

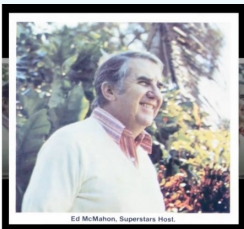
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Ed McMahon

DAYS OF THE SUPERSTARS

Fifty years ago, Rotonda West hosted the Superstars Competition. ABC Broadcasting had recently lost the rights to the NBA, so they were looking for a new idea to help fill the weekend sports programming times. Dick Button, former Olympic figure skater presented the idea of pro athletes competing in sports other than their own.

Button got in touch with Fram Oil Filters, who agreed to put up half of the sponsorship money. ABC bought the idea and decided the first competition would be a two-hour special on ABC's Wide World of Sports. The initial competition was to be held in the new community of Rotonda West. Each of the ten athletes invited would receive a quarter acre piece of land in Rotonda worth \$8,500, as well as any prize money they earned. The competitors would be selected from the ten most popular spectator sports being: baseball, football, basketball, ice hockey, auto racing, boxing, tennis, bowling, golf, and horse racing. Importantly, the athletes would not be allowed to compete in their own sport.

The competition was scheduled to be broadcast on Sunday, February 25th, 1973. The developers, Cavanagh Communities Corporation, who had provided the plot of land in Rotonda for each athlete, hosted a banquet for the athletes in the home of their vice-president, Ed McMahon which was shown on *The Tonight Show*.

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THE OLD TIMES



VOL.1 NO.1 NEWS ★ EVENTS ★ SPORTS ★ COST OF LIVING ★ TECHNOLOGY ★ & MORE! PRICE 18 CENTS

50 YEARS AGO BACK IN 1973

600 MONTHS ★ 2,608 WEEKS ★ 18,263 DAYS ★ 418,312 HOURS ★ 26,298,720 MINUTES



37th U.S. PRESIDENT
RICHARD NIXON

U.S. POPULATION
211.9 million

WHAT HAPPENED IN 1973

President Nixon is sworn in for his second term.
* The United States ends its involvement in the Vietnam War after the signing of the Paris Peace Accords.
* Watergate hearings begin in the U.S. Senate. President Nixon tells the nation, "I am not a crook."
* Spiro Agnew, the Vice President, resigns during October. Agnew had been dealing with charges of tax evasion and receiving bribes prior to his resignation.
* The World Trade Center officially opens in New York City with a ribbon cutting ceremony.
* Elvis Presley's concert in Hawaii is his first worldwide telecast watched by more than 1 billion viewers.
* The first handheld cellular phone call is made by Martin Cooper in New York City.
* The United States Dollar is devalued by 10%.

★ STAR BORN IN 1973 ★

Heidi Klum, Pharrell Williams, Akon, Edge, Neil Patrick Harris, Sean Paul, Andrew Lincoln, Kate Beckinsale, Paul Walker, Sharlto Copley



WORLD POPULATION
HIT 3.91 BILLION



Bob Seagren Wins First Superstar Games in Rotonda West, Florida

Former Olympic Pole Vault Champ Dominates Event. Finishes 21 points ahead of skier Jean-Claude Killy.

POPULAR CANDY

Twizzlers, Laffy Taffy, Bottle Caps, Mentos, Starburst, 100 Grand, Lemonheads, Pity Stix

HIT SONGS

Kris Kristofferson - Why Me
Marvin Gaye - Let's Get It On
Jim Croce - Bad Leroy Brown
Carly Simon - You're So Vain
Stevie Wonder - Superstition
Seals and Crofts - Diamond Girl

ON THE BIG SCREEN

The Exorcist, The Sting, American Graffiti, Bobby The Way We Were, Paper Moon, Magnum Force, Last Tango in Paris, The Devil in Miss Jones, Ziddi

ON TELEVISION

All in the Family, The Waltons, Sanford and Son, I've Got a Secret, M.A.S.H., Jeopardy!, Gunsmoke, Hee Haw, American Bandstand,

SPORT CHAMPIONS

NFL Miami Dolphins
NBA New York Knicks
World Series Oakland Athletics
Stanley Cup Montreal Canadiens

WHAT THINGS COST

Minimum wage \$1.60/hr
New house \$32,500.00
Gallon of gas \$0.40
Hamburger meal \$0.20/lb
Dozen eggs \$0.45
Loaf of bread \$0.22
Postage stamp \$0.08
Movie ticket \$1.70

Average Income Per Year
\$12,900.00

ACADEMY AWARDS

Director: Bob Fosse
Picture: The Godfather
Actress: Liza Minnelli
Actor: Marlon Brando
Music: The Morning After

...IN STYLE...

Flared trousers
Platform shoes
Fedora hats
Farrah Fawcett flicks
Turtlenecks
Sideburns
Afros
Chest hair
Leather jackets

70'S SLANG

Psyche - Just kidding
Dream On - Unrealistic
Far Out! - Cool

READ ALL ABOUT THE YEAR
1973

MORE SUPERSTARS COVERAGE ON PAGES 4-6



Bob Seagren competing in the tennis events.

DAYS OF THE SUPERSTARS

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The competition began with ABC'S Jim McKay introducing the "Superstars at the Summit". These first events were destined to provide the most enduring memories from any of the show's ten seasons. The games kicked off with the swimming heats. This was the first look at any of the stars participating in a sport that was not their own and

no one knew what to expect. The swimmers took their place on the block, including Revson, Seagren, Killy and Frazier, the gun sounded and the competitors dove into the pool. The first sign of trouble was that Joe Frazier did a belly flop into the water. Soon the onlookers realized that Frazier did not know how to swim. The other competitors were providing a close race, but Frazier struggled to doggie paddle the length of the pool and back, finishing well behind Revson (the winner) and the other swimmers.

The other events followed including the bike race, tennis, golf, bowling, weight lifting, baseball hitting, table tennis, the 100 yard dash, and the half mile run. The winners of these events were as follows:

Swimming:	Peter Revson
Bike Race:	Bob Seagren
Tennis:	Peter Revson
Golf:	Jim Stefanich
Bowling:	Johnny Bench
Weight Lifting:	Bob Seagren
Baseball Hitting:	Bob Seagren
Table Tennis:	Rod Laver
100 Yard Dash:	Elvin Hayes
Half Mile Run:	Bob Seagren



The Superstars broadcast was a hit for ABC, providing solid ratings for the network and a great way to promote the new development of Rotonda West. The show broadcast from Rotonda West from 1973-1977 putting Rotonda West, a small community of less than 100 residents, on the map.

Article by: Nadine Clough

1973 SUPERSTARS COMPETITORS

WHO WERE THEY?



Bob Seagren (b.1946) is an American pole vaulter. He competed in the 1968 Olympics and won a gold medal in the pole vault. He won 6 national AAU, and 4 NCAA titles. He was inducted into the USATF National Track & Field Hall of Fame in 1986. He won the 1973 Superstars Competition which was held in Rotonda West. His total point score was 49, and he earned \$39,700.



Jean-Claude Killy (b.1943) was a French World Cup alpine ski racer. Jean-Claude Killy dominated the sport in the 1960's. He was a triple Olympic champion at the 1968 Winter Olympics held in Grenoble, France. He also won two World Cup Titles. Jean-Claude placed second in the 1973 Superstars Competition with 28 points, earning \$23,400.



Rod Laver (b.1938) an Australian tennis player, still believed to be the best ever. Rod Laver was “king” of the tennis world in the 1960's winning ten or more titles per year from 1964-1970. Laver's 200 singles titles are still the most in tennis history. Rod was inducted into the International Tennis Hall of Fame in 1981. He placed third in the 1973 Superstar Competition with 27 points and earned \$13,100.



Peter Revson (1939-1974) An American race car driver, Peter Revson was also heir to the Revlon Cosmetics fortune. He was a two-time Formula Champ and a very successful Indianapolis 500 driver. In 1974, one year after competing in the Superstars, he died at age 35 in a pre-race warmup after his car hit a wall. Revson tied Laver for third place in the Superstars Competition with a score of 27, earning \$13,100.



Johnny Bench (b.1947) An American professional baseball player. Johnny Bench played his entire major league career (1967-1983) with the Cincinnati Reds, primarily as a catcher. He was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1989. He placed fifth in the Superstars competition with a score of 26 points, earning \$7,800.

SUPERSTARS COMPETITORS CONTINUED



Elvin Hayes (b.1945) American professional basketball player, Elvin Hayes was often times called “The Big E”. He played power forward and center for the San Diego/Houston Rockets and for the Baltimore/Capital/Washington Bullets. Hayes was inducted into the Basketball Hall of Fame in 1990, and had his #44 jersey re-tired by the Houston Rockets in 2022. Hayes finished sixth in the Superstars competition with a score of 24, earning \$7,200.



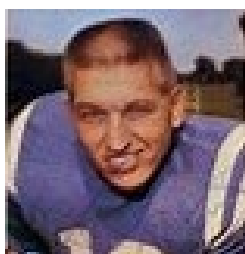
Rod Gilbert (1941-2021) A Canadian professional ice hockey forward who played his entire career with the N.Y. Rangers. Known as “Mr. Ranger”, Rod was inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame in 1982. He was the first Ranger to have his number (#7) retired in 1979. Rod placed seventh in the Superstars competition with a score of 17 1/2 points, earning \$5,250.



Jim Stefanich (b.1941) American right-handed ten pin bowler known for his dominance of the sport for many years (1965-1988) in the Professional Bowlers Association tour. He won 14 PBA Tour titles, and 2 major championships. He was inducted into the PBA Hall of Fame in 1980, and the USBA Hall of Fame in 1983. Stefanich tied with Gilbert for seventh place in the Superstars competition with a score of 17 1/2, earning \$5,250.



Joe Frazier (1944-2011) An American heavyweight champion known as “Smokin” Joe”. Joe Frazier competed in the sport from 1965–1981. He came to prominence when he became the first boxer to defeat Muhammad Ali. Joe was known for his strength, durability, and his punishing left hand. Joe was inducted into the International Boxing Hall of Fame in 1990. He placed ninth in the Superstars competition with a score of 12 points, earning \$3,600.



Johnny Unitas (1933-2002) American football player who played in the NFL for 18 seasons. He played primarily with the Baltimore Colts. He led the Colts to three NFL championships (1958,1959,1968), and one Super Bowl victory in 1971. Unitas was inducted into the Football Hall of Fame in 1979. He tied with Frazier for ninth place in the Superstars competition with a score of 12 points, earning \$3,600.

PRESIDENT' MESSAGE

**By: Andy Vanscyoc
Rotonda West Association President**



Dear Residents,

Well, it's March already, hard to believe we are approaching the 6 month mark on the horrible storm of September 28, 2022. our community is shaping up more every day with blue tarps disappearing daily. We still have a long way to go but it's amazing what can happen when folks work together.

What a great thing it is to live in Paradise, not only for the weather and the beauty, but also to coexist with wonderful people. Thanks to all the baby steps, our wounds are healing fast.

Welcome to all our seasonal residents, enjoy Rotonda Westt!!



October 12, 2022

**SAME LOCATION
MONTHS LATER.**

**ROTONDA IS
HEALING WITH
EACH PASSING
DAY.**

**Photos by:
Nadine Clough**



February 26, 2023

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WONDERFUL STAFF***

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Les Goodman, Vice President;

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Patricia Cowin, Secretary; Jack Metz, Director;
Karen Harvey, Director

Right: David Kelly, Director



BOARD OF DIRECTOR MEETINGS ARE HELD ON THE SECOND AND FOURTH THURSDAY OF
EACH MONTH IN THE COMMUNITY CENTER AT 2 P.M.

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND A MEETING AND LEARN INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR
COMMUNITY FIRST HAND.

OR YOU MAY ZOOM THE MEETINGS FROM THE COMFORT OF YOUR HOME.

MARCH EVENTS

- **March 9th, Thursday, Board of Director's Evening Meeting at 6 p.m.**
- **March 11th, Saturday, GFWC RWWC CRAFT BAZAAR**
at Community Center, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
- **March 13th, Monday, Guided Nature Walk in Broadmoor Park**
(9-10:30 a.m.)
- **March 13th, Monday, Budget & Finance Evening Meeting at 6:30 p.m.**
- **March 14th, Tuesday, Building & Grounds Evening Meeting at 6:30 p.m.**
- **March 19th, Sunday, BINGO 1-3 p.m. Doors open at 12:15 p.m.**
In the Community Center.
- **March 25th, Saturday at 6:30-8 p.m. MUSIC IN THE PARK** with
Jonny Puma. Bring your lawn chairs, drinks, snacks, and bug spray.
Located on the lawn behind the Community Center.
- **March 28th, Tuesday, MEET & GREET in the Community Center at**
646 Rotonda Circle. 5-7 p.m. (See page 11 for details)

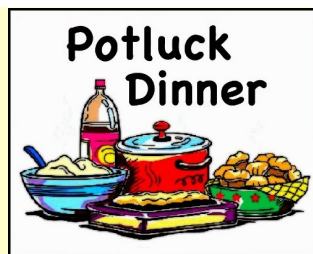
APRIL EVENTS

- **April 1st, Saturday, CELEBRATE THE CIRCLE!** Held at Broadmoor Park,
at 646 Rotonda Circle. Time: 11 a.m.—3 p.m. (See page for more details)
- **April 15th, Saturday, GFWC RWWC— Fashion Show Fundraiser**
- **April 16th, Sunday, BINGO 1-3 p.m. Doors open at 12:15 p.m.**
In the Community Center.
- **April 17th, Monday, Guided Nature Walk in Broadmoor Park 9-10:30 a.m.**
- **April 18th, Tuesday, GFWC-RWWC One Blood Drive 9 a.m.-3 p.m.**
- **April 25th, Tuesday, MEET & GREET in the Community Center at**
646 Rotonda Circle. 5-7 p.m. (See page 16 for details)
- **April 26th, Wednesday, A Frank Levin Lecture, "The Most Important**
Minus Sign" 1-2:30 p.m. in the Community Center.
- **April 26th, Wednesday, Florida Lake Watch Annual Meeting, Demonstra-**
tion, and Lecture. 4:30-8:30 p.m. In the Community Center.
- **April 29th, Saturday, GFWC-RWWC PanCan Purplest Ride- (Walk to**
support Pancreatic Cancer) 8 a.m-10 a.m. In Broadmoor Park.



MEET & GREET IS BACK!

The first official Rotonda West Association Meet & Greet Potluck Dinner of the season, is planned for Tuesday, March 28th, from 5-7 p.m. in the Community Center at Broadmoor Park 646 Rotonda Circle.



Bring your own drink of choice, and a dish to share.
We will provide table service.

COME MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS AND MAKE NEW FRIENDS!!!



WOW!

We broke a record for our February BINGO! 113 Players! It was a fun afternoon for everyone. Please join us March 19th for another fun time!
Lynn Smith



Record-breaking BINGO games in February!

Photo by: Rita Lopienski

BINGO

MARCH 19TH

Sunday

1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Doors open at 12:15 pm

The event is open to RWA members and their guests.

646 Broadmoor Circle, RWA Community Center

Snacks & water available, or bring your own. Covered beverage container please.

Alcohol is not permitted

Must be 18 to play.



Welcome
RWA Residents and Guests.
Please join us for a fun time

CELEBRATE THE CIRCLE

April 1st | From 11:00 - 3:00
RWA Community Center & Broadmoor Park

EASTER EGG HUNT!

A CHOCOLATE BUNNY WILL BE AWARDED TO THE
CHILD WHO FINDS THE MOST EGGS

Live Music | Children's Games & Crafts | Food Truck
Live Animals | Fire Truck | Dunk Tank

COMMUNITY OUTREACH COMMITTEE NEEDS NEW MEMBERS

Community Outreach Committee Who are we and what do we do?

Who are we? We are currently a committee of 9 voting members, plus our newsletter editor, our board liaison and a photographer.

What do we do? We organize and host presentations and events. This includes the West Ways newsletter, promote Rotonda's Constant Contact, Volunteer Banquet, Bingo, Music in the Park, Gazebo Lighting, Shred-It Day, Celebrate the Circle, holiday decorating of the gazebo, memorial parks, Broadmoor Park, the Community Center and the association office. Plus, single events, presentations and food drives.

So, what are we adding this year? We plan to further expand the Gazebo Lighting event, as it was a huge success this past year. We are bringing back Meet and Greet in the near future. Adding "Rotonda Strong", a series of events based on health and wellness. As well as, "Rotonda Emergency Preparedness", a series of presentations which include Hurricane Preparedness, AED, CPR and Stop the Bleed training courses.

To say we are a busy committee is an understatement. That said, we can use your help. We don't have a Christmas Parade Chair. And, without a Chair person, we will discontinue/suspend having the annual parade. We simply don't have enough committee members to host the event this year. We also are in need of a Holiday Decorations Chair. And, if there is a music buff among our residents, a new Chair for Music in the Park. In short, if you have experience or enjoy organizing events, we need you! Meeting time for this committee is: 1st Wednesday of each month at 9:30 a.m.

Please e-mail: communityoutreach@rotondawest.org. Or, call Deb Orchard @ 419-222-8184.

DEED RESTRICTIONS COMMITTEE NEEDS NEW MEMBERS

The Deed Restrictions Committee purpose is to advise and assist the Board of Directors in carrying out its fiduciary responsibility for enforcement of the association's deed restrictions in order to protect property values.

The meeting time for this committee is: The 4th Wednesday of each month at 9:00 a.m.

The committee is looking to add three new members.

deedrestrictions@rotondawest.org

Chairperson: Dale Jensen

RWA BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE HAS AN OPENING

This committee assists with investigating and recommending the purchase, maintenance, and beautification issues with RWA property. It reviews plant health and maintenance of landscaped areas, monitors the mowing, and proposes new ways to enhance the beauty, look and feel of our community.

Contact Chairperson Sam Besase buildingsandgrounds@rotondawest.org

Rotonda West Association Aquatics Sub-Committee



is looking for volunteers to perform water sampling of Rotonda ponds and canals.

If you are interested, please call the RWA Office to sign up

941-697-6788

Training will be provided.

WEST WAYS NEEDS YOU!

Your Rotonda West Newsletter, West Ways, depends on people who are willing to contribute stories, ideas, pictures, reports or just about anything that is about our community.



You are not required to submit an article each month, or even to join a committee. Our newsletter would love to showcase our community members and their interests.

Please contact Nadine Clough, West Ways Editor, if you have any questions or would like to submit something.

My email: westways@rotondawest.org



Protecting Rotonda West since 1981

www.rotondawestneighborhoodwatch.com

Facebook @ Rotonda West Neighborhood

HAPPY EARLY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!!!

For those driving that night look out for little Leprechauns and those big pots of gold.

Is Your Neighborhood Vulnerable?

Crime feeds on apathy. If people simply "mind their own business," their entire neighborhood is vulnerable. *Is your neighborhood vulnerable?* Take the following test to help determine if your neighborhood is vulnerable.

1. Do you know all your neighbors?
2. Do you watch your neighbors' houses when they are away?
3. Do your neighbors watch your home when you are away?
4. Do you and your neighbors work together on neighborhood problems?
5. If you hear or see something suspicious, do you call the police?
6. Is your active involvement in your neighborhood and community important?

As a Neighborhood Watch member, **you are responsible for being a good neighbor by watching out for others' properties and reporting suspicious activity to the police.** You should know at least the three neighbors across the street from your home, your neighbors on each side, and the three neighbors behind your residence.

No police department can effectively protect life and property without the support and cooperation of the citizens it serves. They need your eyes and ears. Every citizen should be a Neighborhood Watch member; get your neighbors to join....We need concerned, public-spirited persons who watch their neighborhood and report criminal activity.

FACT VS. MYTH

MYTH: Neighborhood Watch areas do not work.

FACT: Working programs reduce crime as much as 80%. Criminals have said that the Neighborhood Watch programs scare them into other neighborhoods.

MYTH: Neighborhood Watch areas are nothing more than a clique.

FACT: Neighborhood Watch groups are for everyone, and everyone gets to take part.

MYTH: To be a part of a Neighborhood Watch group, I would have to drop out of something else.

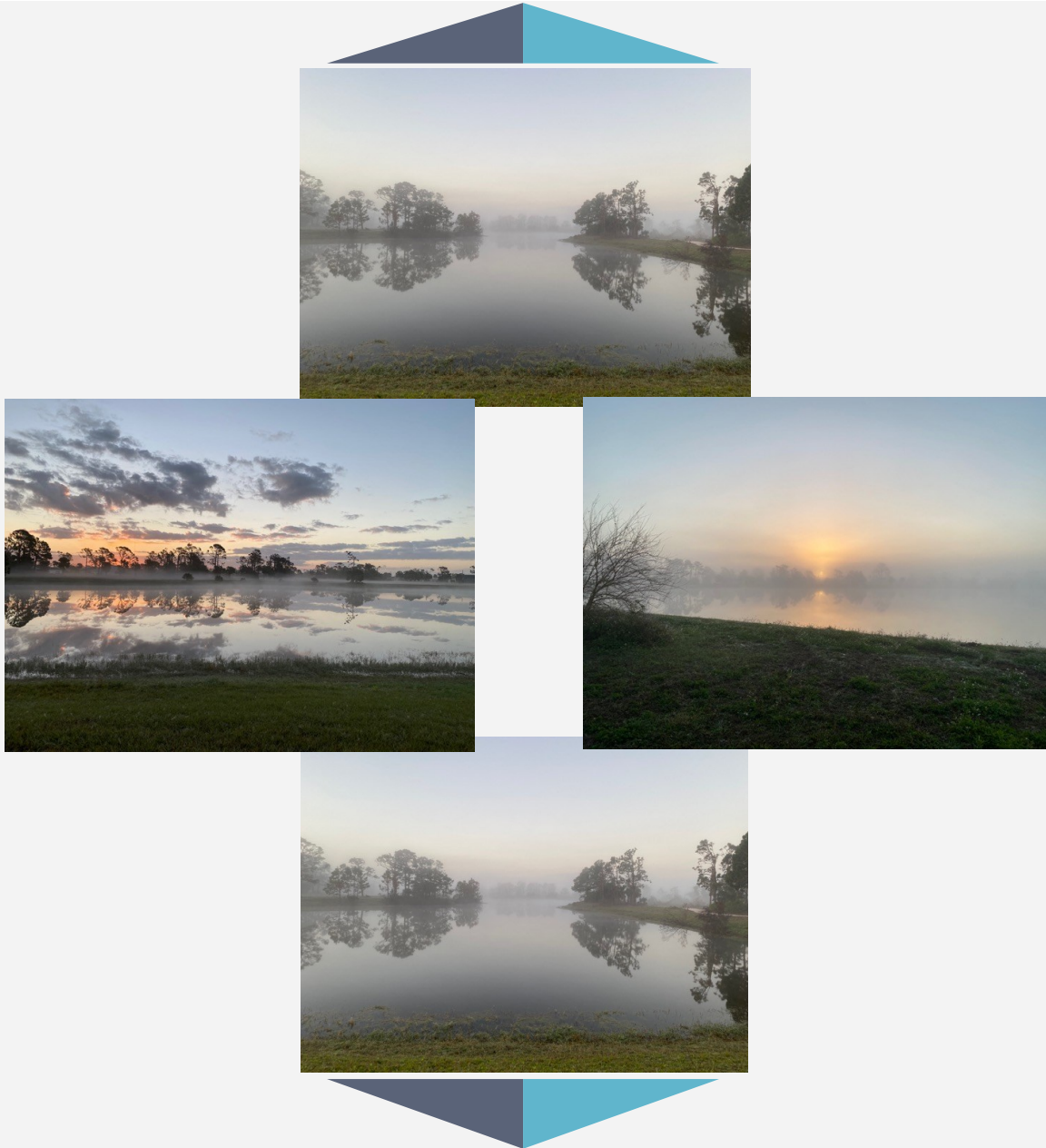
FACT: Neighborhood watch takes very little of your time; just two hours a month. All you need to do is watch what is going on, report suspicious activity that you see in your area, and attend any neighborhood meetings.

MYTH: The RWA and the Sheriff's Office runs your Neighborhood Watch program.

FACT: Your Neighborhood Watch program belongs to you. We are a separate entity and **ONLY** work with the Sheriff's Office.

Talk with your neighbors, talk with your friends, and ask them to join you in preventing crime. Remember without volunteers, we would not exist. Being said, we Welcome our newest member---Lee Miller of the Broadmoor/Long Meadow area.

Please keep the Duskey family in your thoughts and prayers as Ron (car #714) unexpectedly passed away.



ROTONDA WEST RESIDENT

KAREN GRANT SHARES HER PHOTOGRAPHS

Karen Grant captures the morning peacefulness of Broadmoor Park in her photos. She states, “I am a regular morning and evening walker at Broadmoor Park and wanted to share these photos. Despite the destruction that Hurricane Ian has caused, there is still beauty to be found in this park. “

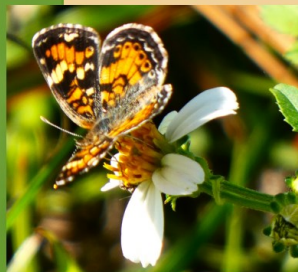
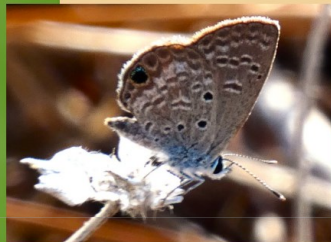
Broadmoor Park has tremendous value as a habitat for wildlife. The lakes (three of which have good water quality), along with the Long Leaf and Slash Pines, Live Oaks, and Prairie offer good opportunities to see wildlife.

Broadmoor Park is listed as an iNaturalist Project area to document flora and fauna found by iNaturalist participants. This project was established by the University of Florida Wildlife Ecologist Mark Hoestedler, who surveyed Broadmoor Park in 2018. He set up the iNaturalist Broadmoor Park project in 2021.

Connect with Nature.
Identify flora and fauna.
Download the app:
iNaturalist



 **Rotonda West**
Association
Community Outreach Committee



GUIDED NATURE WALK BROADMOOR PARK

MONDAY

MARCH 13 @ 9:00 AM

Join Bill Dunson, Bob Horswill, and Jim Peterfeso for a Bird, Insect, and Plant Identification Walk through Broadmoor Park.

Bring your Binoculars and Camera!

MEET IN THE PARKING LOT 646 Rotonda Circle
Free! No Reservations Needed. Please no pets.



**DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS OPPORTUNITY
TO LEARN MORE ABOUT
YOUR BEAUTIFUL BROADMOOR PARK!
WALK AND EXERCISE INCLUDED!**



GFWC Rotonda West Woman's Club, Inc.

Article by: Gwen Grace, President GFWC RWWC

WHERE COMMUNITY SERVICE MEETS FRIENDSHIP!



GFWC Rotonda West Woman's Club is preparing for a very active March. With many of our snowbird members here, we are in full swing with fundraising, volunteering and socializing.

March 11th is our Spring Bazaar. The Club has been having the bazaar since it's inception in 1974. However since Hurricane Ian blew away our Fall Bazaar, we were forced to move it to the spring. Expect to see the wonderful handmade crafts made by our talented women in the Sew 'n Sews, the Knit 'n Chat and the Creative Crafters groups. There will be our fabulous "Cookies By the Pound" sale featuring St. Patrick's green cookies and Easter cookies. You can freeze them for later if you can resist eating them! A bake sale is another favorite table for those great pies, cakes and desserts. Plenty of sweet treats! A lunch of a hot dog, chips and soda/water is available at a nominal cost. And then there's the Chinese auction. Gift baskets galore and gift certificates will be raffled off. Along with a special raffle for a beautiful handmade quilt and a great gift basket for the guys -- A tool bag filled containing snacks, cigar whiskey glasses, wine, Jack Daniels and much more. We're calling it the MAN-hattan Project, and it's valued at \$150.



Members with earnings from Rummage Sale on 2/18.

February saw the club volunteering at the Lemon Bay Sanctuary for their open house. Trivia night was a great fun-raiser benefiting Continuing Education Scholarships. And the Rummage sale was a big success, and we thank all those who came out and supported us. The remaining items were donated to the Homeless Coalition thrift shop.

Below: GFWC RWWC President Gwen Grace presents John Blanchette from CERT with a \$100 donation from the Woman's Club.

Our February general meeting highlighted Woman's Heart Health and John Blanchette from Rotonda CERT who did a wonderful presentation about CPR for women and the AED. We presented Rotonda CERT with \$100 donation.



We invite you to join us as a guest – you might become interested in joining. Our next meeting is Thursday, March 16 at the Rotonda West Community Center. Social hour begins at 9 am and the official meeting begins at 10 am. This month we will be honored to have the NJROTC parade the colors and take part in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by remarks from Commander West. So join us and find out what we are about.



Left: 1st Place Winners of Trivia Night. Mr. Trivia on right.

Right: 2nd Place Winners of Trivia Night

Trivia Night was held on 2/16/23





*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 March 11th
9 am til 2 pm

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

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



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Cape Haze Flotilla 99

DATELINE –

Here on Cape Haze, Flotilla 99 is your Coast Guard Auxiliary unit. We hold our meetings at the South Gulf Cove Home Owner's Association building the third Thursday of every month at 7pm. Visitors are always welcome!

Upcoming Boating Safety Classes at the HOA building:

Feb 6 (Monday) *Boat America* (special overflow class just added)

(All classes below are on a Saturday.)

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 (Tentative Topic – subject to change);

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 which 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).

RWA MEMBERS

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EVENTS AND FUNCTIONS
GENERAL INTEREST

**Administrative Office - Community Center
Broadmoor Park**

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Rotonda West, Florida 33947**

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COMMUNITY OUTREACH COMMITTEE

HOW TO REGISTER

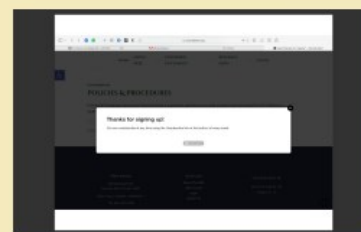
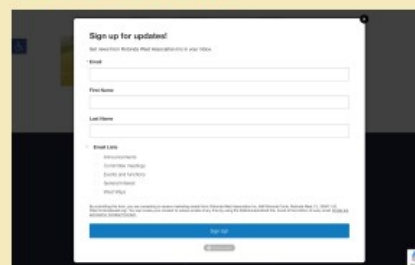
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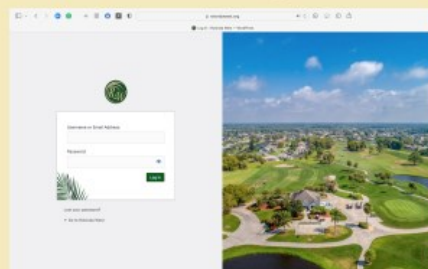
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