



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

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May, 2024



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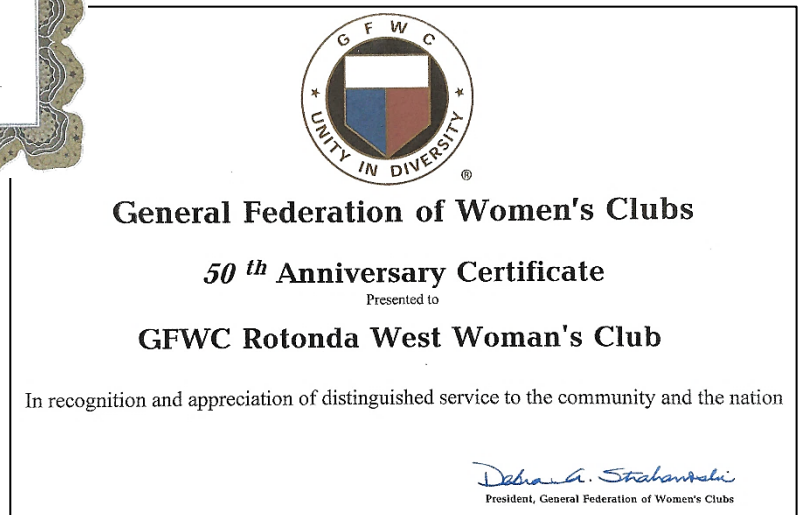
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WHERE VOLUNTEER SERVICE
AND FRIENDSHIP MEET

50TH
ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION

SPECIAL EDITION

GFWC ROTONDA WEST WOMAN'S CLUB

50TH ANNIVERSARY MAY 1, 1974 – MAY 1, 2024





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February 22, 2024

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Dear Members of GFWC Rotonda West Woman's Club,

On behalf of the Membership of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, I extend our best wishes and congratulations to your club upon the celebration of 50 years of service to your community as a federation. What a noteworthy milestone this is! It gives me great pleasure to recognize the commitment and loyalty of your members to your State Federation and to the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

Please know that the devotion and dedication of the members of the GFWC Rotonda West Woman's Club to volunteer community service through GFWC Club work are very much appreciated. Your collective efforts contribute to GFWC's proud tradition of achievement and will ensure the continuation of that legacy into the future.

Please accept sincerest congratulations from all of us at the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

Yours in "Living the Volunteer Spirit!"

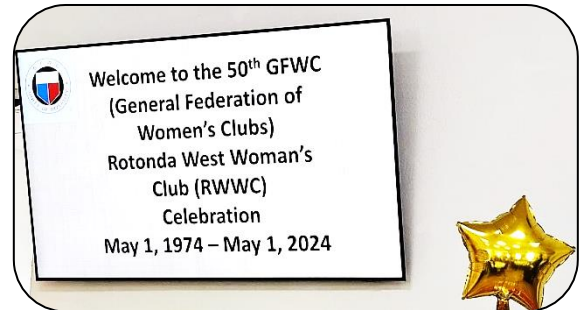
Debra A. Strahanoski
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GFWC International President

*Congratulations!
Thank you for
your many years
of service to GFWC.
Dee*

GFWC is an international women's organization dedicated to community improvement by enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service.



Dianne Foerster, Past-President, GFWC FL Presenting GFWC FL 50 Year Certificate to Gwen Grace, President, GFWC RWWC



Charlotte County Florida

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) is an international women's organization, founded on April 24, 1890, and dedicated to community improvement by enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service; and

WHEREAS, on May 1, 1974, forty-three founding members of the Rotonda West Woman's Club were chartered as a Woman's Club of the Florida Federation of Women's Clubs; and

WHEREAS, the GFWC Rotonda West Woman's Club has continued to strive to serve the community as a Volunteer Service Organization, especially in the areas of Art and Culture, Civic and International Engagement, Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention, Education and Libraries, Environment, Health and Wellness, and Human Trafficking Awareness and Prevention; and

WHEREAS, over the past 50 years, hundreds of GFWC Rotonda West Woman's Club members have given their time, talent, and resources to improve the lives of members of the greater Charlotte County Community and the world.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that May 1, 2024 shall be designated and observed in Charlotte County as

GFWC Rotonda West Woman's Club 50th Anniversary Day
PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED this 9th day of April 2024

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF CHARLOTTE COUNTY, FLORIDA

ATTEST:

Roger D. Eaton
Roger D. Eaton, Clerk of Circuit Court and Ex-Officio Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners



By *William G. Truex*
William G. Truex, Chairman

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Hector Flores
Hector Flores, County Administrator



Bill Truex, Charlotte County Commissioner, Presenting Proclamation Designating May 1, 2024, as GFWC Rotonda West Woman's Club 50th Anniversary Day to Gwen Grace, President, GFWC RWWC



Sam Besase, Director, Rotonda West Association
Presenting an RWA Recognition Award to
Gwen Grace, President, GFWC RWWC



Certificates for First Place Dianne Foerster 2023 Club Interaction
Award, Presented to Rotonda West Woman's Club,
GFWC Punta Gorda Woman's Club,
and GFWC Port Charlotte Woman's Club
These clubs dedicated their awards to Charlotte Arcadia,
Jenny June Award, Southern Region Conference 2021



Dianne Foerster, Past President, GFWC FL, instituted the Blue Umbrella of "Love, Respect, and Kindness." GFWC RWWC adopted "Love, Respect, and Kindness" for our T-shirts in November, 2020, just after she revealed her Project. Kathryn Gallagher, Past Director, GFWC FL Dist. 12, presented Dianne with one of our T-shirts –
In a way, giving it back to the person who created it.
After her term as president, the tag line Love, Respect, and Kindness was just going to go away...but "some of us" just didn't want that to happen.
Thus, the Blue Umbrella Club was created.



Kathryn Gallagher, Past Director, GFWC FL, Dist. 12, presented the Dianne Foerster 2023 Club Interaction awards that were presented to each Charlotte County Club, to Charlotte Arcadia in recognition of her Jenny June 2021 Award.

Danica Harris Honored

Danica – Holds the honor of being the GFWC Rotonda West Woman’s Club longest standing member, having joined the Club in 1976 – just two years after our club was formed.

Through the past 48 years Danica has worn many hats such as Club Vice President, Arts & Crafts Chairman, and Christmas Gazebo Lighting Cookie Chairman to name a few. She also taught classes in painting, cooking and flower arranging.

Danica performed in several of the Club “Skits” and was always available to help in any and all Club projects.



Left: Gloria Rogoski, First Vice President, GFWC RWWC,
Who read this tribute; Center: Danica Harris;
Right: Gwen Grace, President, GFWC RWWC

For several years Danica was a member of the Board of Directors for Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Englewood. Combining fund raising with GFWC Rotonda West Woman’s Club. While serving on the Board as a fund raiser, Danica also volunteered as a Big Sister Mentor.

In 2022 while planning a trip to Croatia for her sister’s birthday, Danica inquired if there was a GFWC Woman’s Club in the city of Zagreb, Croatia. President Kathryn Gallagher spoke with Kathryn Sowers, GFWC International Liaisons Committee Chairman, expressing what a great idea it would be to have GFWC International President Debra Strahanoski write a letter of greetings from GFWC for Danica to hand deliver to the Zagreb Woman’s Club. After locating the Zagreb Woman’s Club a date was set up for her to visit. Danica did deliver the GFWC greetings and listened to stories about their organization of women who live the volunteer spirit in Croatia, just as we do here in the US. Many photos were taken.

Thank you, Danica, for a job well done.





GFWC Rotonda West Woman's Club 50th Anniversary



On May 1, 1974, the Rotonda West Woman's Club was chartered as a member of the Florida Federation of Women's Clubs. To celebrate, Helen Allison, the club's first President, suggested that a flagpole be erected in the traffic circle on Cape Haze Drive as a Community Bicentennial project. That project won a National Award.

Billie Dodds was the second President and her project was the formation of a local library. The five hundred book facility was dedicated in January 1977. The library continues to be available in the Rotonda Community Center to all members of the community and is still maintained by members of the Rotonda West Woman's Club.

In those early years \$1,000 was contributed to the West Charlotte Civic Center Building Fund, which became the Joseph Tringali Center. Mrs. Tringali was a charter member of the club. \$1,300 was donated to the Englewood Ambulance Fund. There was representation on the board to establish the Rotonda West Neighborhood Watch program. President Charlotte Arcadia's project purchased and donated to American Legion Post 113 an AED medical device designed to analyze the heart rhythm and deliver an electric shock to victims of ventricular fibrillation. Charlotte arranged for classes to teach club members and Legion members how to use the device and save lives.

The Club's ongoing focus on education is notable for having donated over \$125,000 in scholarships to Lemon Bay High School Seniors and to Continuing Education applicants.

Through the years the club held Rummage Sales, Bazaars, Fashion Shows, Teas and Trivia Nights to raise money to support our philanthropic purpose. Each year thousands of dollars are contributed to local charities as well as in-kind donations of clothing, groceries and pet food for our neighbors in need. Donations are made to GFWC Florida sponsored charities, such as Operation Smile and to Camp Boggy Creek. 50 productive years of Living the Volunteer Spirit through service to the community went quickly.



Jennifer Cope, 2nd Vice President,
GFWC RWWC, Narrating this
50th Anniversary
History of the GFWC RWWC



**GFWC PORT CHARLOTTE
WOMAN'S CLUB**

**GFWC
PUNTA GORDA
WOMAN'S
CLUB**



Charlotte County Commissioners
Stephen R. Deutsch, Joe Tiseo, Bill Truex,
Christopher Constance



Jennifer Cope, 2nd VP, GFWC RWWC; Derrick Hedges, Manager, RWA;
Gwen Grace, Pres, GFWC RWWC; Gloria Rogoski, 1st VP, GFWC RWWC



GFWC Rotonda West Woman's Club Presidents

Left to Right: Gwen Grace 2022-2024; Kathryn Gallagher 2020-2022; Donna Krabbe 2016-2018; Laura Wine 2014-2016; Doris Walker 2010-2012 & 2018-2020; Margaret (Posey) Bauer 2008-2010; Seated: Charlotte Arcadia 2012-2014

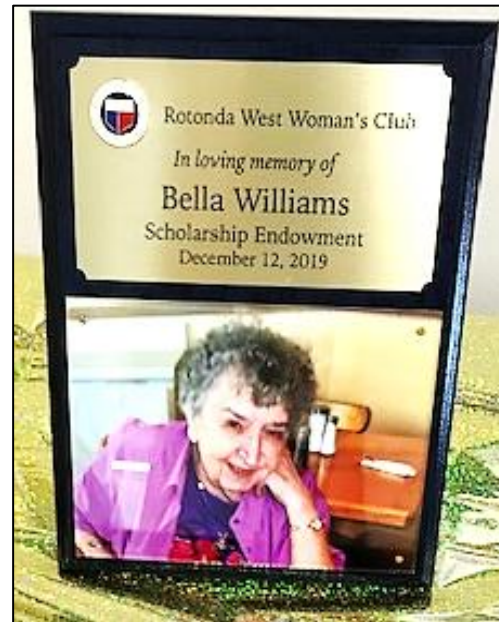
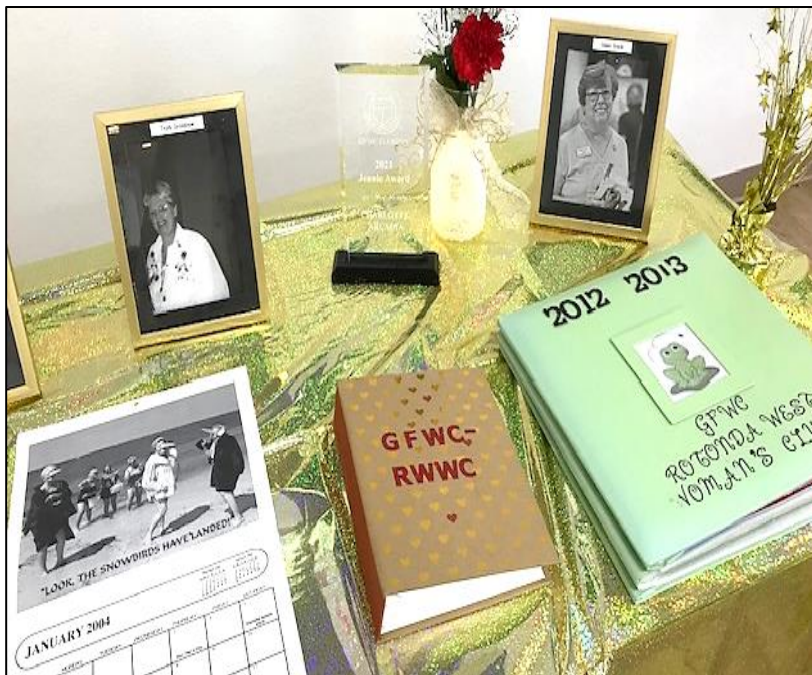
MEMORIES:



Quilt: Laura Wine
"Canine Companion"

Quilt: Bonnie Wine
"To Ever Widen Our Circle"

GFWC RWWC Activity Poster



Rotonda Review 2/5/12
Woman's Club Plans Valentine Card Party

A Valentine dessert-card party sponsored by the Rotonda West Woman's Club will be held at the Community Center, Feb. 12 from noon till 5 p.m.

The \$1.50-per-person donation includes admission prizes.

Chairman Libby Motz will be assisted by Mary Lou Hill and Martha Blenner in charge of refreshments; Wanda LaGoy and Roberta Bibens in charge of tickets.

Other members of the committee are Mary Jane Marshall, Sib Clark and Lois Robinson.

Seating is limited so tickets must be acquired in advance from Wanda LaGoy, 697-2066 or Roberta Bibens, 697-0674.

Members are asked to bring contributions and name stubs for the coverlet project to the February club meeting.

FINAL PLANS for the Woman's Club Valentine card party on Feb. 12 were made at a breakfast meeting Jan. 28. Committee members are: (L-R standing) Wanda LaGoy, Roberta Bibens, Libby Motz, chairman, and Lois Robinson. Seated (L-R) Mary Jane Marshall, Mary Lou Hill, Martha Blenner and Sib Clark.



**Fashions
 'Spring'
 to Life at
 Woman's Club
 Annual Show**



GUESTS WERE GREETED BY:

Jennifer Cope, 2nd VP, GFWC RWWC
JoAnn House, Member Volunteer
Diane Oglesby, Reception Committee, Chair

**CELEBRATING WITH:
DIGNITARIES, SISTER MEMBERS, AND
REPRESENTATIVES OF 501c3 CHARITY PARTNERS**









50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Well, we did it! What a wonderful celebration of GFWC Rotonda West Woman's Club 50th Anniversary.

This could not have happened without the Event Committee of dedicated women. The Committee consisted of the club Board of Directors as well as my very much appreciated Co-Chairman Kathryn Gallagher. Many thanks to Gwen Grace, Gloria Rogoski, Jennifer Cope, Jo Ann Hopkins, Anne Vickery, Jean Howard and Jane Tumanic. When asked to be on the committee you all gave it your best, showing your leadership skills and why you are the club leaders.

In addition, so many other club members jumped in to help including Kathy Altenburg, Jane Bartholomay, Diane Oglesby, Karen Chenaille, Kathy Ellingham, Sandy Langenfelder, Jo Ann House, Clare Imrie, Linda Muir, Jackie Miller, Sande Prentis, Karen Smith, and Karen Lambert. If I did not mention your name, please forgive me as I know I must have missed a few.



Kathryn Gallagher, Co-Chair, Doris Walker, Chair

This was a very special day which included Proclamations read by Charlotte County Commissioner Bill Truex and GFWC Florida Past President Dianne Foerster. We also recognized our long standing member Danica Harris for her 47 years of Club service. From the bottom of my heart, I wish to thank you all for sharing in this very special occasion.

May we continue to show Love, Respect, and Kindness in all our future endeavors.

Doris Walker
Event Chairman

NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Gwen Grace, 201-317-2317

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Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Rotonda West Woman's Club I was privileged to lead the gathering in a toast to the club. This is what I said:



“Here’s to the women who have gone before us and to the women who will be our future as we toast living the volunteer spirit with love, respect and kindness.”

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



FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

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May is a month for celebration and reflection. It’s a time to get outdoors and soak up everything Mother Nature has to offer. May is National Wildflower Month, and it is also National Mental Health Awareness Month. Take some time to relax in nature, this should help to improve your mental health. Remember Mom on her special day and spend some time reflecting on all those who gave their lives for our great Nation on Memorial Day. And, hey, a margarita on Cinco de Mayo is always in order.

I hope many of you will join us in Naples on May 18th for our District Meeting – amongst other things, we will be thanking our current District Director Kathryn Gallagher for her great leadership and welcoming Joyce Powell from Port Charlotte as our next District Director. These ladies exemplify what “living the volunteer spirit” is all about.

I hope that each of you has a great summer – no matter where you may roam.



SECOND VICE PRESIDENT

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Rhonda Hawes



Lois Hunter-Pishgahi



Darlene Frederick



Stacey Izatt



Nina Gonzalez



Nadeen Daniels



Judy Bates



Linda Reiter



Debi Schofield

Welcome to our newest members!

Looking forward to our spring induction at the May general meeting!



IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT AND DISTRICT DIRECTOR

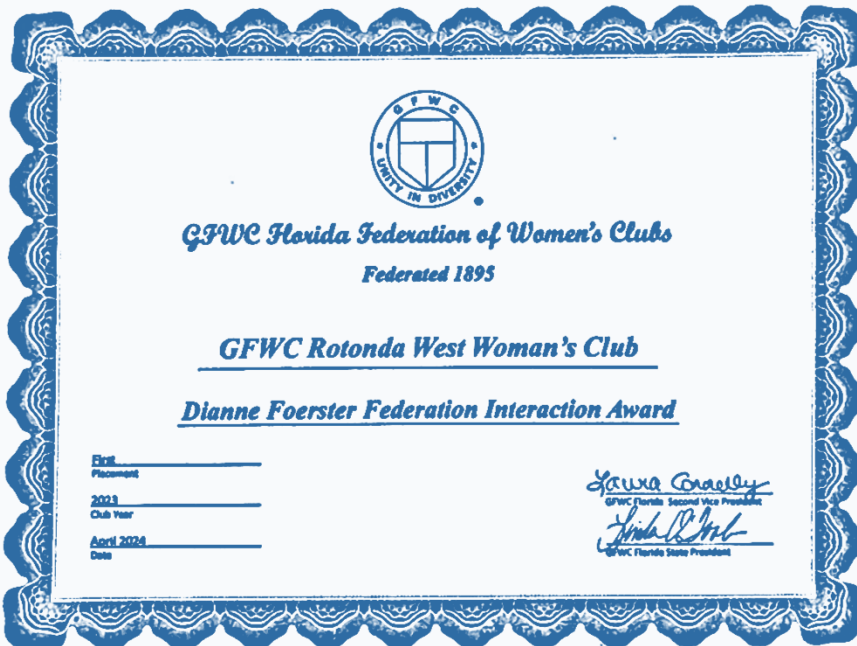
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GFWC FLORIDA - DISTRICT 12

WHERE VOLUNTEER SERVICE AND FRIENDSHIP MEET

District 12 Director's Report

Wednesday, May 1st, was a 50 year milestone for GFWC Rotonda West Woman's Club! Our own members were joined by GFWC Past President Dianne Foerster, four Charlotte County Commissioners, representatives from the RWA and many of our 501c3 partners with whom we have worked and donated over the years. They have returned so much good will to us.



In April at the GFWC FL Convention, we were delighted to receive the Inaugural Dianne Foerster Club Interaction Award for our combined efforts with our Charlotte County Sister Clubs on the first ever GFWC National Day of Service, but we also continued our endeavors in Charlotte County alongside of GFWC Woman's Club of Port Charlotte and GFWC Punta Gorda Woman's Club through the year.



Christopher Constance, Charlotte County Commissioner, Presenting Proclamation Designating Sept. 30, 2023, as GFWC National Day of Service to eradicate food insecurity in Charlotte County, FL

Twelve Sisters from Punta Gorda attended our 50th Anniversary and seven Sisters from Port Charlotte were with us to celebrate. We were delighted that members from GFWC LaBelle Community Woman's Club joined us too!

President Dianne Foerster has promoted Club Interaction and Partnership with local 501c3 organizations all during her tenure on the GFWC FL Executive Board. She advocates that we are all stronger when we work together.

As an example, when we had no place for our Club to meet when the Covid Pandemic hit, the Lions Club of Englewood offered their clubhouse to us for our board meetings. When Hurricane Ian devastated District 12, the Lions Club of Englewood was spared from damage, so they were happy for us to bring in and unload a 26ft U-Haul Truck filled with food, water, clothing, and baby care needs, driven by Tampa Woman's Club President Michele Small, assisted by GFWC 2nd Vice President Jolie Frankfurth. We filled their entire clubhouse, sorted and sent everything out to our District 12 Clubs and local Food Outreach organizations. When we had no place to hold our annual Rummage Sale...the Lions Club was more than accommodating and donated the use of their clubhouse once again, so that we could raise funds for our own outreach. GFWC RWWC has been happy to offer a box to collect used glasses for the Lions program. We advertise their holiday flower sales and patronize their seasonal dinners, but we will always be grateful to the Englewood Lions for their generous support: and their wonderful gift to us for our 50th Anniversary!

The photo from the May 1st Celebration shows GFWC FL Past President Dianne Foerster holding a very generous gift check from the Englewood Lions Club to the GFWC Rotonda West Woman's Club in honor of our 50th Anniversary serving the community right alongside the Englewood Lions Club Service organization.



Center: Dianne Foerster, Past GFWC FL President 2020-2022; GFWC International Liaison Committee, President GFWC Blue Umbrella of Love, Respect and Kindness Cyber Club
Left to right: Kathryn Gallagher, GFWC District 12 Director; Kathy Lawless, Past President Englewood Lions Club; Rosalie Kay, Englewood Lions Club member.

**"Walk to Remember," Monday, May 27th. Memorial Day 9:00 am.
Quiet Ceremony and reading of your Veteran's name to be remembered.
Signup book at the May 16th Meeting or on the desk of the RWWC Library.**



ARTS & CULTURE

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ARTS & CULTURE/CREATIVE CRAFTERS

Happy Spring everyone. Time is sure flying by. We have had a busy April. The GFWC Annual Spring Convention & Art Competition has come and gone. Rotonda West Woman's Club had 8 entries and came home with 5 ribbons!



Second Place for Mosaic - Annette Carruthers - Clay manatee on Glass



First Place for Combination - Rosemary Collins - Gnome with dog



Second Place for Photo (up close) - Glenda Sammet - Frog



Third Place for Photo (Florida) - Annette Carruthers - Venice Beach



Third Place for Ornaments - Annette Carruthers - Clay turtle

Congratulations Ladies!

For all who didn't attend the convention it was a "Great Time." Our club won First Place Award for the state in Arts & Culture for the second year in a row!

We had a fun drive to Orlando, great dining, and a fun Silent Disco along with many other state awards. District 12 was repeated many, many times over the weekend and we are definitely making a name for ourselves in the state of Florida. Enjoy some of the fun pictures.



Four of our Creative Crafters worked on two chairs for the Kids Needs "Chair-ity" auction and we are hoping to help raise a lot of money for this chair-ity!

Left to Right: Diana Dudick, Rosemary Collins, Annette Carruthers and Rosana Halprine did a wonderful job on the chairs!

The Creative Crafters will be working most Fridays throughout the summer getting ready for the November Craft Sale. Emails will go out to the crafters each week with reminders on what we will be working on.

Ladies here's wishing you all a wonderful summer! Hope to see you all in the fall.

*Thank you,
Kathy Altenburg
Arts & Culture/Creative Crafters*



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COME WALK WITH US
TO HONOR AND REMEMBER
ALL THOSE VETERANS WHO HAVE GONE
BEFORE SO THAT WE MAY LIVE IN
PEACE AND FREEDOM
IN THE MEMORIAL MONTH OF MAY
GFWC ROTONDA WEST WOMAN'S CLUB
INVITES YOU
TO WALK AND REMEMBER

REKINDLE THE ORIGINAL SPIRIT OF MEMORIAL DAY

BY WALKING ANY OR ALL DAYS IN MAY

This is not an organized walk, but a personal, quiet tribute by you at any time. Sign-up sheets will be provided at Broadmoor Park in the RWA Activity Building Library. Sign your name (your choice) but add the Veteran's name for whom you are walking. Distance does not matter, it's the memory that counts.

On Sunday, May 26th, we will count the number of Veteran's names recorded and quietly plant a memorial garden of American Flags, that will be seen at the driveway to Broadmoor Park on the morning of Memorial Day, Monday, May 27th.

Please join your neighbors and GFWC Rotonda West Woman's Club at 9:00 am on Memorial Day Morning for a brief gathering to Read your Veteran's Name, Salute the flag, and Offer prayers for

Peace on Earth.

EDUCATION & LIBRARIES

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Doris Walker, ESO Chairman, 941 828 0410, dew414@comcast.net



On May 6th at the LBHS Class of 2024 Awards Night, our President Gwen Grace and Debra Sigismondo handed out four RWWC college scholarships of \$1,500.



Charles Mann, Ambar Herde Los Santos, Vincent Allen, Maxwell Goodman, Gwen Grace, President GFWC RWWC, Debra Sigismondo, Chairman Scholarships.

Teacher Appreciation Week, May 6-10. We assembled gift bags containing our RWWC pens and sweet cookie treats at our Membership Meeting in April. Volunteers delivered these tokens of our support for educators to all four of our local schools.



Nancie Jankowski delivers our gifts

"I touch the future. I teach." –Christa McAuliffe



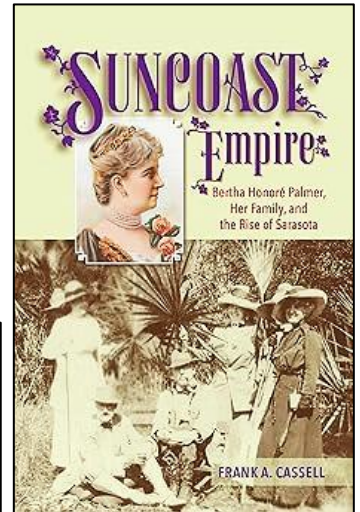
ESO – BOOK CLUBS

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The Golden Girls - on the Road again!

After reading Frank Cassell's book "Suncoast Empire: Bertha Honoré Palmer, Her Family, and the Rise of Sarasota, 1910-1982", we decided to take a tour of Historic Spanish Point in Osprey where Bertha Palmer purchased a homestead and where several of the original buildings are still preserved. We roamed the property including viewing an archeological site from approximately 5,000 years of Florida prehistory. We also spent some quality time with the butterflies in the Butterfly Garden. The walk was invigorating, the scenery was beautiful, and time together was fun.



Golden Girls Jerri Baudisch, Ellen Lang, Gloria Rogoski, Wendy Lisbon, Melanie David and Chris Tarullo



Melanie David with a friendly butterfly on her shoulder

Submitted by Gloria Rogoski, ESO Golden Girls

Wishing you all a summer filled with fun and plenty of time to read some good books. I will be forwarding information to each of the Book Club Leaders very soon regarding the newly appointed GFWC Florida ESO Chairman and whether she plans to make any changes that we should know about.

Warm regards,
Doris



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ENVIRONMENT



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 doghouse each month. Every little penny helps, thank you.

Great American Cleanup

April 20 was the Great American Clean-up Day at Stump Pass. This is the first year we were a sponsor so that was exciting. See the attached picture of the members who participated.



Tip of the Month

Unfortunately, Hurricane season will be coming up soon. While I hope we all have a safe summer, it is best to prepare. See below for helpful tips:

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS TIP

IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS

Ensure all personal documents are up to date, including your insurance policies and ID.

Make a list of all important items in your home and keep it with all of your documents.

Make copies and keep them in a waterproof container and/or a secure password-protected digital space.

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Florida Division of Emergency Management ✓
FDEM Communications Coordinator • 9 hr ago

Keep important documents safe during a disaster by storing copies in a waterproof container or in a secure password-protected digital space.

Suggested documents include:

- Photo ID & Birth Certificate
- Social Security Card
- Pet ID Tags
- Insurance policies & health records

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

Have a happy, healthy summer. See you in the fall.

Making a Hurricane Emergency Kit

Plenty of water

Nonperishable food

First-aid kit

Phone charger

Important documents

Emergency phone numbers

Battery-powered flashlight/radio

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FASHION SHOW LUNCHEON

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May 16th is our last club meeting until September! My hope is that more of you will buy your tickets for the Fashion Show/Luncheon that will be held on October 10th. We have not sold 50 tickets yet, so you have a chance to be in a drawing for a \$50 cash prize if you buy your ticket at this meeting!

Also, if there are any groups or individuals who would like to donate a prize for the opportunity drawings, please let me know at the meeting or by e-mail. We will not need the prizes until the September meeting.

Thank-you for your support of Kids Needs & LBHS Scholarships!

GFWC Rotonda West Woman's Club
Presents
Fall Fashion Show and Luncheon Fundraiser
Thursday 10th October
11 am - 2 pm
Heron Creek Golf & Country Club
5302 Heron Creek Blvd, North Port
Featuring Fashions By
Anthony's Ladies Apparel
\$50 per person
Includes three course lunch with choice of
Chicken Cordon Bleu or Salmon Doria
Cash Bar
For Tickets and Sponsor information,
contact Karen Lambert at 231-357-1167 or email
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Proceeds will benefit Englewood Kids' Needs
and Lemon Bay High School Scholarships



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HEALTH & WELLNESS

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Thanks to everyone who donated and walked in PanCAN PurpleStride on Saturday April 27th – a walk to end pancreatic cancer. The Rotonda West team exceeded our goal of \$1,911 currently raising \$1,978 for Pancreatic Cancer Action Network. There's still time to donate if you want to! See me (Clare Imrie) for further information.

There will be a children's shoe drive collection ("Kicks for Kids") after the tax-free weeks of July 29 - Aug 11. Proposed drive-through date for drop-off is morning of Friday August 16th- more details to follow in July.

Also please save the date of Saturday, November 2, 2024, for the Walk to End Alzheimer's - again to be held in Broadmoor Park.

Hope everyone has a great summer.



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

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INSPIRATIONAL THOUGHTS FOR APRIL

INSPIRATIONAL THOUGHTS

Life is too short to wake up in the morning with regrets.

So, love the people who treat you right and, forget about the ones who don't,

and believe that everything happens for a reason.

If you get a chance – take it, nobody said that it would be easy.

They just promised it would be worth it.

PLEASE BOW YOUR HEAD FOR THE BLESSING

In happy moments, praise God

In Difficult moments, seek God

In Quiet moments, trust God

In every moment, Thank God.

Heavenly Father, we ask that you bring peace to all nations,

and bless the hearts of each of us gathered here today.

AMEN

KNIT AND CHAT

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A suggestion was made at the General Membership Meeting on April 18th to have the Knit n Chat group provide a list of recommended yarns and a short list of how much yarn would be needed for certain projects. Information for some basic projects is below:

LION BRAND® YARN



HOW MUCH YARN DO I NEED?

FOR VARIOUS PROJECTS

							
 HAT	250 - 325 yards	250 - 325 yards	200 - 250 yards	200 - 225 yards	125 - 200 yards	125 - 150 yards	30 - 60 yards
 SCARF	525 - 825 yards	450 - 625 yards	375 - 500 yards	375 - 500 yards	250 - 375 yards	250 - 375 yards	125 - 200 yards
 SOCKS	350 - 500 yards	300 - 450 yards	275 - 400 yards	275 - 375 yards	250 - 350 yards	200 - 250 yards	175 - 200 yards
 SHAWL	550 - 850 yards	450 - 700 yards	400 - 625 yards	375 - 550 yards	350 - 500 yards	350 - 475 yards	300 - 400 yards
 ADULT SWEATER	3375 yards	1750 - 2625 yards	1500 - 2250 yards	1125 - 1625 yards	950 - 1125 yards	825 - 1125 yards	825 - 1125 yards
 BABY BLANKET	1500 - 1625 yards	1250 - 1500 yards	1125 - 1250 yards	1000 - 1125 yards	875 - 1000 yards	750 - 875 yards	625 - 750 yards
 AFGHAN	3750 - 4125 yards	3500 - 3750 yards	3000 - 3500 yards	2250 - 3125 yards	2000 - 2250 yards	1625 - 2000 yards	1375 - 1625 yards

YARN BRANDS

Red Heart

WalMart Mainstays Basic Yarn

Caron Simply Soft

Loops & Threads

Baby Bee (Hobby Lobby)

Lion Brand yarns

Bernat Softee (Baby yarn)

I Love This Yarn (Hobby Lobby)

The Knit n Chat group meets weekly on Tuesdays at the RWA Community Center from 9:30 am to 11:30 am or so. If you would like to see what the fuss is all about, stop by! We'd love to hear from you and have you join our group. REMINDER: we will be on "Summer" time during June, July & August. Please check before coming over!

Let's keep the enthusiasm and creativity going!



RECEPTION

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Please remember to check-in at the Reception Desk, so we will have the correct count for attendance.

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

Thank you, Diane



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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.



NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

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Thank you for your articles and photos. A special thanks to Linda Muir, Rachele Adler, and Diane Oglesby for submitting photos of our 50th Anniversary Celebration. It was a lovely and heartwarming celebration – so many supporters joining us. Doris Walker and her committee did a wonderful job making the day very special!

I did some research and, with the assistance of Kathryn Gallagher, Gwen Grace, and Doris Walker included as much as I could. Therefore, it is my hope this Chatter issue will become a permanent part of our historical records. Maybe on our 75th or 100th Anniversary, those members will look upon this event as a milestone in the story of our club and be proud to display this among the many remembrances they will have collected.

I hope to have a summer vacation issue – so get your narratives and photos ready. I'll send an email reminder with enough lead time.

I was honored to be recognized as a past-president – it's a special memory I'll hold in my heart. In keeping with changing things up a bit, I used a photo from our 50th Anniversary Celebration – just for laughs.



COMMITTEE SCHEDULED MEETINGS

- RWWC Board Meeting – 1st Friday 1:00pm – except summer
- Creative Crafters – Fridays 9:30am – beginning January 12 at 9:30am
- 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

Please check days/times for summer meetings.

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RWA Activity Building.

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

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