



GFWC ROTONDA WEST WOMAN'S CLUB

GFWC-FL DISTRICT 12

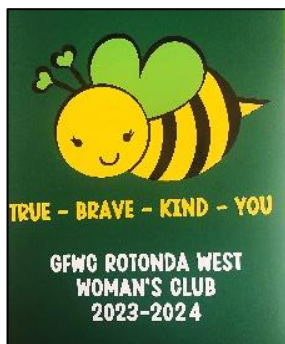
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CHATTER

February, 2023



GFWC FLORIDA - DISTRICT 12
WHERE VOLUNTEER SERVICE
AND FRIENDSHIP MEET



NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Gwen Grace, 201-317-2317

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February is not only Valentine's Day, but it is American Heart Month! How appropriate. I'm asking you to attend the February 16th general meeting and wear red!



According to the American Heart Association, people who have close relationships at home, work, or in their community tend to be healthier and live longer. And our club gives our members the opportunity to have relationships in the community that makes a difference for everyone.

The upcoming meeting will have a member of the RW CERT to give us a brief talk about CPR and demonstrate the defibrillator that hangs on the wall at the RW Community Center. I know that my CPR training from way back in the 80's is rusty and has been modified since that time. So, I hope you'll get some practical information that day along with an update on all the wonderful events coming up in the months ahead.



A member since 2009 who has held many positions over the years in our club is my *February Volunteer of the Month*. Rachele Adler has been second vice-president for membership, assistant treasurer, chairperson for fundraising, worked on Welcome to Rotonda and is now Co-Chair for the Environmental Community Service Program. She organizes the bake sale and café areas of the bazaar fundraising events. She also is involved with the Holiday Tea and the Fashion Show. The list goes on and on. An active volunteer with Englewood Animal Rescue and a foster mom to many homeless dogs, she is devoted to her animals and the club. An avid reader

and a helpful crafter, she belongs to a book club and the Creative Crafters. I am happy to call Rachele a friend and proud that she's a member of GFWC Rotonda West Woman's Club.

I hope you have your tickets for Trivia Night on February 16th. It's always a fun event. And don't forget the Rummage Sale. You can clean out some new or gently used items that you no longer need. It's going to be a busy three days.... General meeting, Trivia night, Rummage sale set up and the Rummage Sale. And after all that you can relax on Sunday by coming to the RWA bingo at the RW Community Center.

Keep busy, keep healthy and **"Bee" all you can "Bee!"**



Happy Valentine's Day,
Gwen



FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

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Ah, February – the month for lovers. I think that requires a little joke: A husband and wife are drinking wine at home. The wife says, "I love you." The husband asks if that is her or the wine talking. She replies, "It's me talking to the wine". Ba da boom. I wish each of you love and laughter.



Now seriously . . . if you are a new member and want a fancy gold name badge, come see me at the next meeting. They are not required but they sure are snazzy. Also, as the web "master," I must encourage you to take a look at our club website: gfwcrotondawest.org. You can just look at the pictures, but there is a lot of information on upcoming events and past triumphs. There is even a Calendar of Events that goes through the end of 2023 that you can use to plan your year.

Enjoy a February shoveling sunshine instead of snow. Cheers!

I am including a document Liz Moore wrote in 2020 called "General Courtesies for All Members," which is in the Support Manual on the website. I think it is worth printing again.

General Courtesies for All Members

In keeping with the new year and recognizing that we have many new members, here are a few general courtesies for all members to practice.

Each member should show respect to all other members by attending meetings regularly, wearing a name tag and introducing guests. Every member should give their full attention to the individual who has the floor at any time. – Whether speaker, officer, or member. All cell phones must be in silent mode during the course of the meeting.

Members should remember that the Club president is the official hostess of the club and take time to introduce their guest to the president personally during social time.

Chairmen should investigate and discuss all programs and projects prior to their official introduction. Allow members time to make suggestions and critique the plan at a meeting, prior to implementation, not afterwards.

Every member should be interested in membership retention and expansion. Participation by all members should be encouraged with warmth and friendship.

When introducing a speaker, a person known to the audience is presented, a stranger is introduced. Members wishing to be recognized by the presiding officer shall stand, state their name and business, using a microphone if one is available. **When presenting a report, a written synopsis shall be given to the recording secretary.**

When making a motion: (A motion is needed to introduce New Business.)

- Member stands up, is recognized, and makes a motion.
- Another member seconds the motion.
- Without rewording, the presiding officer restates the motion to the assembly.
- Members debate the motion, one at a time.
- By telling members how to vote (say aye, stand up, raise hand, etc.), the presiding officer asks for affirmative votes and opposing votes.
- Presiding officer announces the result of the voting.

Minutes of each meeting are provided via e-mail prior to the next meeting for members to review. Minutes do not need a motion for correction or approval.

Let us all enjoy our meetings with Love, Respect, and Kindness.

Liz Moore, Recording Secretary, 2021-2022

GFWC Rotonda West Woman's Club



SECOND VICE PRESIDENT

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Membership Interest is high in GFWC RWWC. We have 8 ladies awaiting orientation with more to come from our February meeting, I'm sure. This is the time to invite your friends and new neighbors to join us for a meeting or a fun activity such as TRIVIA!

Orientation will be on March 6, at 10:00 am, RWA Community Center. Say hello to our new members at the meeting. Please make room at your table for guests and newbies as we welcome them to our great organization!



RECORDING SECRETARY

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I grew up in Rosedale, Maryland as the baby of my family with one sister and four older brothers, being the youngest made me a tough cookie. Married Irvin in 1972 and we had our son, Kevin in 1976. We semi-retired and moved to Florida in April, 2000. I have two wonderful grandchildren who currently attend Charlotte High. This past July we Celebrated our Golden Wedding Anniversary.

I have served as PTA president and PTA County Representative for several years in Baltimore, as education has always been important to me. Served as President of Baltimore and Tamiami Cedarettes, which is affiliated with Tall Cedars working to help those Children with Muscular Dystrophy. Worked as office manager for a dentist up North and for Peretz Chiropractic here in Englewood until I retired. Since 2008, I started running a group at Church called Friend 2 Friend, we were going strong at Gulf Cove Methodist until Covid. Moved the group to Fellowship Church in 2020 and still meet every Tuesday from 1 to 3.

Bella Williams introduced me to RWWC, she passed away in 2019, I am thankful for her and her friendship. I hope to continue enjoying the activities of this Club and support it in any way I am able. Get involved you'll have a blast, your club's recording secretary.



GFWC FL DISTRICT 12 DIRECTOR

GFWC ROTONDA WEST WOMAN'S CLUB



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Reporting Report

In GFWC FL Clubwoman Newsletter, we have just learned that only 85 of GFWC Florida's 188 Clubs submitted Reporting for the 2022 Club Year. I am happy to say that GFWC Rotonda West Woman's Club was one of those 85 Clubs; but considering the brand-new reporting method for the year, who knows where we will land when awards are announced at Convention in April?! Here are our reporting numbers: 257 Projects; 86,919 Hours; \$26,793 Donated; \$21,099 In-kind Donations.

The Call for Convention should be out soon. District 12 is responsible for the décor for the Saturday Evening Dinner and the theme is Puttin' On the Ritz! Think Black, White and lots of Sparkle! Dates are: Friday, April 21 through Sunday, April 23. Our club budgets for expenses to help send members to Convention and Fall Board to pay for Registration and Meals for our members to attend. It's a great learning experience and an opportunity to make friends from around the state. This year our GFWC International President, Debra Strahanoski will be our special guest for the weekend. She's a trip...you have to plan to come and meet her! We are all invited.

More information as it becomes available.

GFWC FLORIDA - DISTRICT 12
WHERE VOLUNTEER SERVICE AND FRIENDSHIP MEET



Please plan to attend the District 12 Meeting and Arts & Crafts Competition at GFWC Punta Gorda Woman's Club on Saturday, Feb. 25th. Sign in and Social Hour from 9 to 9:45 am. Meeting begins at 10:00 am. In addition to announcing the Competition winners, the District 12 Volunteer of the Year and the District 12 LEADS Attendees will also be introduced. James Williams of the Punta Gorda Rotary Club will speak briefly about the Punta Gorda Rotary's work with the Czestochowa Rotary Club in Poland to get medical and other relief supplies to Ukrainian refugees and to hospitals in Ukraine. My theme for my two years as District 12 Director is **Sunflowers for the Support of Ukraine**, so look for lots of Sunflowers to brighten the day!

Please see or contact Jean Howard to sign up for the meeting prior to Feb. 17th. (607-427-8994, jphoward_fnp@hotmail.com) Registration for the day is \$20 and includes your selection of box lunches provided by Zoet

As our club is made up of so many retired teachers, nurses and admins, this plea for volunteers to assist with literacy training (especially for refugees from Ukraine) would be a wonderful outreach opportunity that might appeal to some of our members. I hope that you will be able to include it in the February Chatter.

Thank you!



Literacy Volunteers of South Sarasota County has been serving South Sarasota County for 40 years with a focus on "changing lives" through English Language instruction to adults who wish to learn and improve their English skills. We are a non-profit organization that is run by dedicated volunteer board members and 3 paid part-time staff members.

Our students come from many countries, but recently we have had an influx from Ukraine due to the war. We now have over 100 students on our waiting list in the North Port area! We are in dire need of tutors! Tutoring an adult is such a rewarding and fulfilling experience. We offer free tutor training on a monthly basis in both North Port and Venice and ongoing education and networking sessions. Our staff in both the North Port and Venice libraries are always available to guide and support our tutors. We encourage you to consider becoming a tutor and changing the life of someone in your community! For more information, contact:

- North Port area: Karen Bridegam, North Port Public Library, 13800 Tamiami Trail, North Port, FL 34287. Ph: 941-861-1320.
Email: north.port.literacy@gmail.com. Office hours: Tues 1-6 pm and Wed-Thurs 11:30-4:30
- Venice area: Peter Normann, Venice Public Library, 300 Nokomis Ave S, Venice, FL 34285. Ph: 941-861-1352.
Email: venice.literacy@gmail.com. Office hours: Mon, Wed, Fri 10-1 & 2-4



ARTS & CULTURE

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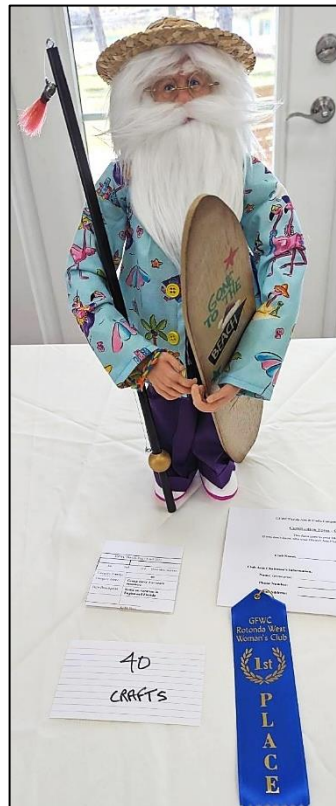


ARTS & CULTURE

Happy February Ladies.

We had our annual art competition at our January 19th General Meeting. The First Place Winners are: Arts – Mermaid #5 by Rosana Halprine; Crafters – Englewood Beach Santa by Diana Dudick, Rosemary and Jim Collins; Photos – Dreamy Escape Balloons by Jennifer Cope.

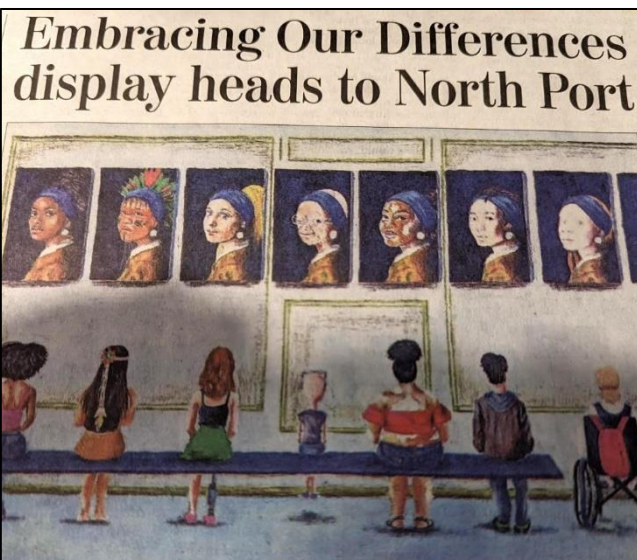
These winners will now be going to the District 12 Art Competition in Punta Gorda, which will be held during the District 12 Meeting on February 25, 2023.



Left to Right:
Mermaid #5
Englewood Beach Santa
Dreamy Escape Balloons

For a **Great Cultural Experience**, there will be an exhibit at Butler Park in North Port with a grand opening on March 25th till April 19th. It is a traveling 2023 **Embracing Our Difference** public outdoor exhibit. This is the 20th anniversary of the exhibit, which features 50 billboard sized images created by local, national and international artists, writers and students reflecting their interpretations of the theme **enriching lives through diversity and inclusion**.

Butler Park is at 6205 W. Price Blvd., North Port. For more information, call 941-404-5710 or visit www.embracingourdifferences.org.



CREATIVE CRAFTERS

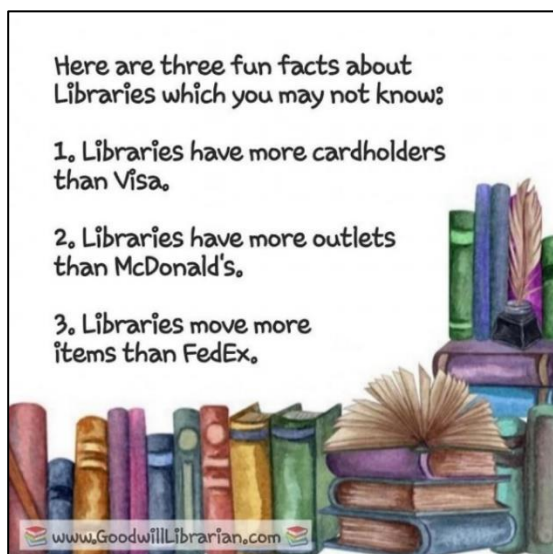
We are still waiting to put our supplies back into the storage room. As soon as I get notification, I will let you know and will need volunteers to help organize our supplies in our allotted space. We will try and get a few small projects done in time for the March show.

EDUCATION & LIBRARIES

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Betsy Bouchard, ESO Chairman, 757 952 9890 betsybou@yahoo.com



It's February and there's always a lot of love in the air and so much to go around! But we're not just talking about romantic love - the kind we celebrate on Valentine's Day. Did you know that the entire month of February also just happens to be National Library Lover's Month! So, it's the perfect time to show your love for your favorite Public Library branch. Check out FriendsOfEnglewoodFILibrary.ORG for events listings. And consider joining for \$10.00.



Notice: Have items needing sewing repairs and don't know how or have a machine? Englewood Charlotte County Library is offering a new free class on Tuesdays 2-4pm thru American Sewing Guild (ASG) volunteers. Using library's machines, participants will receive step by step guidance to fix the problems. Please register at no charge in advance at the library.

Beth Black
ASG volunteer

Trivia Night to benefit our Scholarship Fund, is Thursday evening February 16th with Trivia Jim! We will be selling tickets during social time of the General Meeting.

We need individually wrapped brownies, or cookies for our refreshments at Trivia Night. Bring your goodies to the February 16 General Meeting. Your generosity and talent are very greatly appreciated. Thanks to everyone who has donated to the Wine Pull, especially the Sew n Sews for creating bottle bags. Delightful!

Do you know an adult returning to school, college or technical training? We are again offering our **Bella Williams Continuing Education Scholarships**. Deadline to apply is March 31, 2023. Contact Debra for further information.



ESO - *Reading Divas, Socialites, Happy Bookers, Brunch Buddies, Golden Girls, and Chapter Chicks?* What in the world are they? They're our RWWC Book Clubs, of course. We're always welcoming new members.

Contact Betsy Bouchard at 757-952-9890 or betsybou@yahoo.com to join, and I'll walk you through the process.

*"Giving is, first and every time, hand to hand,
Mine to yours, yours to mine." Alberto Rios*

ENVIRONMENT

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ENVIRONMENT

The tour of the Lemon Bay Conservancy Wildflower Preserve, located on the Cape Haze peninsula, was held on January 25th. A good time was had by all the members who attended. It was a beautiful morning to walk a portion of the preserve and learn about the projects they are working on. Our tour guide, Eva Furner, was wonderful, explaining the importance of the plant life, wild and planted, to provide a safe habitat for all our wildlife. We visited the Tarpon nesting spot and all the efforts to maintain water quality for Tarpon use as well as the butterfly area. Our members were very impressed with the results of the Conservancy's efforts to transform this abandoned golf course property and the role it plays in helping us keep the wonderful things we love about Florida.





LEMON BAY ESTABLISHED 1971 CONSERVANCY



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FURRY SCURRY 5K RUN/WALK

Our club was proud to again sponsor the annual South Gulf Cove CCT Furry Scurry 5K Run/Walk held on Saturday, February 4th. Several members participated in the Run/Walk, and others came to check out the opportunity drawings and other activities. This was our third year sponsoring this event, which raises money for local animal charities, two of which we regularly support, EARS and Suncoast Humane.



We are always interested in new ideas for projects and would also like to have a small committee of members interested in this area. If you would like to be on our committee, please contact Rachele or Janet.

Recycling tip: In the quest to be a recycling guru, you may be tempted to recycle every little thing you can. But small pieces like bottle caps, shredded or tiny pieces of paper, and can tabs can get stuck in the recycling processing machines. When in doubt do the credit card test. If it's bigger than a credit card, it can be thrown in the recycling bin. If it's smaller, toss it in the trash.



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.

RUMMAGE SALE

Your "trash" can be someone else's "treasures"

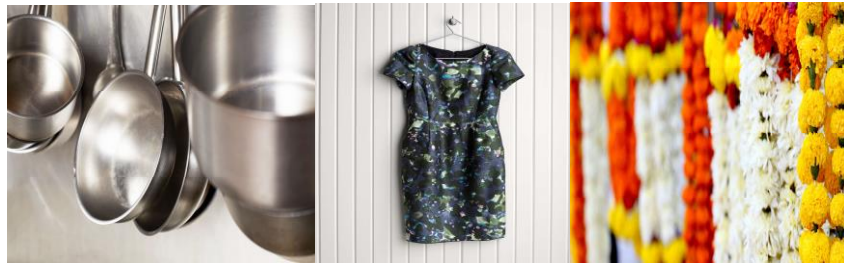
Counting down to our Rummage sale on February 18th, 9 A.M. to 1 P.M. at the RWA community center. Please continue saving any items you wish to donate. Donation drop offs will be accepted Friday, February 17th from 1 P.M. to 3 P.M. at the community center, where we will be setting up for the sale.

We will also need volunteers to man the various tables on the day of the sale as well as assist with setup on the Friday afternoon. We will have a volunteer sign-up sheet available at the February meeting.

Please no books or large furniture.

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RUMMAGE SALE

GFWC ROTONDA WEST WOMAN'S CLUB

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH 9 AM -1 PM

ROTONDA WEST COMMUNITY CENTER

646 ROTONDA CIRCLE

ROTONDA WEST, FL 33947

SAVE THE DATE:

The Spring Fling fashion show luncheon will be held April 8th. You can purchase tickets at the February general meeting, or reserve your seat and pay in March.

Fashions will be by Off The Wave on Dearborn St.

GFWC ROTONDA WEST WOMAN'S CLUB PRESENTS IT'S
SPRING FLING LUNCHEON &
FASHION SHOW

Place: Rotonda West Community Center
646 Rotonda Circle, Rotonda West, FL 33947

Date: Saturday, April 8th, 2023



Time: 11:30 A.M.

*******DOOR PRIZES, OPPORTUNITY DRAWINGS, *******

CALL 941 697 5303 OR

EMAIL RACHELEADLER22@GMAIL.COM

FOR TICKETS. DONATION: \$40



HEALTH & WELLNESS

Clare Imrie, Co-chairman, 713 852 2154,
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Short Bio: I lived in Yorkshire, Somerset and Leicestershire (in England) before moving to Aberdeenshire in Scotland at the age of 9. After 6 years, I moved to East Lothian, near Edinburgh, Scotland. After high school, I attended Birmingham University in England and was awarded a degree in Chemical Engineering. After 10 years of working various roles in 2 engineering companies in England, my husband and I moved to Charlotte, North Carolina, where Stuart was working. While in Charlotte, I volunteered with the Boys & Girls Club and enjoyed playing squash, going to the gym, and travelling in America! After 18 months in Charlotte, we moved to Houston where I worked for 2 engineering companies for 14 years – first as a process engineer, then project engineer and finally project manager. In May 2015, we moved to Rotonda West and I joined GFWC RWWC in September 2015. I was International Outreach chairman for a year then GFWC RWWC 2nd VP for 4 ½ years before becoming Health & Wellness co-chairman in January 2023. Stuart and I love the wildlife here and enjoy playing golf, tennis, bridge, travelling and socializing!

Health & Wellness News:

We're starting a weekly Exercise class on Friday, March 10th, at 8.30am. This class is for all Rotonda West Woman's Club members, Rotonda residents and their guests. Teri Erickson has kindly volunteered to run it - watch this space for further details.

Thanks to all the ladies who volunteered at Englewood Helping Hand on February 1st and 2nd. Our next scheduled dates there are April 5th & 6th.

Please save the date of Saturday, October 28th for the Walk to End Alzheimer's – more details to come. ,If you have ideas for Health & Wellness activities/projects please let me know – thanks!



Blood Drives: The GFWC RWWC will be sponsoring 2 more One Blood drives this year.

They will be held at the Marina across from the Hills Golf and Country Club, 100 Rotonda Circle. The dates are April 18, 9 am - 3 pm and October 17, 9am - 3 pm. You can sign up at [OneBlood.org](https://www.oneblood.org) or you may call me at 917 579-7770 or email me at grammylang@gmail.com

Just a reminder that we will have a box from the Lions club available at the meeting to accept used eye glasses and hearing aids.

These are cleaned and sorted then distributed where they are needed.

Thanks in advance, Sue Baran.





CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

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INSPIRATIONAL WISHES FOR EACH OF YOU FOR THE NEW YEAR

THAT YOU HAVE SOMEONE TO LOVE,
HAVE MEANINGFUL WORK TO DO, AND,
HAVE THINGS GREATER THAN YOUR SELF TO BELIEVE IN.
THAT YOU HAVE A REASON TO SMILE EVERY DAY,
THAT YOU HAVE A SHOULDER TO CRY ON WHEN YOU NEED IT,
THAT YOU KEEP YOUR INTEGRITY, EVEN WHEN THE CHOICES ARE HARD.
THAT YOU LOVE DEEPLY, GIVE FREELY, FORGIVE WILLINGLY,
LAUGH EASILY AND LIVE WELL ENOUGH, TO BE GRATEFUL FOR EVERY DAY.

PLEASE BOW YOUR HEAD FOR TODAY'S BLESSING

HAPPY MOMENTS, **PLEASE GOD**
DIFFICULT MOMENTS, **SEEK GOD**
QUIET MOMENTS, **WORSHIP GOD**
PAINFUL MOMENTS, **TRUST GOD**
EVERY MOMENT, **THANK GOD**
AMEN

HAPPY NEW YEAR

JANUARY, 2023

KNIT AND CHAT

Mary Stoffels, 608 213 0438
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Our group of ladies is getting bigger! We are now up to 14 regular members with future new recruits coming. Welcome to the new ladies. They all have great new ideas & talents for projects. We are busy getting items ready for the Spring Bazaar. Some new ones especially for Spring—Easter Baskets & Eggs, hair scrunchies, dishcloths & scrubbies, knitted bears, bookmarks, & earrings. We'll also have our usual items.

On Tues Feb 7th, we'll be donating to the Magnolia Acres via Julie from the Jubilee Center-6 fidget sleeves & some yarn for a resident who knits. Our ladies are continually knitting or crocheting these very colorful & sensory loaded sleeves for those with Alzheimer's & Dementia to keep their hands occupied. We'll be donating more in conjunction with the Tonettes when they visit different nursing homes on their future schedule.

Jan 13th was Mitten Lady Day at Myakka River Elementary School. It was a perfect day to distribute mittens in Mrs. Atherholt's two reading classes (see picture). The children loved them.



We are also working on items to include in the Bedtime Bags for the children in the Guardian Ad Litem program.

Thank you to all our knit & chat ladies whose fingers work magic.



Happy Valentine's Day!!

It's so hard to believe that the Holiday Season has passed and we are well into the New Year!

The fourth delivery of bags to the Guardian ad Litem Office in Punta Gorda is scheduled to take place during the week of February 20th. This donation is considered the 4th because the Bedtime Bags Project was started in April of 2022 with a commitment to make four/quarterly donations to the Punta Gorda office of GAL.

An email has been sent to Jessica Racine, the Foundation's new Project Assistant, requesting that she provide RWWC with any special needs for this quarter. In the meantime, a BIG THANK YOU goes out to the ladies of our Club who have been so tremendously generous in keeping this project moving forward.

At this time, we have more than we need to fill the beautiful bags provided by the Sew n Sews. Items to be included in the twelve bags are pajamas, fuzzy socks, hygiene items such as toothbrushes/paste/soaps/etc., comfort toys and a book. Donations of toddler pjs will be welcomed. (Sizes 2-4)

Anyone wishing to help assemble the bags prior to delivery are welcome. Contact one of the Community Service Project chairs, or me, to assist or for more information about this program.

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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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We have been busy, busy. Request for 30 wine bottle bags for Trivia Night were made, working on items for our upcoming Bazaar, and, also, creating lap robes.

Anyone interested in joining our group can come to the RWA on Tuesday 9-12, or call me/email me.

See you at the meeting.



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.



TONETTES

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It's almost March and the Tonettes have been rehearsing for their Happy Trails tour for the local senior living homes! How about *Take Me Home Country Roads*, *Delta Dawn*, *The Tennessee Waltz*, *Jambalaya*, and others?

Those are just some of the songs on our country music playlist. Fun to listen to and lots of fun to sing--there is still time to join the group for this performance. To watch our audiences sing or clap with the music, is as meaningful for us as it is to them.

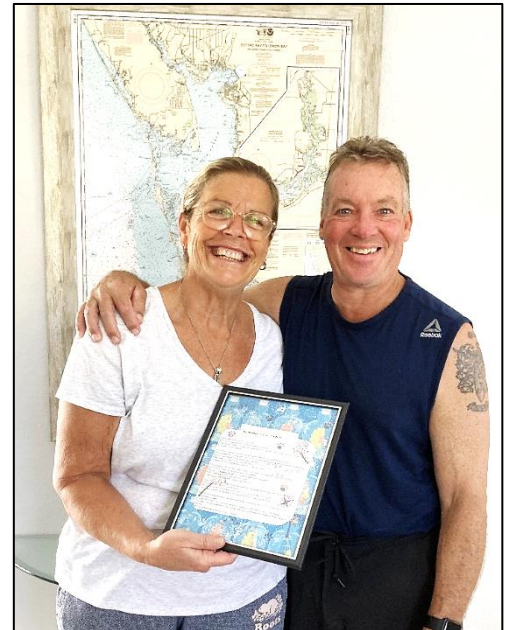


Want to join us---do you sing in the car, do you sing in the shower? You don't have to be a classically trained vocalist!! You don't have to know how to read music. All genres, all skill levels. For those who play other musical instruments, we can also use that talent, come join our group....the stage 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

I created this poem for our Canadian neighbors Steve and Trish Gibson, who love Rotonda because of the golfing. They weren't here for the storm, but experienced Ian's wrath by blowing in their front door. Their door couldn't be closed or locked like us because of the dirt in the locking mechanism. They own and rent this house out but, when they came down, they had work to do. They even helped with our yard as most of the shingles were theirs. Their big oak tree fell on our yard and we went together to pay for removing it. There is still more to do.

Anyway, I wrote this poem for them as Ian created havoc for all of us on September 28, 2022, a date to remember. We survived. I put it in a frame with a palm tree and oak tree, paw prints, and Canadian flag and the picture of the Harbor.



As IAN Blew In From The North

By Jo Ann House

There was a couple from Canada
Who came back to their home in lovely Rotonda.
They opened their crooked door and there on the
floor;
were the horrendous remnants of hurricane IAN to
explore.

Oh no they said and quickly sped
to their cleanup paraphernalia instead.
Scrub-a-dub-dub unlike the man in the tub
they fell to their knees becoming wizards of clean if
you please
to the floor near that door.
Phew what a mess oh did they digress.
So down to their knees they could do now with ease.

The couple prefers to play golf a lot
so their stamina helps them tackle that spot.
Isn't this fun they declared as each one glared.
Having a "vacation home" provides us with income as
well.

With renters enjoying the pool and lanai
The couple from Canada had to sigh, Oh my.

Each day came with new dilemmas
such as chopping up the big oak tree in the back
to tarping the roof in patches of black.
Of course, all the debris brought in with hurricane
winds (150 mph).
Such as shingles, sawgrass and pinecones from
neighboring trees.

So, with stoic determination and thought
they needed to resume the cleaning of the house they
bought.
Enough they said the next day we want to play.
So off to the links with no delay.
They went home refreshed after hitting that little ball
at the hills
between their laughs and tears.
After all tomorrow is another day. Cheers!!!

Public Service Announcement

Minka Glasier

Just thought I would toss in ... perhaps you already have it covered ... but for those of us who order from Amazon through SmileAmazon.com so that our club can benefit ... the program will be ending on Feb 20th. Amazon announced last month they would be terminating it and looking to benefit charity in a different way ... although they have not said as yet (to my knowledge) what that way might be.



So if anyone has any big orders to send in, now's the time while we can still reap the reward! :)



NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

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Thank you to everyone who submitted articles and photos – great job! Keep it up.

My favorite photo this month is the Mitten Lady Day at Myakka School – how precious is that!

A special “Thank you” to Jo Ann House for her article/poem and Minka Glasier for her Amazon announcement.

My apologies for not including birthdays this month. The updated member roster is not available and I would want everyone who has a birthday to be included.

I’m disappointed I didn’t receive any “Letters to the Editor” submissions. I’m sure you know of someone who deserves special recognition for a successful event, a job well done, donation of time and resources, going the extra step, etc. Let members know you’ve noticed their dedication to Living the Volunteer Spirit.

I have a special recognition for our Hospitality Committee, chaired by Jane Bartholomay. What a great job! The refreshments were delicious and so artfully displayed. They certainly went above and beyond. Thank you, thank you.



LOOKING AHEAD ??

February 16, 2023 – General Meeting, RWA CC, Social Hour 9am,
General Meeting 10am, Heart Healthy Month – wear red.

Trivia Night, 6-8pm, RWA CC

February 17, 2023 – Rummage Sale Set-up, 1-3pm, RWA CC

February 18, 2023 – Rummage Sale, 9am – 1pm, RWA CC

February 25, 2023 – GFWC FL District 12 Meeting and Art Competition – Punta Gorda Woman’s Club

March 3, 2023 – RWWC Board Meeting, RWA CC – 1pm

March 10, 2023 – Bazaar set-up, Time TBD, RWA CC

Weekly Exercise Classes begin, 8:30am, RWA CC

March 11, 2023 – Bazaar, Time TBD, RWA CC

March 16, 2023 – General Meeting, RWA CC, Social Hour 9am, Meeting 10am

April 1, 2023 – RWA Celebrate the Circle – RWWC Kidz Zone

April 4, 2023 – ESO Luncheon at the Hills

April 5&6, 2023 – EHH, volunteer opportunity

April 7, 2023 – RWWC Board Meeting, RWA CC, 1pm

Fashion Show Set-up, RWA CC

April 8, 2023 – Fashion Show, RWA CC, 11:30am

April 18, 2023 – One Blood Drive, 9am-3pm, Oakland Hills Marina

April 20, 2023 – General Meeting, RWA CC, Social Hour 9am, Meeting 10am

April 21 – 23, 2023 – GFWC FL convention, Orlando

May 5, 2023 – RWWC Board Meeting, RWA CC, 1pm

May 18, 2023 – General Meeting, RWA CC, Social Hour 9am, Meeting 10am

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

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

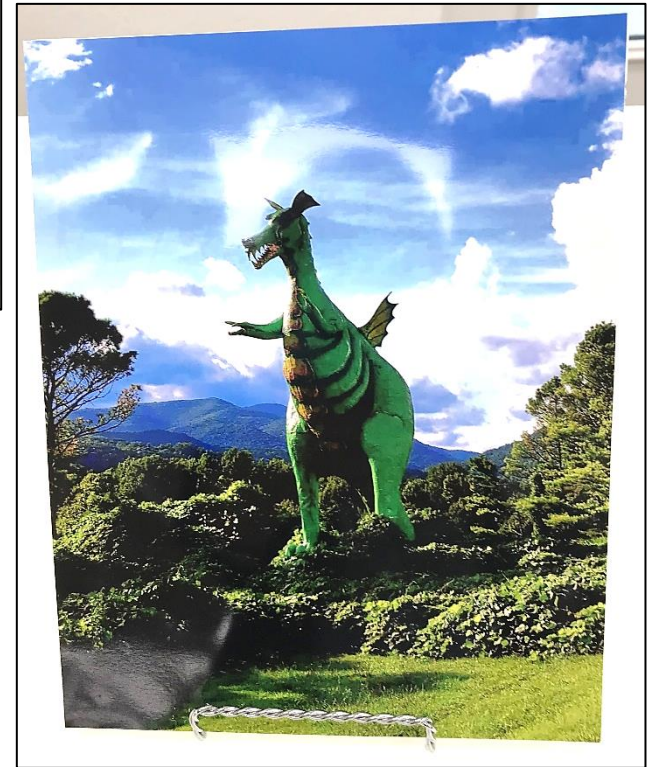
June 16, 2023 – Season-end Board Meeting, RWA CC, 1pm

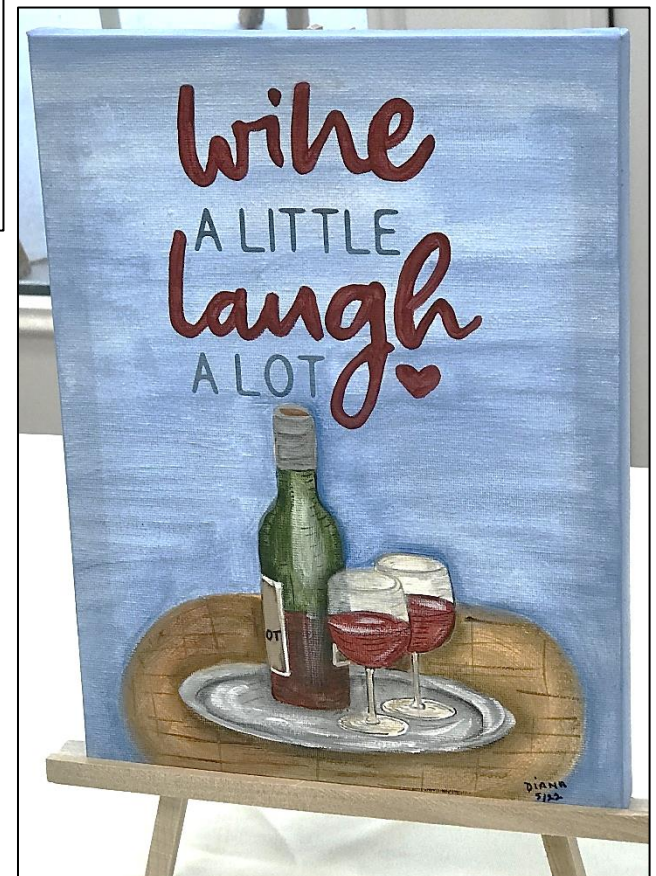
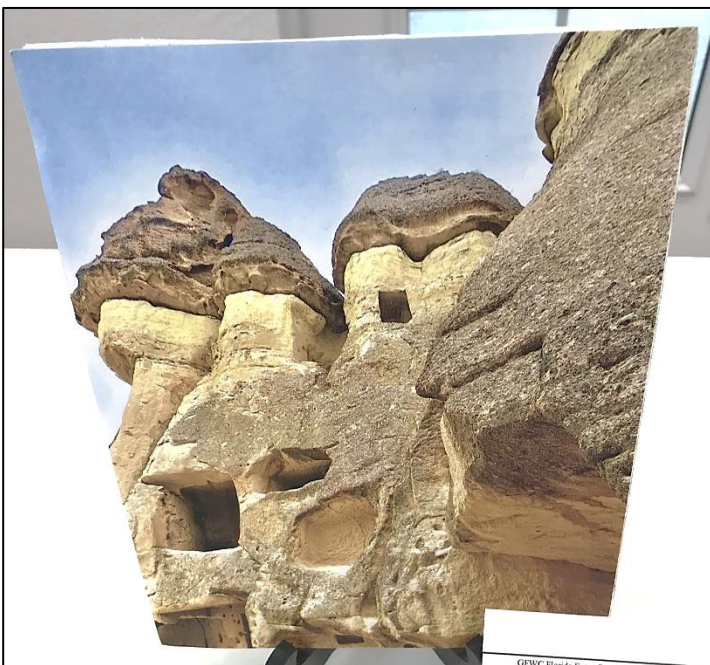
Art Competition January 2023 – All entries







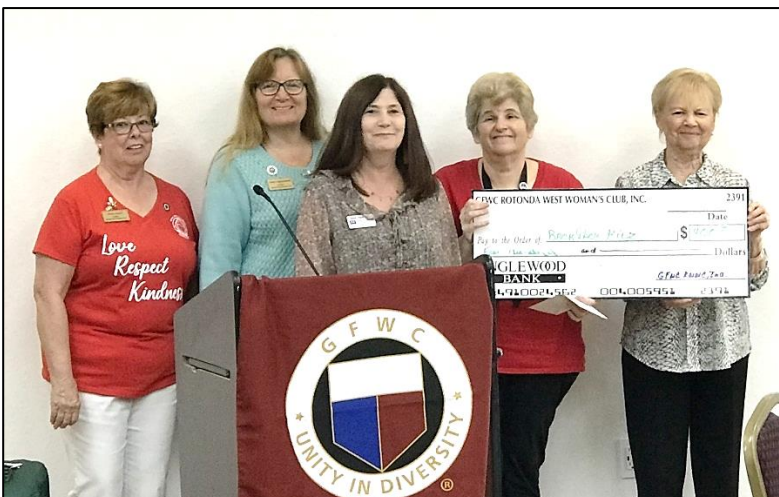


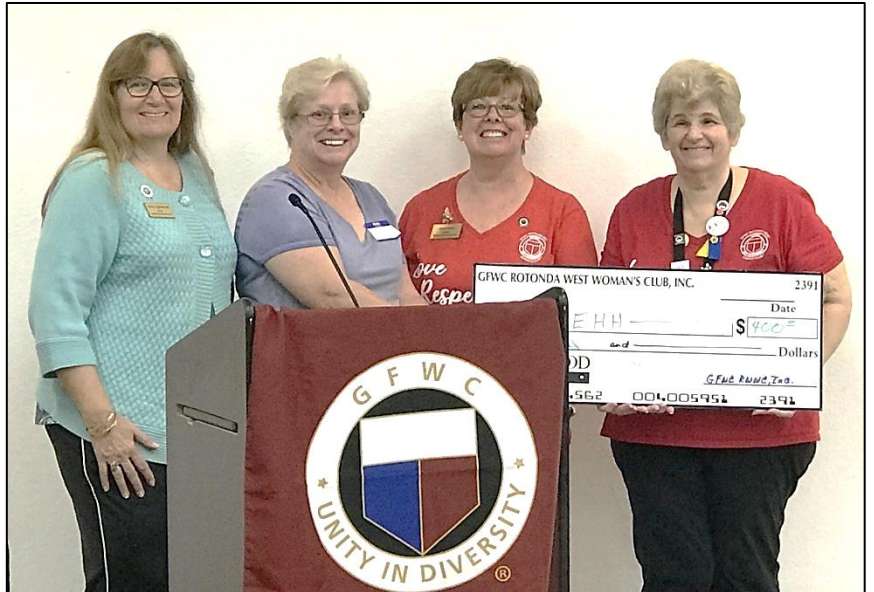




You are all winners!
Thank you for sharing
your talent and creativity.

JANUARY 2023 MEETING HIGHLIGHTS





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General Meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month, September through May. RWA Activity Building. 9:00 am Social Hour – 10:00 am General Meeting.

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