a member needs some get well cheer, encouragement or condolences. An appropriate card will be sent to them right away to let them know their sister members are thinking about them.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me for a chat.





## CRAFT BAZAAR

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Mark Your Calendars!!! **October 21<sup>st</sup>**

Our Bazaar is coming up quickly, after our summer break. We'll be needing to gather volunteers for baking, baskets, working the bazaar for setup the day before, during the bazaar, after for breakdown and whatever comes up during planning. This is such a fun event and I look forward to seeing all of you again in the fall. There'll be signup sheets available at our September meeting for volunteer opportunities, cookie baking, baking and basket contributions.

See you in September..... Have a wonderful Summer All!!!



## TONETTES

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Fun to listen to and lots of fun to sing--The Tonettes are still entertaining our senior living and retirement folks with their "*Happy Trails*" and we are enjoying it as much as our audience. We are starting to select music for rehearsal for our upcoming "*By the Sea*" themed presentation---from Day-O (Banana Boat Song), Margaritaville, Somewhere Over the Rainbow, sprinkled with some old favorites and new favorites. Patriotic songs are always included with our performances.

WE NEED MORE SINGERS to be able to book many more communities for the upcoming season---our visits are always so appreciated by the audiences---makes us want to do MORE! Do you sing in the car? Do you sing in the shower? You don't have to be a classically trained vocalist!! You don't have to know how to read music. All genres, all skill levels. For those who play other musical instruments, we can also use that talent, come join our group....the stage is open, open your door!



We meet on Tuesdays from 1-3 pm, at the Rotonda Community Center. All music is provided.

Questions or concerns--feel free to contact me. 912-398-7047



## NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

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Thank you to everyone who submitted articles and photos – and a special thanks to Rachele Adler for submitting a poem. You've submitted a plethora of pictures – so many, in fact, I wasn't able to include them all.

I apologize for the delay in getting this Chatter out. While having a wonderful time visiting our son in Mexico, my phone was stolen – don't ever let this happen to you! After we returned home on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, it took seven



days of numerous phone calls, visiting stores, and jumping through my former carrier's hoops, and then jumping through similar hoops with my new carrier. What don't they understand about you can't text a verification code to a stolen phone? At the same time, I needed to install a new streaming service from our homeowners' association which caused some problems with my internet service. Technology has not been my friend. Now that I've vented, I feel some better. I'm hoping for some down time this summer.

As you participate in your summer activities and vacations, take notes and photos. I'm looking forward to doing another "How I Spent My Summer Vacation" Chatter. Everyone seemed to enjoy last year's special edition.

Thanks for submitting your articles – you make my job easier. Enjoy your summer – do something fun!

## **MEMBER POEM**

Submitted by  
Rachele Adler

This is for you ladies!!! 🤪🤪🤪 I recently ate at a restaurant where a table of girlfriends of a certain age were having a wonderful time, and came home and wrote this. You may recognize somebody, maybe yourself ...

Lunch With Girlfriends 🤪🤪🤪

Elaine's vertigo has never been worse  
Kay can't recall where she left her purse  
Rhonda's about to replace her knees  
Linda's breathing is tinged with a wheeze

Donna's left boob has a troublesome lump  
Diane's on her third trip to take a dump  
Lorraine's husband can't remember a thing  
Nine years a widow, Marge still wears her ring

Marlene is dealing with another UTI  
Sally's giving a hearing aid another try  
Marie has decided she can't drive at night  
Sharon still wears clothes two sizes too tight

They've been through divorces and babies and wakes  
They do for each other whatever it takes  
They've already buried Marcia and Kate  
And truthfully, Lizzie's not looking so great

So whenever they can, they get out to eat  
Open bottles of wine and forget their sore feet  
There's laughing and crying and letting down guards  
And when the bill comes, there's ten credit cards

So here's to the waiters who keep orders straight  
And to the places that let lunches run three hours late  
And here's to the girlfriends, those near and those far  
Here's to the girlfriends, you know who you are!!!" ❤️❤️❤️

Credit: By Kathy O'Malley







## LOOKING AHEAD ??

May 18, 2023 – General Meeting, RWA CC, Social Hour 9am, Meeting 10am  
Member Pizza Party following meeting \$10  
Ice cream cone basil planters available at Environment Table  
EARS and Suncoast Humane collections

May 20, 2023 – RWWC FL District 12 Meeting, RWA CC – Membership topic

May 31 & June 1, 2023 – EHH, Volunteer opportunity

June 16, 2023 – Season-end Board Meeting, RWA CC, 1pm

August 18–19 – GFWC FL Leadership Camp “southern region” of Florida, to be held at Lake Placid, FL

September 30 – GFWC National Day of Service to combat hunger and food insecurity



**April Meeting – “BEE”ing all we can bee!**

Submitted by Rita Lopienski



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RWA Activity Building.

9:00 am Social Hour – 10:00 am General Meeting.

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