



GFWC ROTONDA WEST WOMAN'S CLUB GFWC-FL DISTRICT 12

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CHATTER

November, 2023



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



NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

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Hello –

Okay.... what happened to October??? Seems like it was just beginning and now it's over already. The weather is getting cooler, and our house is finally getting the pool cage that Ian took over a year ago.



There's a couple of announcements that I would like to make.

- A big THANK YOU to Linda Bermea and all the members for a wonderful Fall Bazaar. It's lots of work and greatly appreciated and makes it possible to fund another Boggy Creek camper for a week.



- The December General Meeting is being held on the **SECOND Thursday, December 14** instead of the 21st. Due to the holidays, this date worked out much better for most of our executive board members and I hope it will for you too. We will again be having a catered lunch after the shortened meeting. The cost will be \$10. Please mark your calendar.

- Our longtime Librarian Sharon Ivanik has stepped down from her position. Sande Prentis will be taking over for her although Sharon will always be involved. We thank her so much for her years of dedication as she was instrumental in getting the Library up and running.
- Another resignation that was accepted with regret is that of our Assistant Treasurer. Jean Howard is caring for her husband, Michael, and she asks for prayers for him. Thank you, Jean, for being on the Board. And we will keep you both in our thoughts and prayers.
- The position of Assistant Treasurer is open, and we will be looking for a candidate for a special election as soon as possible. If you are interested, please let me know.
- Saint David’s Jubilee Center is having a **Christmas Shop** for needy families in December. They are requesting donations of toys and items for children ages newborn to eighteen. If you are in the giving spirit, please bring your donation(s) to the November meeting.
- Long time member Norma Wood’s family will be hosting a 90th birthday open house on Sunday, November 19th from 2 pm to 4 pm. Park in level lot across the street or the neighbors drives on each side of the house. Please RSVP to Norma.

Linda Hall, Donna Rice and I participated in the Englewood Safewalk for Halloween. Thank you to all the members who donated candy for the event. We were overwhelmed by the amount of “trick or treaters” who parade on Dearborn Street. Maybe again next year?? I hope so.

Wishing everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Keep busy, keep healthy and “Bee” all you can “Bee”!



Gwen



FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

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Wow, the year is really flying by. I hope you had a great Halloween with lots of spooky encounters. November brings Veterans Day and Thanksgiving; both occasions to stop and reflect on our blessings and be grateful to those who made many of them possible.

As the days get shorter and the to-do list gets longer, I hope you take some time to relax and enjoy all that comes your way. I will see you at the general meeting on November 16th.



SECOND VICE PRESIDENT

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Please help me welcome our new members. Meg Myer, Pauline Harmatz, Jerri Baudisch and Jeannie Joyce. You may have already met them volunteering with some of our events. They are a perfect match for our club and the “volunteer spirit” we encourage.



Meg Meyer



Pauline Harmatz



Jerri Baudisch

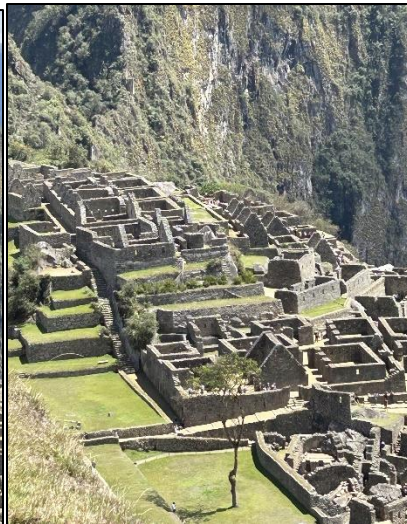


Jeannie Joyce

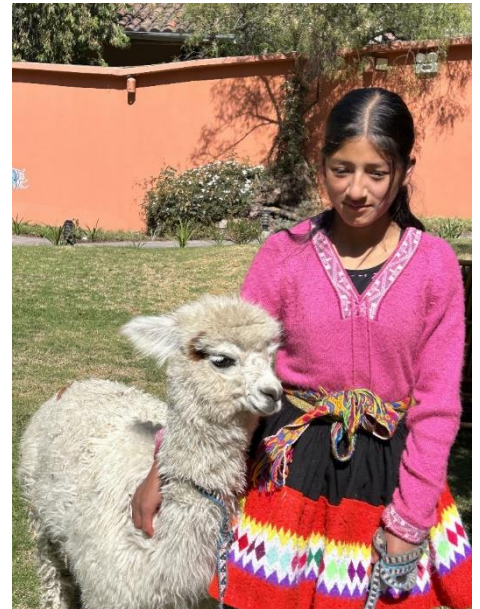
We currently have 154 members, with several planning on attending the last orientation on Wednesday, November 30 at 1:00 at the RWA. Please invite your friends and neighbors to join us at the November meeting. They can sign up then to attend the orientation or have them call me if they have already attended a meeting and want to join.

The induction of new members will take place at the December meeting which has been moved to December 14th. In the meantime, please continue to meet and greet all the visitors and new members. Invite them to your interest groups or to volunteer with you at the next event. Thank you all for being so welcoming to all our newbies.

PERU



We were fortunate to be able to visit Peru in September. I have included a couple of pictures from our travels. Hope you enjoy. My advice to anyone going to Machu Pichu is go NOW. It's not going to get any easier!!



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We have had an excellent response to our annual dues collection. As of the end of October, 105 members have renewed their membership. That includes new members who paid at the time of orientation and several who took advantage of the renewal form that was included in last month's newsletter. Hopefully that will encourage members who are still up north to mail in their checks. Good job ladies!

There are still club tee shirts available in all sizes except small. The price is \$20 and will be available for purchase at the November general meeting.



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

On Saturday, November 4th, GFWC FL President Linda O’Toole and President Elect Sara Dessureau joined us at GFWC LaBelle Community Woman’s Club for the 2023 Annual District Meeting and election of the new District 12 Director for 2024-2026. Newly elected Joyce Powell, of the Port Charlotte Woman’s Club, will be a terrific new Leader and will represent District 12 on the GFWC FL Board of Directors.

Thank you so much to all of our Rotonda West members who donated new Twin-Bed Sheets & Pillow Case Sets for President Linda O’Toole’s Boggy Creek President’s Project. It was so nice to be able to present them to President Linda at the Annual District Meeting. I wish that I knew who all of the donors are, but I want to express my sincere gratitude to each of you for helping to provide new sheets for the Boggy Creek Campers.

GFWC SOUTHERN REGION CONFERENCE – Biloxi, MS, October 27-29, 2023

Former District 12 Director Lee Kraus and I represented District 12 at the Southern Region Conference in Biloxi. What a refreshing and educational weekend it was. GFWC Int’l President Debra Strahanoski was there, and did she ever keep things upbeat and moving. Watch for this week’s GFWC Clubwoman Magazine to read all of the great announcements Debra shared with us in Biloxi!

Marian St. Clair, Immediate Past Int’l President was also with us and announced that next year’s So. Region Conference will be held in her hometown of Greenville, SC. I have to tell you that the experience of true southern hospitality in Biloxi was unforgettable. The Mississippi Clubwomen really showed off the “Magic of Mississippi” at every turn. Every member of GFWC Southern Region (Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, Florida, South Carolina, Aruba and Belize) is invited to attend the 2024 Conference in Greenville: October 3-6, 2024, Hyatt Regency Greenville, SC. You will love it!



Photo at Southern Region SURPRISE Tea: Elayne Bassinger, Annette Bellingar, Kathryn Gallagher





ARTS & CULTURE

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CREATIVE CRAFTERS

ARTS & CULTURE

Hello ladies. Happy Fall!

Well, we have finally had our Craft Fair. It has been a very productive year of crafting almost every Friday throughout the year. We had over 200 items for sale and did fairly well. We will also be at the Rotonda Elks on Saturday November 4th for their annual craft bazaar. Hopefully we will be able to sell some more of our wonderful items.

We will have a Creative Crafters meeting on FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10, at 9am. We will be discussing and making plans for the upcoming year. The crafters now will become part of the Arts and Culture Committee. We will decide on day trips and art classes for the entire membership and different crafts to make during the next year.

Ladies remember that we have our Annual Art Competition on Wednesday afternoon, January 17th. The judging is Wednesday afternoon and the presentation of ribbons and membership viewing will be the next day Thursday, January 18th, at our first General Meeting of the year. A sign up list will be at the November General Meeting for volunteers for sign in and setup of all entries for the January competition.

ALL entry forms for the competition must be turned in by the December General Meeting with an entry fee of \$3 per entry, Entry category forms are on the website <http://www.gfwcrotondawest.org>. There are over 50 categories including photography, so please look over the categories and I'm sure you will find some area that will be perfect for your entry. I will also have entry forms at the November meeting. If you are not sure which category you should enter, we will figure it out together.

I would like to have at least 25 to 30 entries. You do not have to be a member of the crafters to enter. Any project (knitting, crochet, painting, crafts, photography, quilting, etc.) that has been worked on this year is eligible. You have until December 31st to finish.

Any questions please contact me.

Thank you

CRAFT BAZAAR

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Fall 2023 Craft Bazaar

What an awesome event we had! We have such a tremendous group of women that spend so much time and effort volunteering to make this such a special activity. I would like to thank each and every one of our team Chairs for helping pull together such a wonderful event for us. These ladies are:

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| Rachele Adler | Bake Table and the Café (Hot Dogs) |
| Kathy Altenburg | Crafters |

Melanie David	Jewelry
Judy Gatewood	Sew 'N Sews
Linda Hall	Golf Cart Greeters
Lois LeVasseur	Knit and Chat
Jackie Miller	Sew 'N Sews
Linda Muir	Cookies by the Pound
Gloria Rogoski	Baskets (Chinese Auction)
Anne Vickery	Treasury

These Team Chairs and all of their volunteers made my job effortless. I so appreciate all their time and efforts in organizing the hall and all the displays and for the products. Your volunteerism is what makes these events the success that they are! The creativity of you ladies is truly amazing. I'm jealous!

Again, thank you so much for helping make our Craft Bazaar the success it was for our March and October functions! We all did GREAT!!! A BIG PAT ON THE BACK IS DESERVED BY ALL!!

Linda Bermea, Chair, RWWC Craft Bazaar

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Hello November and Daylight Savings Time.

Well, hello November! The Civic Engagement Committee has put together a wonderful program for our November General Membership Meeting, November 16th. The Area Agency on Aging for Southwest Florida, www.aaaswfl.org, is sending a speaker, Camilita Aldridge, from their SHINE (Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders) to present "Medicare's Open Enrollment" is October 15-December 7. Shine counselors provide free and unbiased plan comparisons during the Open Enrollment Period. Learn about Medicare options, how to save on Part D costs and prepare for the Medicare Open Enrollment Period.



I will be at the Community Center at 11am this Friday, November 3rd to pass out the Veteran gift boxes for Veterans at Christmastime. A list will be included with the boxes of suggested items to help you fill the box. Please bring your filled boxes back to the Community Center no later than Thursday, December 14, 2023. Place the sticker provided as to whether it is for a male or female (provided with your box and list). You can contact Linda Hall for special pick-up.

Bev says we still need plastic bags for the plarn mats and is working on having a class on making the mats.

Bev has found two locations we can partner with on making and distributing the plarn mats.



A facility tour of Cool Today Park is scheduled for Wednesday, December 6, 2023.

The price for Seniors is \$20, Adults are \$30. This includes lunch at the Tomahawk Tiki Bar and Grill at the park. I will have tickets available at the Board and General Membership Meeting. You may contact me if you would like to reserve a ticket(s).

This is available for members and non-members. Perhaps your spouse would like to join us.

CONTACT LINDA HALL IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS 678-485-0762

Cool Today Park

FACILITY TOURS

LUNCH CHOICES

- GRILLED CHEESE WITH FRIES
- BURGER AND FRIES
- CAESAR SALAD
- INCLUDES DRINK IN A BRAVES SOUVENIR CUP

TICKETS:
ADULTS \$35
SENIORS 60+ \$20

- ON FIELD ACCESS
- VISIT BRAVES DUGOUT
- WALK THROUGH THE PRESS BOX
- LOOK INTO OUR LUXURY SUITES
- UP CLOSE LOOK IN THE BRAVES CLUBHOUSE
- SPECIAL AERIAL VIEW OF THE ACADEMY & PRACTICE FIELDS
- INCLUDES LUNCH AT TOMAHAWK TIKI BAR

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2023

MEET AT 11:00AM
IN FRONT OF ATLANTA BRAVES STORE

18800 SOUTH WEST VILLAGES PKWY, VENICE, FL 34293

@MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO RSVF NOVEMBER | CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED
GFWC RWWC 29



Poll Workers

A sign-up sheet will be available at the meetings for those who are interested in becoming a poll volunteer.

**Civic Engagement & Outreach, Michele Scott, Chairman
 National Wreaths Across America Day
 December 16, 2023**

Each December on National Wreaths Across America Day, the mission to Remember, Honor, and Teach is carried out by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery, as well as at more than 3,700 additional locations in all 50 U.S. states, at sea and abroad, including Sarasota National Cemetery. GFWC Rotonda West Woman’s Club has participated in this event for several years. The husbands of several of our members are buried at Sarasota as well as our GFWC Sister, Elaine Claussen.



In 2023, the date is Saturday, December 16th. Individual Wreath sponsorship is \$17 per Wreath. To sponsor a Wreath, please see the sign-up sheet at the November 16th General Meeting and make your check payable to GFWC RWWC, Inc. in the amount of \$17 per wreath, with the notation “for Wreaths Across America.”

Michele Scott will handle the sign-up sheets, make payment on-line, and let us know the times available to arrive at the Sarasota National Cemetery to lay the Wreaths.

Thank you from Deb Strahanoski, International President

Receiving this Thank You email from our Int'l President was quite a surprise! I sent the St. Francis Church Weekly Bulletin photo to DC HQ but never imagined we would hear anything directly back!!!

Kathryn Gallagher
GFWC FL District 12 Director

----- Forwarded Message -----

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Cc: "Gwen Grace" <gweng1999@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tue, Oct 31, 2023 at 12:46 PM
Subject: Re: Day of Service, nice things keep happening

Hi Kathryn,

Thank you for sending the information, and big thanks to you and your members for participating in the GFWC National Day of Service.

Deb

DEBRA A. STRAHANOSKI | International President

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EDUCATION & LIBRARIES

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Happy Thanksgiving to All. Let us praise the Creator, each according to their belief.

Looking for a Picture book about Thanksgiving, may we recommend two? **Turkey's Gift to the People** by Ani Ruki is an adaptation of a Navajo folktale of how animal people helped each other after a great flood. **'Twas the Night Before Thanksgiving** with story and pictures by Dav Pilkey tells of a very humorous class trip to a farm, and so much fun to read aloud.

Thanksgiving is the most truly American of our national holidays, rooted in sharing our bounty. We can be very thankful that we are members of the GFWC Rotonda West Woman's Club that affords many opportunities to do just that.


We are again sponsoring the Theatre Guild of Lemon Bay High School, which affords the students a valuable and positive outlet. Our logo will be featured on one of their production's show shirts, and in a half page ad in all 5 show programs. This is their upcoming Schedule:



I Hate Shakespeare – November 28, 2023 at 6 pm
Matilda – December 14 – 16, 2023
Night of One Acts – January 25 – 27, 2024
Rock the 80s Musical Cabaret – February 23-24, 2024
Beauty and the Beast – April 4 – 6, 2024

Save the Date: January 25, 2024 for Our Trivia Night! Read the details in our flyer in this issue.

GFWC ROTONDA WEST WOMAN'S CLUB PRESENTS



Hosted by
MR. TRIVIA Jim Wasowski

Thursday January 25, 2024, 6-8 PM

ROTONDA WEST COMMUNITY CENTER

646 Rotonda Circle, Rotonda West, FL 33947

DOORS OPEN AT 5:30 P.M.

Donation: \$15 PER PERSON PAYABLE IN ADVANCE. PLEASE REGISTER BY JANUARY 22ND, 2024. Payment by Cash or Check made out to GFWC RWWC.

Teams forming now or join some new friends on Trivia night!
\$100 FIRST PRIZE
\$50 SECOND PRIZE
\$10 WINE PULL

You can register at the GFWC Rotonda West Woman's Club
Monthly meetings or by contacting Debra Sigismondo at
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PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE ROTONDA WEST WOMAN'S CLUB SCHOLARSHIP FUND
AND LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL CHARITY.

Sponsored by the Education & Libraries and Environmental CSP. Kara Kelly & Debra Sigismondo, Janet Rojas & Rachele Adler, THANK YOU!

TRIVIA NIGHT

🐢🐢 The Education & Libraries and the Fundraising Committees are co-sponsoring the Trivia Night on January 25th, 2024, with hopes of using the Fundraising Committee's portion of the proceeds towards sponsoring a turtle nest next season.

It will be a fun night and will support our club's various projects, our scholarship fund, and environmental projects.

Please consider attending and supporting this event. 🐢🐢

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Outdated library books will be available for the taking following the November General Meeting.



ESO – BOOK CLUBS

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At a meeting of the Book Club Leaders in September, it was decided that each month one of the Book Clubs would suggest a book that all Club members may enjoy.

The Social Lites led by Diane Oglesby is a group of individualistic women. We read a wide variety of books/authors. We each give a synopsis of the book(s) we've read, which usually prompts a lively discussion. We are interested in what each member reads and, many times, borrow/trade books. It's interesting to hear what the borrower of the book has to say about it – if they have the same or different opinion.

Just to give a sampling, these are the books discussed at our most recent meeting:

Diane Oglesby – Worst Fears Realized (Stone Barrington series) by Stuart Woods

When They Find Us (plane crash) by Jenifer Ruff

Dolores McNeill – Peril (the presidential transition – 2020 election) by Bob Woodward & Robert Costa

Sharon Hodgdon – The Ambassador’s Daughter (one woman’s story in Paris, after WWI) by Pam Jenoff

Beverly Steinbrook – The Return of Sherlock Holmes (murder mystery) by Arthur Conan Doyle

Donna Krabbe – Glimmers of Change (#7 Bregdan Chronicles -aftermath of the Civil War) by Ginny Dye

Then we went to the British Open Pub for lunch – great time.

Thank you to Diane Oglesby, Social Lites.

Happy reading,

Doris



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ENVIRONMENT



Committee Update:

Our next committee meeting will be held on Nov 30th, at 10am at the RWA Community Center.

🗑️ The last Road clean-up for 2023 will be held on December 4th, at 8:30. 🗑️

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

Tip of the Month:

With all the upcoming holiday travel, here are some tips for saving gas.

There’s a widespread rumor that using premium fuel helps to improve your car’s fuel economy. This is totally false. If you believe this, I know some BP executives who have a story about the 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil spill not impacting wildlife to sell you.

The myth that it takes more gas to start a car than it does to let it idle is one of the biggest misconceptions about fuel economy. Idling uses 1/4 to 1/2 a gallon of gas in an hour, costing just a couple of cents per minute. So if you’re stuck in stop-and-go traffic, it’s not worth it to stop and restart your car. But if you’re going to be idling for long, you’ll probably want to shut it off.

There are tons of “miracle products” at the gas station– known as aftermarket additives– that make bold claims about improving your gas mileage. But both Consumer Reports and the Federal Trade Commission have repeatedly refuted such claims. The only thing these products really do is lighten the load on your wallet!

If you really want to save money on road trips, the best things to do are drive sensibly (aggressive driving lowers gas mileage by 33%), maintain a steady speed, and remove excess weight (100 pounds in your trunk reduces your mpg by 2%). In terms of upkeep, keep your engine properly tuned, tires properly inflated, use your car’s recommended grade of motor oil, and consider upgrading to a hybrid vehicle such as a Prius.

🚗🚗🚗🚗 Safe travels and Happy Thanksgiving 🦃🦃🦃🍂🍂



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.

HOLIDAY TEA

We are happy to report that ticket sales are going strong. We only have a few left, so if you have not purchased yours yet, please contact one of us as soon as possible to get your ticket. You don't want to miss this fun event which will support our club's projects and the Englewood area cancer foundation.

We would also appreciate any donations of cash or items to be used for the opportunity drawings.

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HEALTH & WELLNESS

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Thanks to Rita Bertler for giving us a very interesting talk at the October meeting on Dollars for Mammograms, Inc. I hope everyone had the chance to buy tickets for the Dollars for Mammograms 22nd Annual Grocery Benefit, if you'd like to buy tickets (7 for \$10) please see Rita!

Thanks to everyone who came to the "Walk to End Alzheimer's" on October 28th in Broadmoor Park. We had at least 45 people in attendance: 14 GFWC RWWC members and 31 non-members. I've attached a lovely photo of Team Honey Bea in their matching T-shirts. Some of you from South Gulf Cove (SGC) may know Diane Jeleniewski, her mother, Honey Bea, died from Alzheimer's in 2020, some family members traveled from Orlando for the walk. Donations are still being accepted but, so far, the Rotonda West team has raised over \$3,100; special thanks to Joanne Murphy and the residents of Heritage Oaks who raised over \$1,200! Between Rotonda West, Team SGC and Team Honey Bea over \$7,800 was raised for Alzheimer's Association, thank you to everyone who donated and supported this event.



At the last meeting I mentioned you can donate platelets every 7 days (I know some of you didn't believe me!). Platelets are needed for patients undergoing chemotherapy or radiation therapy. You can donate platelets up to 24 times a year. It is different from giving blood which you can do every 56 days. Donating platelets takes up to 2 - 3 hours but is very much appreciated by cancer patients.

Please see <https://oneblood.org/about-donating/blood-donor-basics/donation-methods/platelet-donation.shtml> for further details.



Seeing as how Donna enjoyed Rita's photo of elephants, here is one of mine taken when I was in South Africa in September! These 3 elephants were orphaned (their parents were poached in Kruger National Park) and they've been hand reared since then at the Buffelsdrift Private Game Farm in Western Cape. Their trunks are heavy; it was a fantastic experience to have the elephants so close. Not sure if the below link works but there is more information about them if you're interested!

[Buffelsdrift Elephant Observation in Nature, Western Cape - Add this to your South African Hotspots2c trip | Hotspots2c](#)



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Give me the magic of October, sweet apple cider, cooler weather, seasons changing, falling leaves, and the warmth of Halloween Lanterns.
May you be open to the enchantment.

PLEASE BOW YOUR HEAD FOR TODAY'S BLESSING

Heavenly Father we pray this month for Breast Cancer awareness, Domestic Abuse, and Alzheimer's awareness and all those seeking your love during their time of need. In addition, our hearts are with the people of Israel who are suffering through the loss of loved ones, for the injured, the children, and all those who have witnessed unspeakable acts of violence. We pray for the safe return of the hostages and the wisdom of all leaders. We are mindful also, of the innocent people of Gaza who are suffering. With your help we pray Israel will win this war and usher in a time of peace and security for all.

AMEN

October, 2023



BEDTIME BAGS PROJECT

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Thank you for all you do.

Let's keep up the good work!!

I cannot express how grateful I am to all of the members who so graciously donated items for the upcoming delivery of bedtime bags to the Punta Gorda Guardian adLitem office – now A.N.A.'s Friends.

Items received were fleece blankets, pajamas, t-shirts, fuzzy socks, a bagful of comfort toys, Books, 12 packages of hygiene items ready to include in the bags that the Sew n Sews have provided.

At this time of Thanksgiving, it is wonderful to see the generosity of our members and feel the heartwarming outpouring of love from you all.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Designer Bag Bingo

February 18, 2024

Tickets on sale!!

*\$40 - gets you 12 games
and chances to win!*

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RECEPTION

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Please wear your name tags. If you forget, we have temporary tags you can have.

Thank you, Diane



SEW N SEWS

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Well, we had a successful day at the Bazaar this year and are now planning our "to do list" for 2024. In the meantime, we are sewing tote bags and large size pjs for the bigger children. Did I neglect to mention it's for Guardian ad Litem? – Now A.N.A.'s Friends. In any event, we always appreciate donations--especially kid friendly prints. We're very limited in that area. Size 14 requires 1 ½ yds.

MANY THANKS.

Jackie Miller.



SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

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Jean Howard recently brought in a large collection of beautiful handmade cards that has been donated to us by Germaine Meilach, a former RWWC member. We are so fortunate to have received these special gifts that will be shared and enjoyed by many for several years to come. Our heartfelt thanks to you both.

TONETTES



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Come on and join us---do you sing in the car, feel like you might holding that voice back around others? Would you like to sing like you are belting it out on stage in Nashville! Then, your stage is our stage!. 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! Your voice will make a difference in people's lives.

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

THANK YOU FROM POSEY BAUER



I want to thank all of my dear sisters of the Woman's Club who sent me cards and well wishes as I celebrated my 90th birthday. A special thanks to the Tonettes who surprised me by coming to my home to sing "Happy Birthday" and spend some time with me.

Twenty-three years ago, I joined the Rotonda Woman's Club and it was a big part of my life until the last couple years when my health issues interfered with my ability to be active. Although I can no longer join in activities, you will all be forever in my heart.

Posey Bauer, Past President 2008-10





UPDATE FROM LIZ MOORE!

Dear GFWC RWWC Club Members,

It has been an interesting year, and then some, since we moved to Ohio. Based on an animal allergy of one of the potential new granddaughters, and everyone else in the family having an animal or two, we hosted Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners, a wedding shower in May '23, a wedding rehearsal dinner in June '23, plus a special get-together for a grandson who was being deployed to the Middle East. Needless to say, we have been surrounded by family which was the main reason for the move. In addition, the family threw a surprise party for my 80th birthday in February.

We were privileged to be present for the wedding of two grandsons, 3 weeks apart in June and July. Both are sons of our eldest daughter Lisa. Boy, was she busy!! We have welcomed two wonderful young women to our family.

In July I took a wonderful GFWC sponsored trip to Northern Italy with my daughter Lisa and 25 GFWC sisters, from several other states. If you ever get the opportunity to take a trip with Marian St. Clair and Discover Europe, jump at the chance!! It was so very well planned, the guides were knowledgeable and caring, and the country of Italy is lovely.

Before the trip to Italy, I was experiencing some chest pains and shortness of breath, relieved by rest. After getting home and following up with my doctor and a cardiologist, a cardiac catheterization was ordered. A stent was placed in a 99% blocked main coronary artery. Currently I'm participating in cardiac rehabilitation 3 times a week for 12 weeks and feeling quite good.

I miss all of you and wish you the happiest of holidays and a blessed 2024.

Liz

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Chatter Editor,

Please let the member who baked and donated her Pumpkin Date Nut Loaf to the Bake Sale at our recent Bazaar, know that it is absolutely delicious! Perfect with a cup of tea. I shared it at St. David's Coffee Hour, and it was a hit.

Would love the recipe. Perhaps she can submit it to our next Chatter.

Thanks,
Debra Sigismondo



NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

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Thanks to everyone who submitted articles and photos – great job! Special thank you's go to Posey Bauer for her thank you note, Liz Moore for her update sharing the happenings of the last year, Debra Sigismondo for her Letter To The Editor, and Clare

Imrie for her beautiful elephant photo. I think this might become a challenge – to see how many elephant photos are submitted. I'm anxiously awaiting their arrival.

As Debra suggested in her letter – I hope the baker of the Pumpkin Date Nut Loaf will share her recipe next month. To inspire a member to request the recipe, it must be very special.

I really appreciate it when members share important information, vacation photos, and items of interest. It means you care enough to share important information and your personal lives. Please continue to share articles of interest.

Thank you.



LOOKING AHEAD ??

November 16 – General Meeting 10:00am (9am Social Hour) at RWA Building
November 25 – Rotonda West Gazebo Lighting at Rotonda Hills Marina
December 1 – Board Meeting 1:00pm at RWA Building

December 2 – Rotonda West Christmas Parade

December 6 – Cool Today Park Tour

December 8 – Holiday Tea Set-up at RWA Building

December 9 – Holiday Tea 11:30am – 3:00pm at RWA Building

December **14** – General Meeting 10:00am (9am Social Hour) at RWA Building

Deadline for Art Competition entries - \$3 per entry

December 16 – Wreaths Across America at Sarasota National Cemetery

January 5 – Board Meeting 1:00pm at RWA Building

January 17 – Art Competition Judging

January 18 – General Meeting 10:00am (9am Social Hour) at RWA Building –
Member Art Competition viewing and presentation of ribbons

January 25 – Trivia Night Fundraiser for Scholarships 6:00 – 9:00pm at RWA Building & Wine Pull

February 2 – Board Meeting 1:00pm at RWA Building

February 3 – Furry Scurry 5K event 8:00am – 1.5 Mile Mutt Strutt 8:40am at South Gulf Cove

February 15 – General Meeting 10:00am (9am Social Hour) at RWA Building

February 18 – Designer Bag Bingo

March 1 – Board Meeting 1:00pm at RWA Building

March 21 - General Meeting 10:00am (9am Social Hour) at RWA Building –

April 5 - Board Meeting 1:00pm at RWA Building

April 18 - General Meeting 10:00am (9am Social Hour) at RWA Building



COMMITTEE SCHEDULED MEETINGS

RWWC Board Meeting – 1st Friday 1:00pm – except summer
Creative Crafters – Fridays 9am – watch for beginning date
Knit and Chat – Tuesdays 9:30-11:30am – RWA Building
Sew n Sews – 1st & 3rd Tuesday 9am-noon – RWA Building
Tonettes – Tuesdays 2-3pm – RWA Building

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Linda Bloom 11/4
Pat Collins 11/4
Betsy Bouchard 11/10
Barbara Kelley 11/12
Joan Knight 11/13
Merrilee Warner 11/13
Nancy Van Tassell 11/15
Diana Dinicola 11/19
Judy Gatewood 11/19
Norma Wood 11/20
Patricia Moodie 11/23
Anne Vickery 11/28
Clair Angelow 11/30
Judy Laing 11/30

Michele Scott 12/4
Sharon Hodgdon 12/9
Karen Chenaille 12/12
Judy Wilson 12/16
Maureen Laderer 12/18
Irene Thibeault 12/19
Gwen Grace 12/20
Barbara Mills 12/23

MEMBER MEETING OCTOBER 17, 2023

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Held on the third Thursday of the month,
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RWA Activity Building.

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

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