

WEST WAYS

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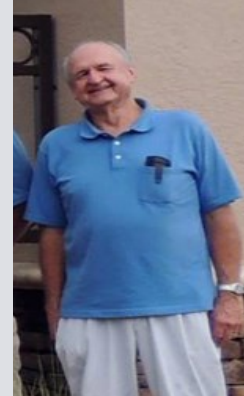
TO OUR FRIENDS
AND NEIGHBORS
IN THE AFFECTED AREAS
HIT BY HURRICANE IAN
OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS
ARE WITH ALL OF YOU.
STAY STRONG!

WEST WAYS NEWSLETTER



In Memory of Stanley J. Plizga

September 13, 1939-August 31, 2022



On August 31st, Stan Plizga, a friend of Rotonda West, passed away. We would like to recognize Stanley for his many years of service to our community. As past RWA Board Director and as Chairman and guiding force on the Aquatic/Canal Committee, Stan contributed his foresight, his tireless energy, and his masterful knowledge of flora and fauna to the enrichment of Rotonda West.

On behalf of the community, we thank him. We will think of Stan as we walk through beautiful Broadmoor Park and enjoy nature's gifts.

A memorial bench will be dedicated to Stan in Broadmoor Park next to the Giving Oak Tree.



OCTOBER SPECIAL EVENTS

- **Saturday, October 22nd, Celebrate the Circle 10 am - 2pm**
- **Saturday, October 22nd, Pumpkin Judging Contest**
Drop off your decorated pumpkin 10 am– 2 pm, (see page 24)
- **October 7th, Deadline for submitting questions for the candidates**
(See page 14)
- **Wednesday, October 26th, Frank Levin Lecture**
“The Universe in 90 Minutes” 1-2:30 pm
- **Saturday, October 29th, Broadmoor Park**
Walk to End Alzheimer’s 9 am to noon
- **Saturday, October 29th, Music in the Park**
featuring “The Elderly Brothers” 4-6 pm

NOVEMBER SPECIAL EVENTS

- **Thursday, November 3rd, OPEN HOUSE 6-8 p.m.**
- **Saturday, November 26th, Gazebo Lighting & Boat Parade**

CHECK THE ROTONDA WEST ASSOCIATION ONLINE CALENDAR
FOR SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS, CLUB AND OTHER
ONGOING ORGANIZATION MEETING TIMES.

GO TO: rotondawest.org

**Rotonda West Association, Inc.
Community Outreach Committee presents**

FALL EVENTS 2022

All events are open to RWA members and their guests
Rotonda West Community Center and Broadmoor Park
646 Rotonda Circle

**JOIN US FOR THESE SPECIAL FALL EVENTS
SPONSORED BY THE
COMMUNITY OUTREACH COMMITTEE**

October 22, Saturday @ 10am - 2pm: 50th Anniversary Celebrate the Circle
Watch for more information on Constant Contact. This is a family-friendly event.

October 29, Saturday @ 4pm - 6pm: Music in the Park with The Elderly Brothers

October 29, Saturday @ 9am - Noon: Walk to End Alzheimer's
Dedication @ 8:30, n Broadmoor Park with the Rotonda West Women's Club.

November 3, Thursday @ 6pm - 8pm: Open House
Indoor event. Information from RWA committees, clubs, local non-profits, and area representatives.

November 26, Saturday @ dusk: Gazebo Lighting & Boat Parade
At the Marina on Rotonda Circle across from The Hills Golf and Country Club.

December 3, Saturday @ 2pm: Christmas Parade
Parade Circle from Rotonda West Blvd to the Community Center.
Following, come to the Community Center for food, drink, entry viewing, and parade awards.

December 10, Saturday @ 4:30pm: Music in the Park with The Ukulele Band

UPDATES CAN BE FOUND AT ROTONDAWEST.ORG



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Sitting left to right: Sam Besase (Treasurer), Patricia Aho (President)
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Standing left to right: David Kelly (Director), Andy VanScyoc (Director),
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Photo: Deb Orchard

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS NEWS

September 22nd Meeting



- All board members present
- Minutes from 9/8 board meeting accepted
- Treasurer, Sam Besase reported that there is \$2,659,000 in budget as of 8/01–8/31. 96% of properties have paid annual fee: 3.6 % are delinquent over 90 days.
- Manager Derrick Hedges reported that mowing is continuing; canals in Broadmoor Section have been worked on; oak trees have been trimmed in parking lot area; and generator is very close to being operational (final check needed).
- Jack Metz from Budget & Finance Committee proposed that all Reserve and Operational monies will be moved to Centennial Bank. Advantages being an overall more efficient handling of assessments, thus freeing up office staff from this responsibility; a department dedicated to HOA accounts such as Rotonda West; employees specially trained to handle accounts such as Rotonda West; and the hands-on and accessible nature of Centennial Bank. Disadvantages could be the initial set-up causing some problems until the system is up and running. PASSED
- Building & Grounds Committee reported that the generator is done, except for final hook-up. CERT requested area storage space at RWA building, but this was denied. Other possible storage sites were suggested.
- Karen Harvey presented several Community Outreach Committee proposals. Professor Levin's two lectures PASSED. Andy VanSycoc to be on the Community Outreach Committee PASSED. An exhibit from the Peach River Wildlife Center on raptors PASSED. Proclamation naming October 22nd to be named Rotonda West Day PASSED. Music in the Park featuring Johnny Puma set for March 2023 PASSED. Volunteer Appreciation Dinner set for March 19th, 2023 PASSED. Music in the Park event featuring a steel drum band PASSED.
- Several applications for Building Usage in common areas ALL PASSED

Respectfully submitted,
Nadine Clough



Proud Member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs

ROTONDA WEST WOMAN'S CLUB

NEW DATE!!!

CRAFT BAZAAR

ROTONDA WEST COMMUNITY CENTER

646 ROTONDA CIRCLE

(From Rt 776 turn south on Sunnybrook Blvd.
then left turn onto Rotonda Circle and follow signs - Broadmoor Park.)

Saturday Oct 15th
9 am til 2 pm

*Cookies by the Pound, Chinese Auction, Decorations, Christmas Gifts,
Coastal Art and much, much more!!*

(Handcrafted by the Creative Crafters, Sew 'n' Sews and the Knit 'n' Chat Groups)



BINGO IS BACK!



**WE HAD OUR FIRST BINGO GAME OF THE
SEASON ON SEPTEMBER 18TH
73 OF OUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS CAME OUT
A GREAT TIME WAS HAD BY ALL!
OUR NEXT GAME IS OCTOBER 16TH
DOORS OPEN AT 12:15 P.M.
GAMES START AT 1 P.M.
HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**



**Final Week for Submitting Questions for Candidates' Night
October 19, 2022**

Election Committee wants YOUR questions for candidates' night, Thursday, October 19th from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. All questions (limit of 5 per owner) need to be submitted via email at electionscommittee.rotondawest.org or by dropping off at RWA office by October 7, 2022. No questions will be taken live from the floor or via Zoom on October 19th. Each candidate will be asked a random question pulled from a bowl, submitted by you, our community. If you want your question to be directed to a specific candidate, you **MUST include that in you communication. The Election Committee reviews all questions prior to acceptance. You must submit your name and address with questions to verify ownership within Rotonda West HOA.**

Name: Jeffery Vance Absher

Eligibility to Serve: Yes

Email Address: jvabsher@gmail.com

Phone: 270-799-9525



Born, Raised, Lived in: Bowling Green, KY

Education: High School graduate, some college, multiple courses in advanced aeronautics, transportation, insurance & financial services.

Working life: Life and health insurance broker, commercial pilot, expedited trucking business.

Moved to Rotonda West - year: 2021

Family: Wife, Mother

Special Interests: Music, bodybuilding.

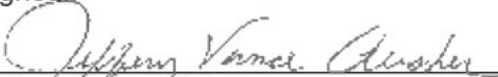
Served on RWA committees, area committees/activities, other: None

Why do you want to serve?: Being heavily invested in this community I have an intense desire to turn this association into the servant of the property owners as it was intended to be, which I believe can best be accomplished by my election to the Board.

What do you want to accomplish?: This is one where I could write a book. But in summary, I would like to rid this association of every single person who cannot understand and accept that the one thing that's always more important than any law, rule, or regulation is the stated purpose those laws, rules, and regulations were created to serve. In the case of RWA, as stated in the Deed Restrictions, Section 1. PURPOSE: "The purpose of these Restrictions is to produce an orderly and desirable community to protect and enhance property values in Rotonda West, Florida."

Other information not covered above?: I am not, nor do I intend to ever be, a politician where I am obliged to "trade favors" with other directors. My aim is to do everything I can to make this association subservient to the property owners who fund its existence. Those who share my view will be my allies. Those who don't will be my opposition.

Signed:


Jeffery Vance Absher

Jerry R. Eldred



My wife Barbara, and I moved to Rotonda West seven years ago. We picked this area for its attractiveness, limited traffic and very low crime rate. We are permanent year-round residents We love our place in paradise. Barb and I are blessed with a blended family of seven adult children and six grandchildren.

If elected this will be my second and final term, I believe in term limits. You may contact me at: jreldred1449@gmail.com, PHONE- 937-620-1865 or visit my website at Jerry Eldred RWA Director, I encourage you to sign up.

As for my background I grew up in a small rural town in Northcentral Pennsylvania. After high school graduation I attended Corning Community College in Corning NY and entered the United States Air force in 1970. Receiving an honorable discharge. I decided to become active in our community when I began learning about taxes being levied on residents living in Rotonda West through the county **MSBU District**, I firmly believe that our tax dollars are to be spent wisely on projects that will benefit the entire community. I understood the need of improving our roads, drains and bridges but the addition of a sidewalk masterplan, the initial addition of five miles of sidewalks (670,000 per mile) and beautification projects, I felt these were not needed. Our boulevard sidewalks are paid by Gas Tax funds. I promised to be open and work for the community and I will continue to do so. Currently I am **Secretary of RWA and serve on the Building and Grounds committee and the Aquatic's subcommittee. I have no hidden agenda: I want to help ensure the quality of life in our community. Sometimes as a board member you have to make difficult decisions and I try to make ones that are best for the entire community.**

EDUCATION

Masters in Arts: Public Administration, Akron University

Bachelor of Arts in Parks and Natural Resources Management, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas.

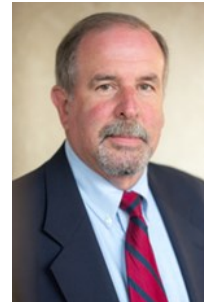
EXPERIENCE

Executive Director Miami County Park District, Miami County Ohio, Retired (Jan. 1991-2012)

The position I retired from and loved the most was the Miami County Park District. I feel humbled that I was able to work for a governmental agency that was recognized nationwide as being unique. As a Park District in Ohio, we were created by the State Legislator in 1917, our Ohio residents may be familiar with Metro Parks found around the state. The Miami County Park District and all Metro parks are each governed by their own three-member Board of Park Commissioners **In order to be a successful Park District in Ohio you must gain voter approval by passing property tax mileage levies.** We successfully passed three **voter approved levies**, during my 20+ years. When I left the district had 13 parks and 2,500 acres, we started with 3 parks and 600 acres. The districts primary mission **is natural resource management.**

City of Alliance, Director of parks, Recreation and Public lands, 13 years.

Lester A Goodman
37 Sportsman Circle
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I have been a member of the Rotonda West Association since August 2015. I moved here from Virginia but I was born and spent my first fifty years in Massachusetts.

I graduated from Northeastern University, Boston MA, with a B.S. in management.

I worked my entire career in the energy industry, specifically in engineering, operations, construction and consulting for public and private utility companies. I was on the executive staff at four companies and had several articles published in nationwide industry magazines. I have conducted numerous presentations and seminars across the country and have provided written and oral testimony regarding federal and state energy regulations. I have served on many industry committees both as a committee member and committee chair.

I am married to my wife, Arleen, and we have four grown children and five grandchildren living in Virginia, Massachusetts and Washington. We have two golden retrievers, named Marley and Fanny that we adopted two years ago.

I am currently a director on the RWA Board of Directors, chair of the Deed Restrictions Subcommittee and member of the Residential Modification Committee. I served on the Compliance Committee but had to resign in order to become a director as required by Florida statute 720.

I enjoy morning walks in Broadmoor Park, fishing and reading, both fiction and nonfiction. I am a member of Elks lodge 2710 and Moose lodge 2554.

I wish to continue to serve on the BOD as a representative for all RWA members. I have a clear understanding of our governing documents and have made numerous recommended changes to make the deed restrictions and residential modifications guidelines easier to understand and follow. All the recommendations have been discussed and developed at committee meetings open to all members and I have encouraged member input prior to making the recommendations. My main goal is to rewrite the deed restrictions because they were initially developed and recorded fifty-three years ago and should be updated to reflect the current needs and desires of our members. This could be accomplished by establishing an ad hoc committee of committee members, RWA staff and members of the community.

I am always available to discuss my views and goals with any and all RWA members.

Lester A Goodman



Rotonda West 2022 Board of Directors Election
Candidate Information

Name: John (Jack) Metz

Broadmoor Lane

Eligibility to Serve: Yes, I am eligible per the Florida statute 720.306(9)(b)

Email: jackmetz53@gmail.com

Phone: 267.718.4634

Background Information:

I was born and raised in Philadelphia, Pa., married to Christy Metz. I attended St. Leo University, in Florida, graduated with a degree in Social Work and Business Administration. After several years in sales and service I became the owner of a restaurant in Harleysville, Pa, a suburb of Philadelphia. During that time, I started to volunteer with the Harleysville Fire Department becoming an EMT/Paramedic. I sold the restaurant to pursue what led me to a 35 + year rewarding career in the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) industry. I worked in a variety of positions gaining experience in management, human resources, finance, budgeting, operations, and purchasing.

Christy and I lived in a HOA community in Harleysville Pa where I served as Vice President of the Homeowners Association for 16 years. My experience on the HOA Board led me to a position with First Service Residential managing 3 HOA communities in Chester County Pa., then we moved in 2017.

Relocated to Bainbridge Island, Washington in 2017 for a career move for Christy at which point I retired. At that point I became involved with the Bainbridge Island Fire Department and Bainbridge Prepares, teaching classes in CPR and Emergency Preparedness.

Christy and I moved to Rotonda West in May 2021 to enjoy a more relaxed and climate friendly location. As for accomplishments, I would get familiar with the short- and long-term goals that have been developed by the Board and continue to strengthen the financial position of the community. I also believe that the Board must remain transparent in its relationship with the community.

I would like to serve as a Board member to give back to our community and I believe that my background in management, and finance, my ability to work with other Board members, Association staff and Community members in positive and forward-thinking results will fit very well as a Board member of the RWA. I currently serve as a member of the RWA Budget and Finance Committee and using my experiences and knowledge, will add greatly to the committee's purpose.

The 3-year capital projects plan and the capital reserve projects will be very important as we move forward in addition to the almost \$2,000,000.00 annual budget.

I believe that the members of the Board must be knowledgeable of budget, finance and project management to name a few of the requirements to serve.

I wish to thank the Community for your time in reviewing my information.

Thank you again

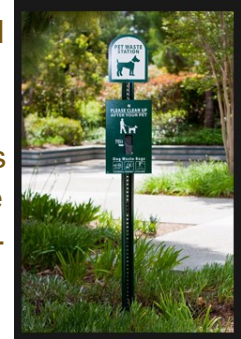
Jack Metz



BE A RESPONSIBLE PET OWNER- CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR PET

By: Nadine Clough

As residents of Rotonda West, we are very fortunate to have beautiful Broadmoor Park to walk our dogs in. It is indeed a privilege and as responsible pet owners and good neighbors we should always clean up after our dog. The Rotonda West Association generously provides bags at waste disposal stations at various points along the trails. The staff at Broadmoor Park also empties those stations. Our responsibility is to clean up our dog's waste and dispose of it. Sounds simple, yet some people abuse this privilege.



The majority of people respect this rule and follow it without a second thought. However, occasionally people comment that, "dog poo is natural and will break down in time", or "why do we have to pick up when the wild animals in the park leave their waste". As it turns out, not all animal "poo" is equal. The waste left by wild animals is actually beneficial to the ecosystem, because those animals are eating natural foods found in that ecosystem and then returning it to the same ecosystem.

This is a different matter with our pet dogs. They usually are fed nutrient-dense commercial dog food. When their "poo" is left in the ecosystem, what is left behind is waste containing high quantities of nutrients such as nitrogen and phosphorus that can cause an imbalance in the ecosystem. If one owner leaves dog waste behind, it is not a big deal, but when many people do, the effects are compounded. There are 83 million pet dogs in the United States, imagine the negative effects to our environment if everybody left dog waste. So remember, do your part in picking up!

Some very well-meaning people, and guaranteed "picker-uppers", have complained to the staff at Rotonda West that they have seen dog poo left by others. Although this could be the case, we must also remember the wild animal population that we discussed earlier does not "pick-up". As we stated, this is a natural occurrence and does not harm the environment, but could cause blame to be placed on innocent dog walkers. According to the Florida Wildlife Organization, there are ways to quickly check the "scat" to see if it belongs to a wild animal. If you see hair, or seeds, or leaves, or nuts, or any natural flora in the scat, then it belongs to a wild animal. That scat belongs there.





Rotonda West
Association

ROTONDA
WEST
CELEBRATES **50** YEARS
1972-2022

Celebrate the Circle!

October 22, 2022
Saturday 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

646 Rotonda Circle
Rotonda West Community Center &
Broadmoor Park

FAMILY FRIENDLY!

Fire Truck
Kids Zone
Arts & Crafts
Mr. Ed's Ice Cream Truck
Bouncy Castle
Waterslide

**RAPTOR
OF THE
WILDLIFE
PEACE
CENTER!**

Music
Blacken Blues BBQ
History Center
Business Park
Classic Car Club

**DECORATED
PUMPKIN
CONTEST**

For Application & Rules
rotondawest.org
Calendar 10/22





Celebrate The Circle
Saturday Oct 22, 2022
DECORATED
PUMPKIN
CONTEST

Entry

1. Open to all RWA residents and members and their guests.
2. There is no entry fee. Only one entry per person.
3. Fill out the entry registration form when you drop off your decorated pumpkin.
4. Drop off on Saturday, October 22, 2022 between 10:00 am to 12:00 noon at the Rotonda West Community Center, 646 Rotonda Circle.

Rules

1. Your entry must have a title.
2. The main part of each entry must be a pumpkin
3. Pumpkin may not be larger than 2' x 2' x 2'.
4. The pumpkin can be carved, painted, drawn on and decorated any way you want! Objects, papers and materials of any kind may be pinned or glued to the pumpkin, and you can dress it up.
5. There must be minimal parental help for children decorating the pumpkin.
6. No purchased pre-decorated pumpkins are allowed.
7. All light must be battery operated. NO open flame candles or electrical plug-in cords are allowed.
8. All entries must be picked up the day of the event no later than 3 pm or they will be discarded.

Judging starts at 12:00 noon. Awards Ceremony at 1 pm.
1st, 2nd and 3rd places will be awarded in each age group.

Entries will be judged according to the following criteria:

- √ Originality
- √ Ingenious use of inexpensive materials
- √ Suitability of the title
- √ Quality of the work considering the participant's age

Age Groups:

4-6 years
7-9 years
10-12 years
13-15 years
16-110 years

Please contact the RWA Community Outreach Committee if you have any questions.

communityoutreach@rotondawest.org





“SWEET” MUSIC

By: Nadine Clough

Pictures by Committee Members



On Saturday, September 24th, over 50 Rotonda West residents took the time away from preparing for possible Hurricane Ian, to relax and enjoy some great music presented by Cary Price on his magnificent Lowrey organ. Songs from past decades including Big Band, Rock ‘n Roll, Easy Listening, and Disco were played by Mr. Price as he encouraged the audience to sing along and to add various sound effects as needed.

During intermission, people were treated to ice cream sodas, or sundaes depending on their preference. Cary Price generously provided the ice cream, toppings, and root beer as a sweet accompaniment to his music. A great time was had by all, and no one left until the music was over, and the ice cream was gone!

Thank you to the Community Outreach Committee for a wonderful event.



Cary Price being introduced by Deb Orchard, co-chair of the Community Outreach Committee.



Ice-cream scoopers:
From left:
Nick Gizzi, Nadine Clough, and Grace Checuti



Community members enjoy an afternoon of music and ice cream

**NEXT MUSIC IN THE PARK EVENT WILL BE HELD SATURDAY, OCT. 29TH FROM 4-6 P.M.
FEATURING “THE ELDERLY BROTHERS”**

GRAY MATTERS- A BRAIN WORKOUT

Presented by the Community Outreach Committee



UPCOMING PROFESSOR FRANK LEVIN LECTURES:

CANCELED DUE TO HURRICANE IAN!

THE MOST IMPORTANT MINUS SIGN IN THE UNIVERSE

Minus signs are ubiquitous, ranging for example from negative numbers to characterizing losses in the stock market. Yet the most remarkable one is very likely unknown to non-scientists. Termed the **WATCH FOR THIS** universe, it is responsible for **LECTURE TO BE** are familiar with, such as life **RESCHEDULED** not only would be very different. Table of the Elements that indeed there could even be one. This most important minus sign determines the structure of atoms and thus the Periodic Table.

If you find this intriguing and want to learn details, then you are invited to join Frank Levin, a retired Brown University physics professor, for a 90-minute lecture on this topic, no math or science background needed.

THE UNIVERSE IN 90 MINUTES

Wednesday, October 26th, 1 pm to 2:30 pm, in the Community Center

Journey from the everyday world back to an instant after the “Big Bang” and out to the edge of the visible universe, no math or science background required.

Join Frank Levin, a retired Brown University physics professor, for a 90-minute lecture in which he describes how cosmology calibrates and explains our expanding universe, using among other analogs; an aspiring tablet a balloon, and a recipe for pickled Jerusalem Artichokes. Learn about the interplay between theory and data that has led to a determination of the age and the far future behavior of the cosmos, to an estimate of the diameter of its visible portion, and to a timeline of the universe starting at a micro-second after the “Big Bang”.

Both lectures will be presented at the Rotonda West Community Center at
646 Rotonda Circle, Rotonda West.

ROTONDA WEST WALKS THE WALK



Alzheimer's isn't waiting and neither are we. The GFWC Rotonda West Woman's Club (a proud member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs) will again be participating in the Walk to End Alzheimer's. This will be our 5th year of raising funds and awareness for Alzheimer's care, support and research. Will you stand with us and join our team?

Thanks to the Rotonda West Association we will be walking in Broadmoor Park, 646 Rotonda Circle, Rotonda West on:
October 29th.

Check in is at 8:30 am. and walk beginning at 9 am.

Register to walk or make a donation by visiting our team page at:
act.alz.org/goto/RotondaWest

We thank you in advance for your support.

Sincerely,

GFWC Rotonda West Women's Club

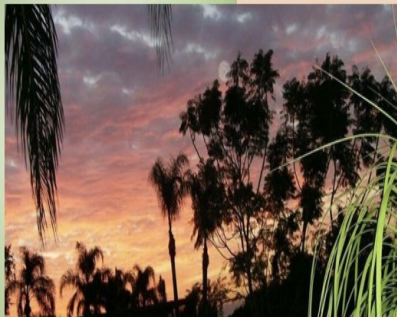
JOIN OUR TEAM!

Want to know more
about our community
and Rotonda West
Association?



Rotonda West
Association

Community Outreach Committee



OPEN HOUSE

November 3rd
6 - 8 pm

Want to understand how
our committees can
benefit you? Interested in
clubs and events?
Swing by for a casual
walk-about among the
booths to meet and talk
with many
representatives at the
RWA Open House!

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News Release

About the USCG Auxiliary

DATELINE –

The Auxiliary was established by Congress in 1939 under [title 14, §§ 23](#) of the U.S. Code, the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary is Semper Paratus(Always Ready). We invite you to explore our site, www.cgaux.org and learn more about who we are and what we do to be "Semper Paratus."

The Auxiliary operates in

- Safety and Security Patrols
- Search and Rescue
- Mass Casualty or Disasters
- Pollution Response & Patrols
- Homeland Security
- Recreational Boating Safety
- Commercial Fishing and Vessel Exams
- Platforms for Boarding Parties

Recruit for all service in the Coast Guard

In addition to the above, the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary operates in any mission as directed by the Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard or Secretary of Homeland Security.

Our Mission

- • To promote and improve Recreational Boating Safety
- • To provide trained crews and facilities to augment the Coast Guard and enhance safety and security of our ports, waterways, and coastal regions

To support Coast Guard operational, administrative, and logistical Requirements

The Auxiliary has units in all 50 states, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, American Samoa, and Guam. We are 21 thousand members serving our nation and our communities in 793 local units. We contribute 3.8 million hours per year in support of the U.S. Coast Guard, including in the classroom, at the boat ramps and piers, operating 1,800 vessels, 160 aircraft and 1,400 radio facilities.

Here on Cape Haze, Flotilla 99 is the local unit. We hold our meetings at the South Gulf Cove Home Owner's Association building the third Thursday of every month. We also offer Boating Safety Classes at the HOA building. Our schedule for the rest of 2022 and 2023 is:

2022: Oct 8 ***Suddenly In Command*** for the person NOT normally at the helm; Nov 12 ***GPS for Mariners*** to learn the basics of charts, navigation and GPS Plotters; Dec 10 ***Paddle Craft Safety*** for those new to paddle crafts, learn the basic safety items; **2023:** Jan 14 ***Boat America*** basic boating class for all, qualifies for Florida Boating Certificate; Feb 11 ***Suddenly In Command***; Mar 11 ***GPS for Mariners***; Apr 8 ***Paddle craft Safety***; May 13 ***Local Area Knowledge*** a new class that provides a pictorial tour of the local waters and facilities; Jun 10 ***Boat America***; Jul 8 ***Suddenly In Command*** a Virtual Class; Aug 12 ***Paddle Craft Safety*** a Virtual Class; Sep 9 ***Boat America***; Oct 14 ***Suddenly In Command***; Nov 11 ***GPS for Mariners***; Dec 9 ***Local Area Knowledge***. All classes are **IN PERSON** **except** Jul and Aug 2023 are "Virtual" on-line classes.

For more information about these classes, membership or a ***Free Vessel Safety Check*** at your house or dockside, please call the Flotilla 99 general number at 941-249-5848 and leave a voice mail. The proper Flotilla Staff Officer will call you back as quickly as possible (Our goal is within 24 hours).

The Coast Guard Auxiliary is the uniformed civilian, Volunteer component of the U.S. Coast Guard and supports the Coast Guard in nearly all mission areas. The Auxiliary was created by Congress in 1939. For more information, please visit www.cgaux.org

Christmas Parade Celebrating Rotonda West's 50th Anniversary 1972 - 2022



Theme: 50 years of
Christmas

Saturday, Dec 3, 2022 @ 2 pm
Raindate - Sunday, Dec 4

Scan for website



Information & Entry Forms
available at Rotondawest.org
or contact

Gwen, Parade Coordinator
parade@rotondawest.org
201-317-2317.

Entry Deadline is November 17



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Donna Krabbe, Former-President

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The month of September was full of fun projects and unexpected surprises for the Rotonda West Woman's Club.

Members visited Heritage Oaks Assisted Living Center on Wednesday, Sept. 14, to participate in a new Environment program committed to re-

storing the devastated oyster population within Florida estuaries. Oysters can filter 50 gallons of polluted water a day and are pound for pound the most impactful member of the ecosystem. "The Oyster Boys of Florida" needed our help at Heritage Oaks Retirement Community to string oyster shells on coconut fiber rope that will be attached to residential docks encouraging baby oysters and barnacles to attach, grow big and strong, and filter seawater 24/7! What a learning experience!



On Saturday, Sept. 17, several members and friends recruited by the Woman's Club "Went to the Beach" Englewood Beach, that is, to be part of the International Coastal Cleanup. Wearing our Keep Charlotte Beautiful Vests and covering the area with a fine-tooth comb, our volunteers removed bucket after bucket of debris.



On Tuesday, Sept. 20, one of our RWWC members baked cookies and helped to serve lunch at Wildflower Preserve where Home Depot employees placed fifteen brand new benches that they built and donated to the Preserve. Wildflower and

Home Depot volunteers completed the project and placement in two different outside classroom areas. Wildflower Preserve is part of the Lemon Bay Conservancy. It was a productive month for our Environment Community Service Program. We look forward to more unique opportunities in the future.



Do look for flyers about the annual GFWC RWWC Craft Bazaar to be held at the RWA Activity Building on Saturday, October 15th, 9:00am 'til 2:00pm featuring all your favorite Holiday Crafts, Chinese Auction and Cookies by the Pound.

The September General Meeting was cancelled due to the installation of a new generator at the RWA Activity Building. **The October General Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 6th.** Speakers from both Dollars for Mammograms and the Lemon Bay High School Drama Department will be featured at the October General Meeting, beginning at 10:00 am. A Social Hour takes place from 9 am until 10, and all members of the community are invited to attend.

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