

# WEST WAYS

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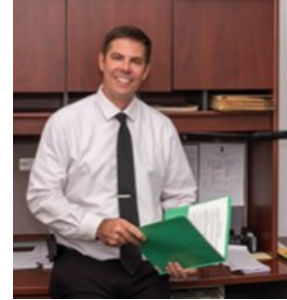
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*Happy Holidays*

## MANAGER'S MESSAGE



As 2022 comes to an end, the Rotonda West Association Community has much to celebrate. Our community is continuing cleanup efforts after Hurricane Ian. Broadmoor Park lost over 500 trees, and the Rotonda West Association Maintenance Crew has been actively working on clearing the debris. In addition, the Rotonda West Association has cleaned up over 100 yards of illegally dumped rubbish in the Rotonda West Association Common Areas.

Despite the devastation from Hurricane Ian, the Rotonda West Community stays strong. The new landscaping is being completed around the Administration Building and Community Center, along with the progress in updating and adding new lights at the Oakland Hills Marina and Memorial Parks. Restoration continues in the Rotonda West Community Center, replacing the ceiling, tiles, and insulation, along with soffit repairs. The Rotonda West Association will begin landscaping the front entrance signs and making any necessary repairs.

The Administration Staff has been diligently working. The staff has been actively assisting members with hurricane-related questions, questions about debris and clean up, FEMA, and helping members complete applications for repairs and additions to their homes. The Administration Office Staff is eager to help members.

Our Rotonda West Association Community has celebrated fifty phenomenal years. At the recent Charlotte County Commissioners Meeting, the Commissioners proclaimed that December 3, 2022, be known as "Rotonda West 50 Years of Standing Strong Day!" Efforts will persist for continual improvement and growth in keeping Rotonda West the best community to live in. As members make those New Year resolutions, the Rotonda West Association invites members to join one of the numerous committees, attend meetings, and volunteer.

Please do not hesitate to reach out or contact the Rotonda West Association with any questions or concerns. The Rotonda West Association wishes all members a safe and Healthy Holiday Season, prosperity, and happiness in the New Year.

*Derrick Hedges*

Rotonda West Association Manager

## DECEMBER 2022 EVENTS



- December 1st, Thursday, Annual Meeting Rotonda West Association, Inc. 5 p.m.
- December 3rd is officially proclaimed “ROTONDA WEST DAY” see page 6
- December 3rd, Saturday, Gazebo Lighting & Boat Parade 4 pm-dark
- December 10th, Saturday, Music In The Park featuring a Holiday Sing-Along with the Rotonda Ukulele Band 4-6 pm
- December 16th, Friday, “Cookies By The Pound” fundraiser, sponsored by the Women’s Club 10 a.m.—2 p.m.
- December 18th, Sunday, BINGO! 1-3 p.m. Doors open at 12:15 p.m.
- December 23rd-26th RWA Offices Closed for the Holiday

## JANUARY 2023 EVENTS

- January 6th, 7th, & 8th MEMBER-GUEST GOLF TOURNAMENT Rotonda Golf & Country Club
- January 15th, Sunday, BINGO! 1-3 p.m. Doors open at 12:15 p.m.
- SHRED DAY! Watch for details

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

GO TO: [rotondawest.org](http://rotondawest.org)

### **OFFICE STAFF**

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Nancy Schwechel**  
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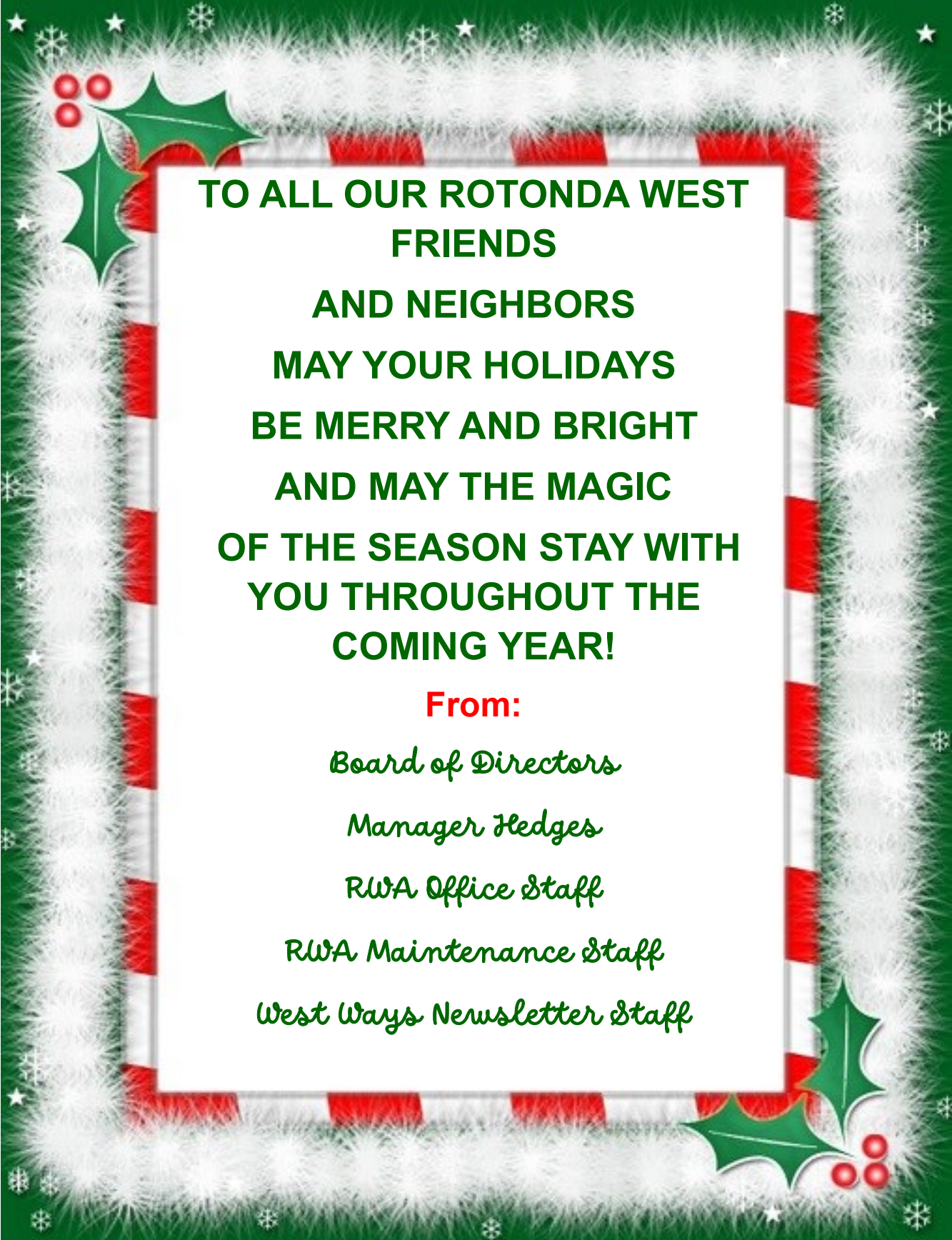
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**TO ALL OUR ROTONDA WEST  
FRIENDS  
AND NEIGHBORS  
MAY YOUR HOLIDAYS  
BE MERRY AND BRIGHT  
AND MAY THE MAGIC  
OF THE SEASON STAY WITH  
YOU THROUGHOUT THE  
COMING YEAR!**

**From:**

*Board of Directors*

*Manager Hedges*

*RWA Office Staff*

*RWA Maintenance Staff*

*West Ways Newsletter Staff*

## CHARLOTTE COUNTY PROCLAIMS DECEMBER 3RD TO BE ROTONDA WEST DAY

At the November 22, 2022 meeting of the Charlotte County Board of Commissioners, a proclamation was read by Commissioner Christopher Constance and signed by Chairman William Truex, which stated that December 3rd, 2022 will be now known in all of Charlotte County as "Rotonda West 50 Years of Standing Strong Day".

The unique circular community has had an interesting history. As the proclamation states the land on which Rotonda sits was owned originally by William and Alfred Vanderbilt who acquired it in 1952. The brothers named it "2-V Ranch and raised cattle on the acreage. In 1969, when ranching became less economical, they sold it to Cavanaugh Leasing for \$19.5 million. Cavanaugh's CEO, Joe Klein, liked the idea of a round community, and so Rotonda West was born. The first home in Rotonda West was built in Oakland Hills Section, on Annapolis Lane, and was sold to Harry and Joan Kaar from New Jersey.

This proclamation is to recognize the 50th Anniversary of this unusual and very special community in the round. A community which has grown from a cattle field to a vibrant and prosperous neighborhood and is rebuilding from Hurricane Ian to be even stronger and better.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED*** that December 3, 2022, shall be known in all of Charlotte County as

***ROTONDA WEST 50 YEARS OF STANDING STRONG DAY***

*Special thanks to Gwen Grace  
who wrote up the proclamation, and  
applied to Charlotte County for it.*

*Gwen was not available for the photo*

***Written by: Nadine Clough***

***Pictures by: David Pulaski***



Above: Commissioner  
Christopher Constance



Rotonda West group accepting the official proclamation.

Left to right: Nick Gizzi, Nadine Clough, Sam Besase, Andy Van Scyoc, Lynn Smith, County Commissioner Constance.



# Charlotte County Florida



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, the year 2022 marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the community of Rotonda West; and

**WHEREAS**, the land on which Rotonda sits was owned originally by William and Alfred Vanderbilt The brothers acquired the Rotonda land in 1952. They called it "2-V Ranch" where they raised cattle; and

**WHEREAS**, they paid \$700,000 for 36,000 acres of Rotonda land and sold 10,000 acres of it almost immediately. Eventually, Alfred owned most of it and sold it to Cavanagh Leasing Corporation of Miami in 1969 for \$19.5 million, when ranching became uneconomical; and

**WHEREAS**, Cavanagh's CEO, Joe Klein, liked the idea of a round community so Rotonda became a unique circular community at its core; and

**WHEREAS**, the first home in Rotonda West in the Oakland Hills Section on Annapolis Lane was occupied by Harry and Joan Kaar from NJ; and

**WHEREAS**, the Rotonda West Association, Inc. wishes to celebrate with pride the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the unique round community which has grown from a cattle field to a vibrant and prosperous neighborhood and is rebuilding from Hurricane Ian to be even stronger and better.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that December 3, 2022, shall be known in all of Charlotte County as

## *Rotonda West 50 Years of Standing Strong Day*

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of November 2022

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF CHARLOTTE COUNTY, FLORIDA

Signature appears on original copy

By \_\_\_\_\_  
William G. Truex, Chairman

ATTEST:

Signature appears on original copy

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

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Signature appears on original copy  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Hector Flores, County Administrator

## HERE ARE YOUR FOUR BOARD OF DIRECTOR HOPEFULS

By Connie Smith

The four candidates for Rotonda West's two open board seats answered questions from residents November 10 during an election forum. Two incumbents and two hopefuls are seeking election. They are:



- **Jeffrey Vance Absher**, moved to Rotonda West in 2021 from his native Bowling Green, KY. He has completed some college courses in aeronautics, transportation, insurance and financial services. His professions have ranged from life and health insurance broker, commercial pilot and the expedited trucking business. He is seeking a seat on the RWA board because he is "...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..."



- **Jerry R. Eldred**, an existing board member, who is seeking his second term. A native of North Central Pennsylvania, he has lived in Rotonda West for seven years. He has a Masters in Arts degree in Public Administration from Akron University and retired in 2012 as executive director of the Miami County Ohio Park District. He serves on the RWA Building and Grounds Committee and the Aquatic Subcommittee.



- **Lester A. Goodman**, an existing board member who is seeking election. Born in Massachusetts, he moved to Rotonda West in 2015 from Virginia. He graduated from Northeastern University in Boston, MA with a B.S. degree in Management and was employed in the energy industry. He is currently chair of the RWA Deed Restrictions Subcommittee and a member of the Residential Modifications Committee. He formerly served on the Compliance Committee.



- **John (Jack) Metz**, came to Rotonda West in 2021 from Bainbridge Island, WA, although he is a native of Philadelphia, PA. He graduated from St. Leo University in Florida with a degree in Social Work and Business Administration. He spent 35+ years in emergency medical services, has served as a paramedic, a firefighter and has taught CPR and emergency preparedness. He has also lived in HOA communities and has served as a residential manager for three HOA communities in Chester County, PA. He presently serves on the RWA Budget and Finance Committee.



# CANDIDATE'S NIGHT

## Board Candidates Cover Deed Restrictions, Hurricane Recovery, and Budget Issues

By: Connie Smith



**Deed restrictions** occupied a preponderance of the questions and answers of the two incumbents and two hopefuls during Candidates Night, Thursday, November 10.

**Lester A. Goodman** and **Jerry R. Eldred** are seeking re-election to the Rotonda West Association Board of Directors. **John (Jack) Metz** and **Jeffery Vance Absher** are looking to occupy the two contested seats.

In a nutshell, **Goodman**, who was formerly on the RWA Compliance Committee is now a board member and is chair of the Deed Restrictions Subcommittee and a member of the Residential Modification Committee, said he recognizes the RWA Deed Restrictions are 53 years old and contain a “lot of conflict” and “have to be brought into current day standards for all of us to be able to live comfortably with them.” He cited inconsistencies such as the differences in the materials used to build sheds back in 1969 (metal that rusted, banged and dented) versus today (Rubbermaid that stays nice-looking). **Absher**, on the other hand, said his candidacy is based upon the premise that all deed restrictions should literally conform to Section 1 of the RWA Deed Restrictions document that says, “The purpose of these Restrictions is to produce an orderly and desirable community and enhance property values in Rotonda West, Florida.” It is his belief that any deed restriction that fails that test should be eliminated. Despite Florida statutes that set forth otherwise, he would like to see all RWA deed restrictions and residential modifications combined into one document. **Eldred** says he believes a committee comprised of board members, the deed restrictions subcommittee, and the community, who have a real interest in reviewing the deed restrictions and buying into its ownership, would help to better the community.

**Metz** was asked if he **supported Rotonda West Manager Derrick Hedge’s budget request**. As a member of the Budget and Finance Committee that is currently working on the 2023 budget, Metz replied that Hedges has been very involved with the budget process. “The committee has leaned on Derrick pretty heavily because he worked with the numbers...He always had the documents and the info we requested,” he said.

**Goodman** was asked if there will **ever be a requirement that all board members must be home owners and Rotonda West residents**. He replied, “as long as a person owns property in Rotonda West, they can serve on a committee and go for election on the board of directors. That’s in our documents right now. In order for that to change, the board would have to agree to that and send it on to the developer.”

A question **whether power, phone, internet and cable could ever be relocated below ground throughout Rotonda West as it has always been in Oakland Hills** was directed to **Absher**. He answered, "it's a great idea but how could we possibly affect that? Wouldn't that be a Comcast deal?"

**Goodman** added, "That's a question for FPL and the other utilities because they're the owners of those utility poles and everything that's on them. Having worked in the utility industry, I know to go from overhead to underground is 3-5 times the cost so I don't expect that's going to happen any time soon."

**Metz**, who came to Rotonda from Washington State, said, "the Bainbridge Island community I lived in did that exercise. I believe they came up with \$600,000 a mile to bury the electric lines only."

**A change in the cost of Rotonda West mowing undeveloped properties and the developer's ultimate authority over this** drew a question of **Metz**. "According to state statutes, the developer still has control over the (Rotonda West) Association," he said. "We, as a community, pay for these lots to be maintained by cutting the grass. For over 2,000 lots, that's a lot of money and labor, fuel and repairs. You name the expense, it's going against our bottom line. The changes presented to the developer include taking responsibility away from the association and putting it on the lot owner. It looks pretty positive that the developer will agree with the association that it will put that expense back onto the lot owner and as to the financial piece of that, it could generate \$200,000-\$300,000 additional revenue; it could really help us."

Added **Goodman**, "the good thing about the developer, all we have to do is convince one person if we want to make a change. Once the developer gives up its authority it has to be majority of the voting interests of all of the owners, or 4,021 people to vote in favor of the change. He could change the deed restrictions today without even coming to us."

"Where is that written," asked **Absher**?

"In the deed restrictions," responded **Goodman**.

**Should Rotonda West Association work with other interested areas in Charlotte County to become an incorporated city**, **Metz** was asked? "I don't know whether we need another city but I think it behooves us as a community to work with other communities in the area, sharing info, deed restrictions, discussions, rules and regulations, education. Also, the CAI – Community Associations Institute – does a lot of education and is a good place to go to get information. I have no opinion on whether we should be a city but my gut says no. I don't want another government agency out there because our association can work to better all of us."

**Metz** also drew the question, **how do you feel about short-term vacation rentals?** He answered: "Right now, we have no restrictions against short term or long-term rentals. I know that sometimes they do present some challenges to the neighborhood and to the association staff, but right now there are no restrictions."

Three questions related to public information:

**Eldred** was asked his position on the subject of **press releases by the board of directors** as it had been three years since it had last issued a press release.

He said, “we have Constant Contact, Zoom, and West Ways for community information. The arm of the board is the different committees that provide the community with information. So, press release? We do a lot of it.”

**Goodman** was asked **what additional steps could be taken to safeguard the community during and after severe weather events such as Hurricane Ian.**

He answered, “Public Service Announcements would be most important right now. The county has been able to communicate with us, before, during and after, and with the outreach committee, we would be able to get those messages out on Constant Contact. Another thing, we were able to get this (RWA Community Center) facility open right after the hurricane because the manager was able to get the generator hooked up two days before the hurricane, great timing on Derrick’s part because people were able to come in and cool off and get information.”

Added **Metz**, “Information is king when it comes to disasters. Having an ad hoc committee in the waiting room when it comes to these events...would be able to assist the community ...to manage some of the emergency and stress that goes along with it.”

**Metz** was asked **what process would you change to make it easier for the will of the people to be enacted?** His answer: “Of the 8,040 owners of this association, not that many folks get involved. That’s the piece of making the community a little bit stronger – to have more involvement.”

**Goodman** said, “I couldn’t agree further. When the Deed Restrictions Committee meets, two people might show up and three to four people may Zoom in. Deed restrictions affect everybody. The more involvement we have, the more people who are on committees, the more people who show up to meetings to give their input, the better off we are because we represent the membership and we need to get input and feedback from the membership.

Another question directed to **Eldred** was, **what Committee changes would benefit the RWA?** His response: “Two years ago, we decided to have subcommittees within committees. I believe that was a mistake. I would like to see again a Conservation Committee with a new charter to promote education to the public, to provide children’s programming. With the fauna and flora of our community they would be helpful to provide information to the type of trees and plants residents could plant after this horrific hurricane...Also I’d like to see the Aquatics Committee be put back as a stand-alone committee and out of the Buildings and Grounds Committee.

The full Candidates Night event continued for about one hour and twenty minutes and may be viewed by logging onto the Rotonda West members web site - [rotondawest.org](http://rotondawest.org) – and going to **Governance>Recorded Zoom Meetings>Election**

## **ROLLOVER OF EXCESS RWA FUNDS EXPLANATION**

### **PLEASE EXPLAIN “ROLLOVER OF EXCESS RWA HOA FUNDS” WHICH APPEARS ON THE BALLOT EACH YEAR**

Property owners are asked each year as a part of the RWA election process to VOTE either YES or NO to rollover excess funds. Here is Geoffrey Lorah’s ( RWA’s outside independent CPA auditor) explanation:

1. Common interest realty associations (primarily condominium and property owner / homeowner associations) are organized as not-for-profit corporations. For operating purposes, it is assumed the annual budgets for these associations will be prepared on a break-even basis, meaning expenditures will equal revenues. When an association has excess member revenue in any given year, there are three basic options available to the association regarding the treatment of the excess revenue:
  - A. Refund the excess revenue on a pro rata basis to the members of the association
  - B. Obtain member approval to “rollover” the excess revenue to the subsequent fiscal year
  - C. Retain the excess revenue and report this revenue as taxable income on the association’s Federal and/or State tax return
2. If the members do not approve the rollover of the excess revenue, an association has two options regarding the treatment of the excess revenue; either refund it to the members or report it as taxable income.

Please note: This is a general explanation. The rollover process is primarily based on the requirements of IRS Revenue Ruling 70-604





**PLEASE VOTE!**

⇒ **ABSENTEE BALLOTS:** Absentee mail-in ballots cast by mail must be received at the office of the Association's independent auditor, or the Association's office at 646 Rotonda Circle, Rotonda West, FL. by 4:00 p.m. on November 30, 2022 (the day before the annual meeting).

⇒ **IN-PERSON BALLOTS:** In-person ballots may be cast at the Annual Meeting at the Rotonda West Community Center, 646 Rotonda Circle, Rotonda West, FL between 5:15 p.m. and 6:30 p.m on Thursday, December 1, 2022. No secret ballots will be accepted after the polls close at 6:30 p.m. on December 1, 2022.

If you have questions related to the election procedures or the annual meeting agenda, please call the Association's independent auditors, Webb, Lorah & McMillan, PLLC, at 941-637-8884 or the Rotonda West Association office at 941-697-6788.

# **ROTONDA WEST ASSOCIATION, INC.**

## **NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING**

**NOTICE is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of the Rotonda West Association, Inc. will be held on Thursday, December 1, 2022, starting at 5:00 pm at the Rotonda West Community Center, 646 Rotonda Circle, Rotonda West, Florida. Voting in person will be from 5:00 pm until 6:30 pm only at the Rotonda West Community Center. Following a recess to count ballots, the Annual Meeting will resume at 7:00 pm at the Rotonda West Community Center. The meeting agenda includes the following:**

**Rotonda West Community Center starting at 5:00 pm:**

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Roll Call**
- 4. Proof of Notice of Meeting**
- 5. Introduction of Board of Directors candidates**
- 6. Introduction of rollover of excess net membership income**
- 7. Recess of meeting to allow for In-Person voting**
- 8. Polling closes at 6:30 pm. For In-Person voting. No ballots will be accepted after poll closes at 6:30 pm**

**Rotonda West Community Center starting at 7:00 pm and continuing until adjournment:**

- 9. Call for resumption of meeting**
- 10. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 11. Roll Call**
- 12. Proof of Notice of Meeting**
- 13. Announcement of voting results**
- 14. Reading & disposal of Minutes of December 2, 2021**
- 15. Treasurer's Report**
- 16. Reports of officers and/or committees**
- 17. Introduction of Board of Directors candidates**
- 18. Any other business to come before this meeting**
- 19. Adjournment**

**Dated: November 29, 2022**

**ROTONDA WEST ASSOCIATION, INC.**

# ROTONDA COMMUNITY HOLDS SUCCESSFUL FOOD DRIVE

Reported by: Karen Harvey

Pictures by: Nadine Clough



On Saturday, November 5th, over 200 cars came through line in front of the RWA offices to drop off food for Englewood Helping Hand and for St. David's Jubilee Center.



The community once again showed how generous they are by donating over \$2700 in cash, checks, and gift cards, and by sending three pick-up trucks of food to Jubilee Center, and one very full trailer of food to Englewood Helping Hand.



Many thanks to all donors and volunteers!  
Thanks to Steve Reed for organizing the event.

**“OUR HEARTS ARE FULL AND SO  
ARE THE SHELVES”.**

Karen Harvey

# LOOKING FOR A FUN TIME?

## JOIN US FOR BINGO!



**Reported by: Lynn Smith**

On Sunday, November 20, 53 people attended the monthly BINGO Game held at the Community Center.

If you have never played BINGO before, come and join us. We will help you get set up and answer any questions.

If you are an “experienced” BINGO player, bring a friend and have some fun!

So grab a friend or just come alone to have a fun time.

## NEXT BINGO GAME WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18th

Starts at 1 p.m., but we start selling packets at 12:15 p.m.

**Hope to see you there!**

**ROTONDA WEST ASSOCIATION, INC.**

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## TO OUR FELLOW ROTONDA RESIDENTS

The Board of Directors for Neighborhood Watch wishes you and yours our heartfelt thoughts and prayers as you rebuild from Hurricane Ian. If we can assist in any way, please let us know.

Neighborhood Watch is a voluntary organization that works with the Charlotte County Sheriff's Office by patrolling our neighborhoods each and every night.

**WE DO NOT WORK FOR THE RWA, THEREFORE,  
WE DO NOT REPORT ANY DEED VIOLATIONS.**

*Our Mission is strictly to be the "eyes and ears"  
Of the Sheriff's Department.*

We are always looking for new volunteers to Patrol or be a Base Station for just two hours a month; a small commitment to protecting our neighborhoods.

If you are interested in joining our organization, please contact David Perry at 941-828-1584 or by email at:  
[president@rotondawestneighborhoodwatch.com](mailto:president@rotondawestneighborhoodwatch.com)

Www.rotondawestneighborhoodwatch.com and on Facebook @ Rotonda West Neighborhood Watch



**ROTONDA UKULELE BAND  
TO PERFORM HOLIDAY SING-ALONG  
FOR MUSIC IN THE PARK EVENT**



**Come join us for some holiday music  
On Saturday, December 10th from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.  
behind the Community Center.  
Bring a chair, a drink, some snacks, and bug spray.  
Be ready to relax and sing-along!**





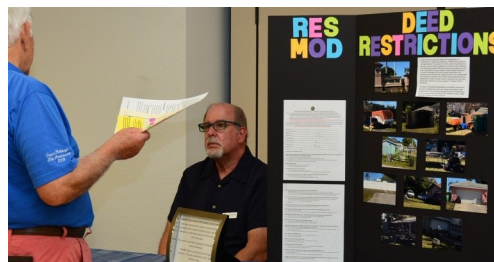
## OPEN HOUSE

By: Nadine Clough

Pictures by: Dave Pulaski



On the evening of November 3rd, Rotonda West Association held it's second Open House of 2022. Sponsored by the Community Outreach Committee, the event helped residents to learn more about community organizations, clubs, and events. Many people stopped into the Community Center and walked around visiting the many booths talking with the knowledgeable representatives who were happy to answer questions. In addition to the information that visitors received, there was also door prizes awarded and candy bars handed out.





**DON'T MISS IT!**



**GAZEBO LIGHTING  
&  
BOAT PARADE RESCHEDULED  
NOW BEING HELD ON 12/3/22  
AT THE MARINA  
WATCH FOR DETAILS ON  
CONSTANT CONTACT**

**SANTA CLAUS WILL BE THERE!  
WILL YOU?**





GFWC Rotonda West Woman's Club, Inc.  
Donna Krabbe, Former President



**GFWC ROTONDA WEST WOMAN'S CLUB NEWS & NOTES FOR DECEMBER 2022**



During the Club's December 15<sup>th</sup> General Meeting, the new Board of Directors of the GFWC Rotonda West Woman's Club will be installed. The Board will serve for two years beginning January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2024. During that time, the GFWC Rotonda West Woman's Club will celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of their founding in May 1974. Congratulations to the incoming Board:

Gwen Grace, President  
Gloria Rogoski, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Jennifer Cope, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
Jo Ann House, Recording Secretary



Lois LeVasseur, Corresponding Secretary  
Anne Vickery, Treasurer  
Jean Howard, Assistant Treasurer

The GFWC Rotonda West Woman's Club has been leading a very different lifestyle since Hurricane Ian took over. After spending most of 2022 preparing for the major Bazaar Fundraiser, Ian blew in and shut it down...so members began supporting our communities with essential daily needs rather than monetary donations.

As a proud member of the 132-year-old General Federation of Women's Clubs, GFWC Rotonda West Club, located within Ian's hardest hit portion of Florida became the distribution coordinator of food, water, diapers and baby supplies, pet food and paper products, all donated by GFWC Sister Clubs around the state of Florida. Truckloads of nonperishables were delivered to the Englewood Lions Club, who allowed the Rotonda women to use their clubhouse as a sorting and distribution point.

With the December Holidays approaching, the members have switched gears again and are baking their popular Cookies by the Pound for a one-time Pop-Up Opportunity to help last-minute shoppers prepare for the big days ahead! Always a huge hit at the Rotonda West Women's Club Bazaar (that didn't happen) the bakers hope you will support the **Pop-Up Cookies By the Pound Site at the Rotonda West Activity Center, 646 Rotonda Circle, on Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.**



**TO ALL ROTONDA WEST RESIDENTS,**

**Have you signed up for the  
Rotonda West Association Website yet?**

**ALLOWS YOU TO:**

- **Keep up to date on Rotonda's events & news**
- **Download applications & forms (see below)**
- **Have the ability to vote online (in the future)**
- **Have the ability to pay assessments online**
  - **Receive West Ways each month**

**Sign yourself up and help a neighbor sign up too!**

**JUST GO TO: [www.rotondawest.org](http://www.rotondawest.org)**

**APPLICATIONS & FORMS AVAILABLE ON WEBSITE:**

- **Residential Modification Application**
  - **Change of Address Form**
- **Yearly Assessment Credit Card Form**
- **Committee Membership Application**
  - **Sign Approval Application**
  - **Community Center Application**
    - **Permission to E-mail**