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Rotonda West Association

# West Ways

## Hank Killion takes the Lead as President of the RWA Board



Hank Killion was elected President of the Rotonda West Association and officers were named for 2019 at a special meeting of the Board on December 11.

Hank was first elected to a three-year term on the Board in 2011. He served for three terms as 2nd Vice-President and Treasurer. He will also continue in the position as Treasurer.

### Let's meet Hank Killion.

Hank is from Boston and earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Chemistry from Buena Vista University in Storm Lake, Iowa. His career began with Allied Chemical Corporation in Solvay, New York as a Process Chemist. He then joined Narragansett Electric in Providence, Rhode Island and topped off his career with the Waters Corporation in Milford, Massachusetts. He is currently Chairman of the RWA Budget & Finance Committee. He also serves on the Aquatics & Canal Bank Committee since 2009 and is a past-member of the Administration & Personnel Committee. He is also a member

of the West Charlotte County Storm Water MSBU, the Board of Directors of the Charlotte Harbor Regatta Committee and is a member of the Charlotte Harbor Estuary Water Quality Network. Hank and his wife Sue have been residents of the Pine Valley subdivision for 11 years.

During Hank's term the condition of our canals have improved. Hank's cost controls measures allowed for construction of a new community center with no assessment increase. As president of the RWA he will continue to make improvements to the Broadmoor Park complex, control spending to minimize assessments and make Rotonda a place we can all be proud of.

Other officers elected at the special meeting were Russ Kulp as First Vice President, and Andy Vanscyoc returns as Second Vice President. David Kelly also returns for a second term as Secretary.

Rounding out the seven-member Board are Stephen Froggatt, a newcomer and winner in the recent election, Patricia Cowen, and Peter Traverso, who has represented the Developer's Office on the Board for many years.

All Committee chairpersons will be rolled over to 2019.

## Another Successful Open House

*By Barry Kean*

The Rotonda West Association held another successful Open House at the Community Center in Broadmoor Park at 7 PM on November 15, 2018, as both newcomers and longtime Rotondans took the opportunity to learn about the Association and the great variety of other groups and organizations that are active in and around Rotonda West. About 75 people attended; they browsed exhibits and talked to volunteers from some 30 participating exhibitors and organizations. Participants included RWA committees (Aquatic, Activities, Buildings and Grounds, Community Relations and Christmas Parade, Budget and Finance, Wildlife, and the RWA administrative staff) and other civic groups (Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), Rotonda West Women's Club, Neighborhood Watch), local governmental organizations (Charlotte County Sheriff's Office, Tax Collector, Property Appraiser, and Library), social and fraternal



Some 75 attendees became acquainted with the various groups and clubs at the Community Center Open House.  
*Photo by David Pulaski.*

groups (AMVETS, Rotonda Ukelele Band, Jersey Girls, Rotonda West Fiesta Association, Meet and Greet, Rotonda Golf, Rotonda Tennis, Nine Hole Ladies' Golf League, Elks) and churches, charitable and service organizations (Faith Lutheran Church, New Paradigm of Catholic Charities, Meals on Wheels, FISH, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Englewood Helping Hands, Brookdale Rotonda Assisted Living).

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## Holidays Kick Off with Boat Parade, Gazebo Lighting

By Barry Kean

The holiday season in Rotonda West kicked off in a spectacular way on Saturday, November 24, with the traditional parade of lighted boats and lighting of the Oakland Hills island gazebo. A large crowd gathered at the Oakland Hills marina to enjoy coffee and hot chocolate and a scrumptious assortment of cookies and pastries provided by the Rotonda West Women’s Club. “Elvis Presley” (local resident Rob Lutz) serenaded the crowd and Santa Claus circulated, greeting both young and old, while a record turnout of 14 illuminated and decorated boats performed choreographed maneuvers in the marina basin before docking so their crews could come ashore and join the celebration. While this was going on the switch was thrown and the elaborate and spectacular island decorations came to life. It was 28 years ago in 1980 that Earle Simpson and his late wife Alva first decorated the island and gazebo and it has become a popular holiday tradition in the community

ever since. And as always, it was quite a show, and a worthy lead-in for the annual Rotonda West Christmas parade the following weekend, covered elsewhere in this issue.

Rotonda West is known for its Christmas events and decorations, but none of these could happen without the efforts of many dedicated volunteers. Pat and Bob Dix were responsible as Christmas Decorations chairs along with their many volunteers for the colorful displays on the Marina island and gazebo, as well as the Memorial parks and bridges. Their planning began weeks ago and featured many new and creative decorations. Sue Superak has done an outstanding job organizing Christmas events, having inherited this duty from Earl Haas only a year ago. Andy Vanscyoc, who originated the boat parade twelve years ago, organized it again this year and produce what many say was the best ever. Many volunteers contribute their time and talents to making these events happen as well as making and installing the numerous holiday decorations seen throughout the community. Thanks, and best wishes to all involved.



Top Left: Andy Vanscyoc, who originated the boat parade twelve years ago, organized it again this year and produce what many say was the best ever.



Bottom Left: Lighting of the Oakland Hills island gazebo.

Below: A large crowd gathered at the Oakland Hills marina to enjoy coffee and hot chocolate.

Right: “Elvis Presley” (local resident Rob Lutz) serenaded the crowd.

*Photos by David Pulaski*



## Open House - continued from page 1

Eleven participating organizations reported receiving new volunteers or expressions of interest.

The Open House is an open invitation to Rotonda West residents to get more involved in their community. Many participating organizations are actively seeking volunteers; others offer an opportunity to meet people and participate in a wide variety of social activities. The next Open House has not yet been scheduled; watch for future West Ways for more information.

The Rotonda West Open House is chaired by Linda Bondeson and Susan Superak and hosted by the RWA Community Relations Committee. Thanks to them for making this event a success.



Left to right Joette Maynard, Renae Ackert-Wideman, Theresa Leighton and Christine Lee from the Charlotte County Tax Collector’s Office answer questions from transferring vehicles from other states to the tax bills while Property Appraiser Paul Polk answered questions on assessments. *Photos by David Pulaski.*

## Spectators Along Rotonda Circle Were Treated to a Memorable Christmas Parade

By Russ Kulp

What a fantastic Christmas Parade! The weather cooperated with warmth and a nice breeze. The crowd along the parade route was enthusiastic and full of Christmas and holiday cheer, and the parade participants outdid themselves with holiday decorations, costumes and colorful floats!

The 12th Annual Rotonda West Christmas Holiday Parade was held on Saturday, December 1st; and, it was one of the largest ever held in this Community. Led by two motorcycle units from the Charlotte County Sheriff's Office, Englewood Fire Department's Engine Company 72 and Charlotte County Fire/EMS Ambulance 4, the main parade featured 57 participants. American Legion Post #113 was well represented as always with their color guard and post officials, Lemon Bay High School contributed its Marching Mantas band and the Navy Jr. ROTC Cadets, Sheriff Bill and Mrs. Prummell rode in a stylish sporty convertible and the Sheriff's Office also had its Marine Patrol Unit following. There was also a tremendous variety of floats and entrants representing many youth, religious, civic, business, social, and military groups.

As has been the case in recent years, a few minutes before the 2 p.m. start time, organized by the Rotonda Cruisers Car

Club, there was a separate mini-parade of classy antique and sports cars, which are always a crowd favorite. This year's group of cars, 45 in number, was one of the largest the Club has had to date. They left their staging area at Broadmoor Park and proceeded along the parade route on Rotonda Circle from Boulevard North to the end at Oakland Hills Marina. It is easy to tell that the owners of these beautiful vehicles take extraordinary care of them, some of which are decades old. The large crowd spread out all along the 2.9-mile route showed their appreciation for the entrants in this and the main parade with frequent applause, cheers, and lots of picture taking. There were the usual large house parties at various locations, but also many people just sitting in lawn chairs in their driveways admiring the floats and costumes.

Again, this year, the parade's entrants were judged in five (5) categories with the winners receiving attractive trophies that were generously donated by Paradise Exclusive Real Estate. At the judges' table in Pebble Beach, the trio of Tammy Birdsong, Holly Carr, and Sue Halufska were faced with the significant challenge of picking the winners from among so many outstanding entrants. Many floats were large, very well decorated and had imaginative themes and features. In the end, the judges made the difficult decisions; and these were the trophy winners and their categories:

Photos by David Pulaski



Spirit of Christmas Trophy – Charlotte County Tax Collector's Office



Best Commercial Trophy – Galloway Roofing



Best Parade Performance Trophy – Lemon Bay High School Marching Mantas



The winners received their trophies at an after-parade gathering at American Legion Post #113.

Keeping with its tradition associated with this parade, the Rotonda West community was especially giving of non-perishable food and other items, plus money, which were collected along the parade route by members of the Community Relations Committee, chaired by Director Andy Vansycoc. The collections all went to Englewood Helping Hand to directly benefit needy families in the area. The Wagner family once again donated a large trailer which was piled high with the donations as it reached the finish at Oakland Hills. The Association thanks the generous residents of Rotonda West and their friends for their generosity.

No parade like this is successful without excellent organization and hard work on the part of volunteers. This year's Parade Committee was led by Sue and Steve Superak who did an outstanding job in planning, organizing and recruiting participants for the event. They were ably assisted by Linda Bondeson, who oversaw the event's administrative support, including creating the informational material and



Best Use of Theme Trophy – Sinister Sisters



Best Organizational Trophy – Rotonda West Neighborhood Watch

the application brochure and maintaining the parade roster. In addition, several other volunteers also provided essential help at the parade to make it a great success. Noteworthy in the organization was the tightness of the line of march this year without the customary large spaces between sections of participants. That made the parade that much more enjoyable for the spectators.

We look forward to next year's holiday parade and realize that planning for it will start in only a few months from now.

## Rotonda West 'Holiday Helpers' Treat 17 Families to Feast

By David Pulaski

Seventeen local families were helped with a complete Thanksgiving dinner with all the fixings, thanks to some generous Rotonda West residents.

Organizer Claudette Romano thanks the many Rotonda West residents — also known as the “Holiday Helpers” — whose contributions made the gesture possible. As an extra treat, the following morning’s breakfast was also included.

The Rotonda West Holiday Helpers was founded 12 years ago by Claudette Romano and her late husband, Joseph.

A majority of the funding was contributed by members of the Rotonda West Men’s Breakfast Club and their wives.

Rotonda West Residents contributing were Dolores and Bob Mazzola, Margie Carroll, Wayne and Darlene Mengel, Diane and David McGrath, Wanda and David Pulaski, Sam Besase, Don and Ginni Mahon, Richard and Elaine Young, Walter and Claudette Taylor, Art Richards, Charlotte and Stan Pkuizga, Rus and Ellen Kulp, Cuyler and Christine Lee, Jack Horner, Joseph Nev, John

and Barb Peszko (Rotonda Recreational Vehicle Parking Area), Hank and Sue Killion, John and JoAnn House, Scott & Karen Schermerhorn, Val and Alex Moody, GFWC Rotonda West Woman’s Club, Sue and Steve Superak, Linda and Bob Bondeson and Andy and Pauline Vanscyoc.

Staff members of the East Englewood Winn-Dixie store participating in this worthy project were store manager Craig Clemons, produce manager Barb Cox, and co-manager Drew Cutright.

The group is very pleased to announce that, for the first time, the Holiday Helpers will also be doing Christmas Dinners for these less fortunate families.



Holiday Helpers are, from left, Linda Bondeson, Susan Kiray, Claudette Romano, Sue Killion, Art Richards, Bob Bondeson, store co-manager Drew Cutright, store manager Craig Clemons, produce manager Barb Cox, Wanda Pulaski, Jo Ann House, Dr. John House and Ginni Mahon. Photo by David Pulaski.

## Elections are in, Andy Vanscyoc continues as Director and Welcome Stephen Froggatt

Incumbent Andy Vanscyoc and newcomer Stephen Froggatt were the choices of RWA owners to fill two vacancies on the Board of Directors for 3-year terms.

RWA members filled the Community Center for the 28th Annual Meeting on the evening of December 6.

There was a total of 1,910 envelopes received with 1,876 counted 34 rejected that were not completed properly. 23 were unsigned and 11 had 2 or more ballots in envelope.

Barbara Peszko, Chair of the Election Committee, announced the election results.

**The vote count:**  
Andy Vansysyoc...1527  
Stephen Froggatt...1339  
Sam Besase...733

The ballot counting was the responsibility of the Association’s long-term accounting firm of Webb, Lorah & McMillan, PLLC, Geoff Lorah, a partner in the firm, was introduced and acknowledged for his long service to the RWA.

### Stephen Froggatt won the seat vacated by Stan Plizga

Stephen retired in 2015 and moved to Rotonda 4 years ago. He is from the suburbs of Chicago and is a licensed electrician,

he has technical skills in computer hardware and software. He has been very active in the RWA committees, he ran on making a difference. Andy Vanscyoc begins his third term on the Board. He has several accomplishments in his terms like moving the Board in acquiring Broadmoor Park, his Rotonda Radio Show on WENG, and leading the Activity committee with so many outstanding events.

Board President Russ Kulp presided at the meeting and kept the proceedings moving. He congratulated Andy and welcomed Stephen and thanked Sam Besase for running. He praised Manager Scott Fieldkamp on completed projects and cost cutting, he highlighted major accomplishments achieved by the Board, committees and staff in 2018. Committee chairmen then had the floor to outline committee achievements for the year. President Russ Kulp congratulated Andy on Meet and Greet and Rotondo Bingo, Radio show, primary candidates’ night, hurricane seminars, just for kids Halloween night, and was looking forward to future events like Vegas night and Rotonda has Talent.

Newly elected Stephen Froggatt spoke and said, “the lifeblood of RWA is volunteerism, we need more volunteers.” Director Peter Traverso spoke on a verbal gold star award he gave Stan Plizga years ago and wants to give the golden star award to the Election committee for their hard work.

Voters approved the roll-over of net membership income with a count of 1,798 for and 49 against.



Far Left: Stephen Froggatt thanks the Board and speaks on how important volunteerism is to the RWA community.

Left: Barbara Peszko as Chair of the Election Committee, addressed the crowd and announced the voting.

Right: Board President Russ Kulp (third from left) calls the Annual meeting to order.

Photos by David Pulaski



## President's Message

By Russ Kulp

What a year this has been for the Rotonda West Community! So much was accomplished in 2018 thanks to the combined efforts of your Board of Directors, our Committees and other volunteers, and especially Manager Scott Feldkamp and his office and maintenance staff.



The Community saw the installation of the final two roadside parks in Pinehurst and Pine Valley and the completion of a maintenance access ramp at the Oakland Hills Marina along with repairs to the docks and the walkway bridge to the Gazebo Island. Broadmoor Park has become the Community's Bright Centerpiece with the completion of an additional section of the ADA-compliant walking/bike path which now totals just over two miles and is utilized by 150 to 200 residents every day. The Community Center, which had its First Anniversary Party for residents this past July, plays host to an increasing number of club meetings, events including weddings and receptions, private parties, informational presentations, and more every month. Special effort was made during the year by the Manager and Maintenance Staff to make the Community a beautiful place in which to live. Entrance sign areas, entrance bridges, boulevard medians and all the parks were given constant attention by mowing and trimming, maintaining

plantings and mulching of the beds. We can be proud of how Rotonda West looks.

We finished 2018 with two of the most successful events that we have ever witnessed. The Boat Parade at the Marina coupled with the Gazebo Lighting attracted a record enthusiastic crowd and that was followed a week later by a wonderful Christmas Land Parade which had 57 entrants and was preceded by 50 antique and sports cars. It was a great way to end the year as the Association held its Annual Meeting and Board of Director Elections.

Speaking of that election, congratulations are in order for Director Andy Vanscyoc, who won re-election for another 3-year term, and Steve Froggatt, who becomes the Board's newest member starting his 3-year term. The Board of Directors puts in a lot of time and effort to ensure that the Association is well run, fiscally responsible to its members, and provides the environment and amenities that keep the Community vibrant and attractive for maintaining property values. Without a dedicated, involved Board of Directors, Rotonda West would quickly lose its appeal.

This is my final President's Message. After two years as Board President, I am gladly turning over the Office to Hank Killion who will ably guide the Association during 2019 working closely with Manager Feldkamp. It has been my privilege to serve the Association as its President and I thank all those folks who have given me support. I will continue on the Board for 2019. Finally, I wish all our members, residents and friends the best of the holiday season and a very happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

## Come Join Us at a Meet and Greet!

By Donna Stogsdill



About 103 people were there including lots of newcomers. Food was awesome, and a good time was had by all! Our Veterans were celebrated, and they got first dibs in the food line. The desserts were delicious. This event is a great way to meet your neighbors and make new friends. It is always the 1st Wednesday of each month, at 5pm located at the new Broadmoor



Community Center at 646 Rotonda Circle. Bring a dish to share, and your own drink of choice. Paper plates, silverware, and napkins are provided by the Meet & Greet Committee.

## Ghosts & Goblins Take Over Community Center

By Don Mahon

About two dozen kids in Halloween costumes of every description descended on the Community Center one Saturday afternoon in late October.

The event was Trick-or-Treat for the first time sponsored by the RWA Activities Committee.

In all, about 40 kids with parents enjoyed costume contests, refreshments, and candy hand-outs donated by the RWA and generous neighbors. They got a huge kick out of Harry Witt, a professional clown, with his tricks, animal balloons and rapid-fire jokes.

All kids were given a book by the Rotonda West GFWC Woman's Club that brought big smiles.

All in all, a fun day for kids in the community, 10 and under.

"This was our first year and we know what we need to do to attract more kids and to add to the fun in the future," said Dianna McGrath. Diane and Donna Stogsdall served as co-chairs, supported by several volunteers.

Left: The Wicked Witch (Linda Bondeson) tries to beat a youngster to the candy.



Right: Aly & Shelly Gonzales as Harry Potter and Mulana, a Disney princess, all dressed up to a place to go.



Left: Harry Witt, a professional clown, dazzled the kids with jokes and tricks.



Right: The creature (Andy Vanscyoc), about to devour Diane McGrath.



Photos by Sue Killion

## Rotonda West Fiesta Association ...a bit of history

By Pat Lawson

Rotonda West Fiesta Association began in the early 1970's. The original concept evolved from local historical legends of Conquistadors who inhabited this region of Southwest Florida. It was to be a social organization, allowing residents to gather for a pot luck dinner at private homes throughout Rotonda West, mingle and perhaps make new friends. Over the years its once-a-month meetings have evolved from individual's homes to larger venues such as St Francis of Assisi Parish Center to the American Legion Hall, and most recently to the Hills Restaurant on Rotonda Circle.

The group currently meets once a month from October through April for a dinner dance on the third Saturday of those months. A three-course meal -- appetizer, entrée, and dessert -- with choice of a meat or fish dish is offered to members and their guests. The cost of the meal also includes tip, tax and entertainment. Membership is \$15 per year per person. Guests may attend dinners for \$27 per person, while members enjoy a benefit and pay only \$20 per person. It makes perfect sense to become a member with the savings gleaned by just 3 meals!

Fiesta Association is governed by a Board of Directors, chaired by the Alcalde, or Chairperson. Directors are asked to serve at least one two-year term, and the Alcalde usually only serves a one-year term. Each Director after their initial year of service hosts one dinner dance during that year, picking the theme, the menu and the decorations. We have a dedicated group of people who serve on the Board and enable the community to enjoy this long-standing tradition. We are always looking for volunteers to join the Board.

The dinner dances have a theme, and attire generally is "smart casual," although there have been costume dinner dances as well. We invite anyone living in Rotonda to consider joining our lively group, and even consider becoming a member of the Board of Directors. Information may be obtained from any Board member or Sue Sellman our current Alcalde (804-399-2303).

## From the Manager

Scott Feldkamp, Manager  
Rotonda West Association

### Merry Christmas, And Happy New Year!

This time of year, I usually list off all the Board of Directors accomplishments. We all can plainly see the mountain of projects the Board accomplished this year; Roadside Parks, Walking-Trails and hundreds of successful events including the summer anniversary party, Halloween for kids, Rotondough, The R.A.M.P., the bigger-than-ever-Parade and the Rotonda Radio Show. We also completed 6 full mowing cycles with a 5-week average interval, in 2018.

There are literally scores of other projects your B.O.D. got done in 2018; like a balanced-budget, erosion control, 57 million flowers/trees planted, new tables/chairs, retro-fit-efficient lighting, and continued negotiating with the county for storm-water, drainage funding. The B.O.D. was able to nearly double the budgeted contribution for your reserve funding.

I would like to thank & congratulate the RWA, B.O.D. for a year, well utilized.

In 2018 there were approximately, 100 homes completed in Rotonda West. There are currently 148 homes under construction. And, (as of 12-01) 656 property sales.

There were a few donations to The RWA in 2018, like the fountain in West-Lake. Residents also donated ferns, trees, planters & Christmas decorations, picnic table construction. Let's not forget the hundreds of hours of volunteer time that makes it all work.

What's coming up? ..... A few more pieces of landscaping equipment, a complete overhaul of the outdated computer hardware and a new operating system. Repairs to the marina and the Gazebo island structures. Along with hundreds of Activities Committee sponsored or approved events including *Rotonda-has-Talent* and *Casino-Night*. The B&G Committee has a lot of big & little projects scheduled. You'll have to come to a meeting to find out what they are.





**RWA PRESENTS**

**Las Vegas Night**

January 18, 2019  
6:30 - 9:30 PM  
at the Community Center  
646 Rotonda Circle

Register with Tammy Birdsong  
941-697-6788

Limited to the First 90 Players  
Rotonda West Residents & Guests



## Congrats Sue Killion!

Once again her photo was chosen in "The 2019 Show Us Your Charlotte calendar"... now available. Congratulations to **Sue Killion**, the winners' photographs were chosen from more than 420 entries submitted by county residents and visitors. The winners will be recognized by the County Commission at an upcoming meeting. Calendars are available for free while supplies last at the Charlotte County Administration Center, Englewood-Charlotte Public Library, Englewood West County Annex.



Month of February.

## Summary of Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 18, 2018

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Russ Kulp (Chairman), Hank Killion, Andy Vanscyoc, Stan Plizga, Patti Cowin, and Peter Traverso

DIRECTOR ABSENT: David Kelly

MANAGEMENT STAFF PRESENT: Scott Feldkamp, Manager, and Claudette Romano, Lead Administrator and Transcriber

Scott Feldkamp delivered the Manager's Report, summarizing all the positive activity going on at Broadmoor Park, including the new section of the walking path which attracts hundreds of walkers on weekends, new clubs like Mahjong and Petanque, the Ukulele Band, "Workout To the Oldies", breakfast clubs, and Meet-M-Greet gatherings, "Rotondo Bingo" is a growing success and we are looking forward to having a "Casino Night" in January. He also urged members to volunteer for Committees.

As part of the Election Committee Report, presented by Chairperson Barbara Peszko, **Director Traverso moved** that the Board of Directors approve the 20 named volunteers to count the election ballots. **Director Cowin seconded** the motion; and, it passed unanimously. Also, **President Kulp moved** that the Board approve incorporation of the identified Election Policy and Procedure Changes to the Committee's Charter which have been approved by the Election Committee. **Director Traverso seconded** the motion. It passed unanimously.

For the Activities Committee, Chairman Vanscyoc reported that the Committee had approved several items for use of the Community Center to be considered by the Board, including Rotonda West Woman's Club Orientation, Casino Night in January, Rotonda West Book Club meeting, a Rotonda West Talent Show, an Educational Therapy Session on Knee Replacement, meeting of the Englewood Area Board of Realtors, and a meeting of Clubhouse Condo Association. Discussion followed after which **Director Vanscyoc moved** that the Board of Directors approve all the Committee items except for the Educational Physical Therapy Session on Knee Replacement which needs more information. **Director Cowin seconded** the motion; and, it carried unanimously.

Then, **Director Vanscyoc moved** that the Board of Directors approve the Activities Committee's recommendation of four (4) Life Long Learning Institute classes in 2019 for a total cost of \$740.00 to be taken from the Committee's Budget. **Director Cowin seconded** the motion. It carried unanimously. Finally, **Director Vanscyoc moved** that the Board of Directors approve Lorene Thompson-Mancus as a member of the Activities Committee. **Director Traverso seconded** the motion. It carried unanimously.

With the Administrative/Personnel Committee's Report, **President Kulp moved** that the Board of Directors approve the acquisition of the Caliber Software package and direct the Manager to implement same as appropriate. **Director Vanscyoc seconded** the motion. A short discussion followed. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Plizga presented the Aquatics Committee Report stating that the two Bird Survey walks had been successful, that more plantings around West Lake at Broadmoor Park will happen and that a meeting with Dr. Mark Hostetier, who teaches Wildlife Ecology and Conservation at the University of Florida, will occur soon at Broadmoor Park. **Director Plizga moved** that the Board of Directors approve the spending of \$200 to cover Dr. Hostetier's expenses (as a consultant advising communities on actions, they can take to help preserve native animals, birds, and plants). **Director Cowin seconded** the motion; and, it passed unanimously.

### Inside the Circle

#### *Bits 'n Pieces from Around the Community*

**Let's Play Ball...** The Tampa Bay Rays open their 2019 spring training schedule on February 22 against the Philadelphia Phillies at Charlotte Sports Park. Their high-Class A franchise, the Charlotte Stone Crabs open their home season on April 4. Check the next *West Ways* for the date of "Rotonda West Night at the Ball Park."

**Las Vegas Night...** Have you checked the RWA website lately? In addition to RWA Bingo we will be having a Las Vegas Night. Check it out. Go to [www.rotondawest.org](http://www.rotondawest.org).

**Talent Night...** In addition to RWA Bingo and Casino Night keep an eye out for information on Talent Night. Check back on [www.rotondawest.org](http://www.rotondawest.org).

With the Budget & Finance Committee Report, Chairman Killion summarized key points in the draft 2019 budget which had been distributed to the Directors. **Director Killion moved** that the Board of Directors approve the draft 2019 budget with the assessment of \$190.00 per year per lot. **Director Plizga seconded** the motion. It carried unanimously.

President Kulp presented the Buildings & Grounds Committee Report. He summarized the Committee's recent meeting and the discussion of various projects and improvements to be done. **Director Killion moved** that the Board of Directors approve the placement of a Memorial Bench on the new walking path. **Director Traverso seconded** the motion; and, it carried unanimously. Then, President Kulp presented the following motions: (1) ...**moved** that the Board of Directors decline the offer of a donated portable stage by the Rotonda West Woman's Club with thanks for their offer. **Director Traverso seconded** the motion; and, it passed unanimously. (2) ...**moved** that the Board of Directors approve the purchase of the specified Philips AED machine for the Community Center at the approximate price of \$1,275.00. **Director Cowin seconded** the motion. It passed unanimously. (3) ...**moved** that the Board of Directors approve the purchase of a First Aid Kit for the Community Center, **Director Cowin seconded** the motion; and, it passed unanimously. (4) ...**moved** that the Board of Directors accept the resignation of Carl Couture as a member of the Buildings & Grounds Committee with thanks for his extensive past contributions and service. **Director Killion seconded** the motion. It passed unanimously.

Chairman Vanscyoc presented the Community Relations Committee Report and summarized plans for the upcoming Community Open House and Holiday festivities. Then, **President Kulp moved** that the Board of Directors approve the addition to the Community Relations Committee Charter of the Volunteer Identification Process associated with the RWA Volunteer Recognition Banquet as recommended by the Committee. **Director Vanscyoc seconded the motion;** and, it passed unanimously.

Chairman Dick Duggan reported that no appeals were presented to the Compliance Committee at its October 4<sup>th</sup> meeting; and that the Committee voted to approve all the fines imposed by the Board of Directors on September 13, 2018.

Director Killion, Chairman of the West County Storm Water MSBU, reported that \$2.5 million will be taken from that MSBU's budget along with \$500,000 from the Rotonda West Street & Drainage MSBU's budget to pay for repairs to the Community's drainage problems.

**Rotonda West Association, Inc.**

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Stephen Froggatt, Director

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**Mission Statement**

The role of Rotonda West Association, Inc. is multi-faceted: To protect the property interests of the members; to enhance living in the community; to plan for the future in its role as a community association. (Approved November 13, 2002)

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**IMPORTANT DATES**  
All committee meetings are open to RWA members.  
• Board of Directors  
• Aquatics Committee  
• Budget & Finance  
• Buildings and Grounds  
• Community Relations  
• Compliance  
• Deed Restrictions  
• Election  
• Residential Modification  
For dates and times please refer to the calendar section of the website: [www.RotondaWest.org](http://www.RotondaWest.org)

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