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ROTONDA SINGERS HIT THE RIGHT NOTES IN MUSIC IN THE PARK EVENT

Story by Nadine Clough & Pictures by David Pulaski

On Friday, April 21st at the Rotonda Community Center, a crowd of about 125 people were treated to some singing entertainment by friends and neighbors from Rotonda West. RWA President Andy VanScyoc hosted and Nichol Kastor acted as emcee for the event.

The Music in the Park event which is put on by the Community Outreach Committee, featured the singing talents of 13 vocalists. The performers were: Nicole Kastor, Scott Barnette, Pearl Strohm, Dick Young, Doc Coombs, Miss Marsha, Vance Absher, Wayne Barber, B.J. (Don) McGuire, Kent Harvey, Claudine Hoffer, Eric Stefanik, and Andy Van Scyoc.

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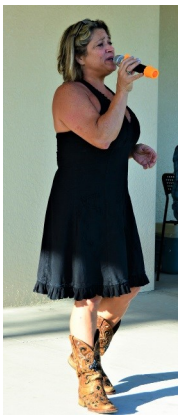


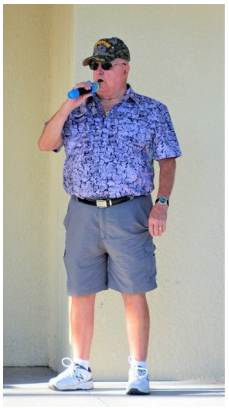
Emcee and Singer:
Nichol Kastor

ROTONDA'S GOT SINGERS!

The Rotonda sections of Long Meadow, Broadmoor, Pebble Beach, and Oakland Hills were represented.

Some songs that proved to be crowd favorites were "Brandy", "King of the Road", "Sweet Caroline", the duet of "Shallow", "New York, New York", "Feelin' Hot, Hot, Hot," "I Got a Brand New Pair of Roller Skates", "Summertime", and "Play That Funky Music". The evening ended on a beautifully delivered rendition of "Time To Say Goodbye".

Get your singing voice and song ready for next time!



Dick

Vance

Kent

Doc

Eric

Claudine

Wayne

Scott and Pearl

Andy

BJ (Don)

Marsha

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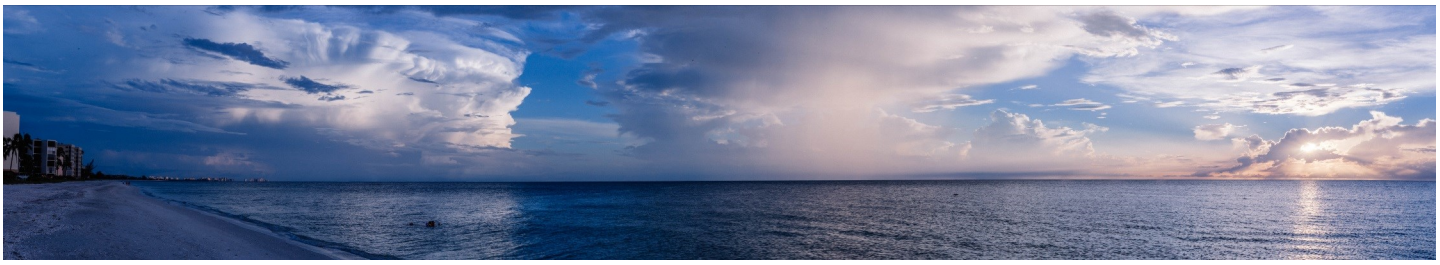

MANAGER'S REPORT

Derrick Hedges
Rotonda West Association, Inc.
Manager

Administration

- Collected and processed **38** estoppels so far this month
- Processed **40** estoppel requests so far this month, giving a good indication of property transfers that will happen in the next couple of months. For more information on how **Estoppel Certificates** work, please get in touch with ***derrick@rotondawest.org***
- Processed and mailed out **36** new homeowner packets so far this month
- Processed **191** parking passes and additional permits so far this month
- Sent out **5** notices of intent to Claim Liens on members with past-due accounts
- Sent out **5** notices of intent to Foreclose Liens on members with past-due accounts
- Received approximately **7595** assessment payments. Due to **Hurricane Ian**, The Rotonda West Association Assessments were due on **February 1, 2023.** Please get in touch with ***Sheryl@rotondawest.org*** to make other arrangements if payment assistance is needed or help is needed making a payment
- Currently, there are **4,200** Constant Contact Members signed up to receive important updates and Meeting information
- The Residential Modification Committee has been working hard to process and approve **387** applications this month. ***Please make sure to complete your entire Residential Modification Application so that we can process it efficiently, and it will be approved.***
- Continuing collection efforts by calling members with past-due account balances, collecting **6** past-due payments this week, collecting approximately **$4300**

Rotonda West Maintenance Staff

- The Maintenance Staff has completed the following tasks:
- Continuing to work in Broadmoor Park, removing and hauling away fallen pine trees and other debris around **L08** and **L09** ***https://rotondawest.org/?s=Broadmoor+Park+Map***
- Hauled away **100** cubic yards of miscellaneous debris along the roads, right of ways, and the common areas in the **Oakland Hills, Pebble Beach, Pinehurst, and Broadmoor** sections
- Adding mulch and treating the weeds around the segment signs on **Rotonda Circle**
- Replaced a zone valve and added an irrigation line to help water the butterfly garden at Broadmoor Park
- Broke down and set up tables and chairs for **1** Board Meeting, **3** Committee Meetings, **20** club and activity meetings
- Mowed and trimmed **1** residential property under **Section 16.** In the **Pinehurst** section that is neglected (*they are being charged for our services and fined*) ***https://rotondawest.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/P-P-1.6.pdf***
- Removed **275** cubic yards of fallen debris and dead trees along the **Boundary Blvd Greenbelts** in the **Broadmoor, LongMeadow, White Marsh, and Pine Valley** sections
- Will start mowing vacant lots and Greenbelts in the Oakland Hills section next week
- Work Locations of Maintenance are available in the Rotonda West Association Office.

Contractors

- Bob Reynolds has completed the 1st canal bank mowing cycle in the Oakland Hills, Pebble Beach, Pinehurst, Broadmoor, Long Meadow, White Marsh, and Pine Valley sections and will begin his 2nd cycle in the Oakland Hills section in approximately 4 weeks
- FloridAquatics continues treating and maintaining the aquatic vegetation growth in our canal system
- The following canals and areas have been sprayed for invasives and grasses

  Pebble Beach
  Pinehurst (copper treatment)
  Long Meadow (copper treatment)
  White Marsh
  Pine Valley
- The Truxor has been cutting and removing Vallisneria and grasses in the following sections

  Pine Valley
- Work locations are available for viewing in the Rotonda West Association Office.

MAY EVENTS

- May 18th, Thursday, Charlotte County Emergency Management Presentation on Hurricane Preparedness. Ice Cream Sundaes 6:30-7 p.m., Presentation 7-8:30 p. m.
- May 21st, Sunday BINGO! Last Games of the Season. 1p.m.-3p.m. Doors open at noon. Snacks provided.
- May 29th, Monday RWA Offices are Closed for Memorial Day Observation

JUNE EVENTS

- June 3rd, Saturday, "National Bike Day Ride" 9 a.m.-Noon
  Please meet at the Charlotte County (Rotonda) Community Park Pavilion
- June 21st, Wednesday, Frank Levin Lecture "Global Warming Truth or Consequences" 1 p.m.-2:30 p.m. at the RWA Community Center.
- June 22nd, Thursday, "Damsel in Defense" Self Defense & Awareness presentation. 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m. in the Community Center. FREE Ice Cream Sundaes from 6:30-7 p.m.
- June 24th, Saturday, Music in the Park. Kerry Price from Flectcher Music 2-4 p.m. Ice Cream Sundaes at intermission.
- June 27th, Tuesday, "Meet & Greet Potluck Dinner" 5 p.m.-7 p.m. in the Community Center

Rotonda West Association

Board of Directors 2023

Sitting L to R:

Sam Besase, Treasurer; Andy VanScyoc, President;
Les Goodman, Vice President;

Standing L to R:

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.

OFFICE STAFF

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Administrator

Holly Carr, &
Nancy Schwechel
Administrators and
Deed Restrictions

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THANK YOU TO OUR WONDERFUL STAFF

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HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

SUNDAY, MAY 14th

CELEBRATE THE CIRCLE

Article by: Lynn Smith Photos by: Dave Pulaski

On April 1st, Rotonda West "celebrated the circle!" A fun time was had by all. The children did arts and crafts supplied by the Rotonda West Woman's Club. There was an interesting display about the history of Rotonda West, and a impressive exhibit of classic cars.
There was music by "Seasons of Sound", and barbeque by Blacken blues Barbeque. Of course, there was our favorite clown, Harry Witt. The children were able to get a close-up look at a falcon, an owl, and a possum. A special thanks to the Fire Department. They had a hose set up for the children to shoot into the lake. Little fire helmets were given out to the participants. There were many beautiful classic cars to be checked out. Jonny Puma was there to draw caricatures. There were games for the children and an Easter Egg Hunt. The Easter Bunny even made an appearance to help with the egg hunt.

We would like to thank our sponsors: GJC Windows, Storm Smart Building Systems, Arnold Insurance, and Shark Home Improvements.

THANK YOU to our wonderful group of volunteers. We could not have done it without you!

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BELIEVE HIM, THE —
IS OF INCREDIBLE CONSEQUENCE

By Connie Smith

Picture by Connie Smith

You might have to be a retired Brown University physics professor to fully understand the most important minus sign in the universe but you can still enjoy being exposed to new ideas and to grasp the wonder of science.

Retired Brown University physics professor Frank Levin discusses, “The Most Important Minus Sign in the Universe.”

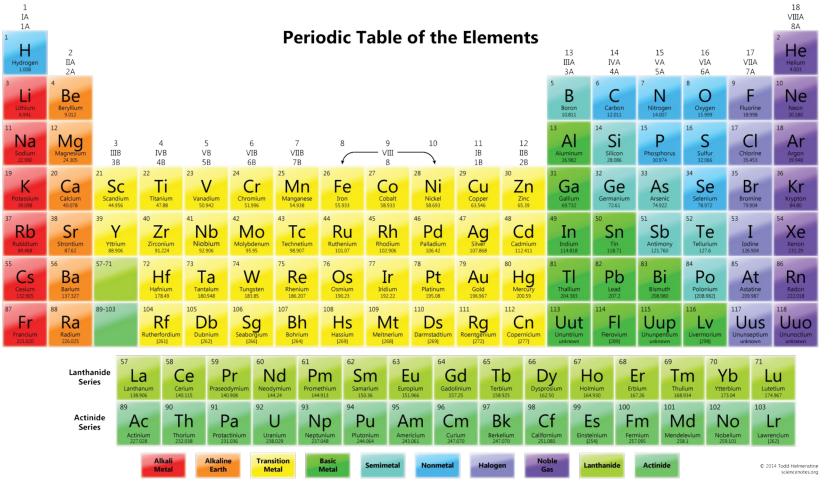
In less than the advertised 90 minutes, Frank Levin took his audience of some 25 Rotonda residents back to 1859 when a German physicist named Gustav Kirchoff did for physics what Charles Darwin did for biology. Kirchoff was noted for his spectrum analysis of the composition of the Sun that, in short, allows scientists to apply terrestrial laws to understand the universe.

From there, the audience went to nature’s simplest atom, hydrogen. Working with the simple atom hydrogen was important in introducing its Quantum number makeup. Levin next introduced his audience to Wolfgang Pauli, author of the Pauli Exclusion Principle that applies to Quantum numbers and says: no two electrons in an atom could have identical sets of quantum numbers.

Once the Pauli Principle was introduced, the audience met Russian chemist Dimitri Mendeleev. In 1869, Mendeleev not only devised the Table of Periodic Elements in use today, he predicted elements that were as yet undiscovered.

You may need to be a Brown University professor to make the leap from these set of facts to the topics of the day’s lecture (The Most Important Minus Sign in the Universe), but when Levin says “it gives rise to life as we know it” and the sign is of “the most incredible consequence” there is no reason to doubt.

In June, Levin plans to lecture on the topic of Global Warming.



CANDIDATES NEEDED FOR NEXT ELECTION CYCLE

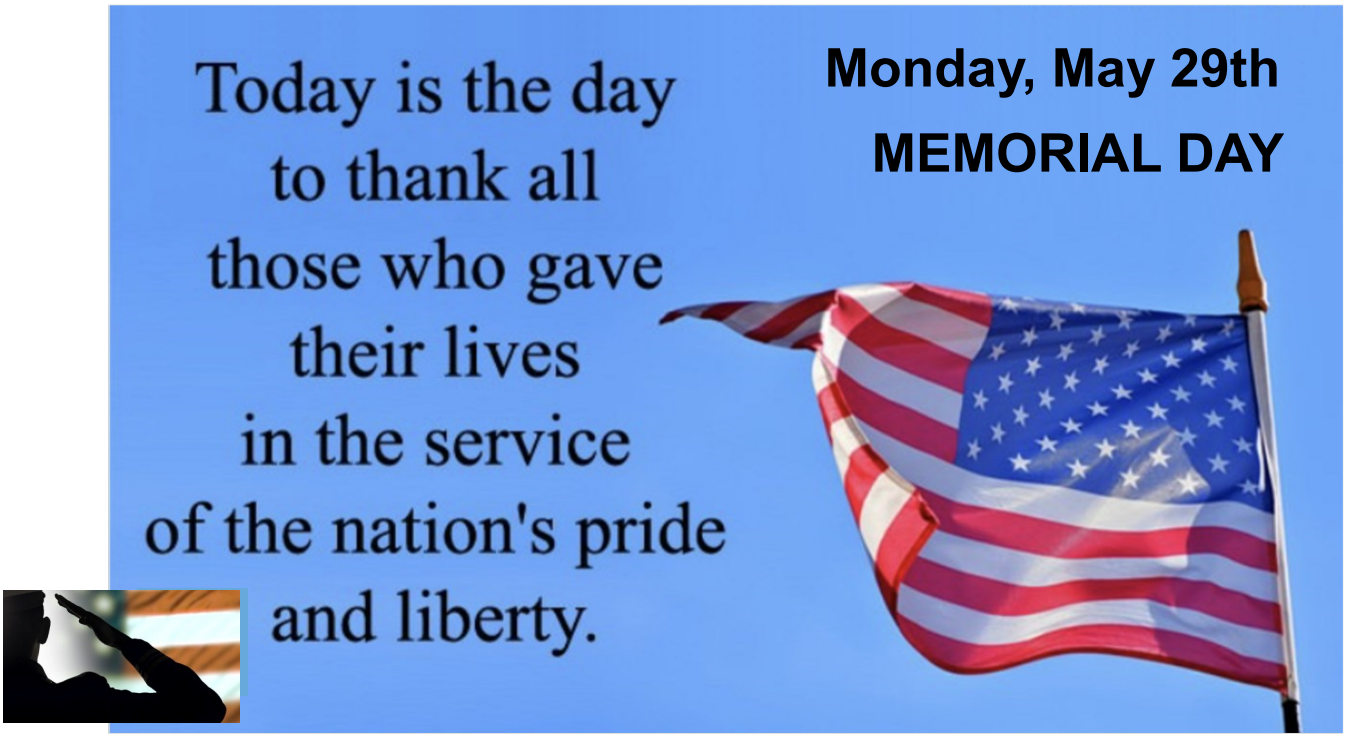
Submitted by: RoseAnne Woodliff
Election Committee Chairperson

If you have ever considered running for HOA board position, now is the time for you to step up and become a candidate for the Rotonda West Board of Directors. This year, 2 seats will be up for election. The election term is for December 2023 through November 2026.

There are several actions dates that you need to keep in mind:

- **Friday, July 14 at 9:30 a.m. is a Candidate Workshop. The workshop is intended to familiarize candidates with all the information needed to file their notice of intent to become a candidate. If you cannot attend in person, please attend or view the Zoom recording on rotondawest.org website under Elections. All candidate documents need to be file by 12:01 p.m. on Friday, August 11, 2023.**
- **October 19, 2023 from 7-9 p.m. Potential Candidates may want to reserve the evening for Candidates Night to answer HOA owners questions.**

Get all the facts and information from a committee member, or if you have any burning question, please consider sending the election committee members an email at: electioncommittee@rotondawest.org.



APRIL'S MEET & GREET

POTLUCK DINNER

Article and Pictures by: Rita Lopienski

The April 25th Meet & Greet Potluck Dinner offered a delicious variety of food and the chance to meet our newest neighbors and to make new friends.

This event is held monthly on the fourth Tuesday of each month at the Community Center. It is put on by the Community Outreach Committee, and is hosted by Donna Stogsdill. Hope to see you at the next Meet & Greet Potluck Dinner to be held on May 23rd. See flyer below.

Many 1st timers enjoy delicious dinner. Check flyer for what type of food to bring.

BINGO

LAST GAME OF THE SEASON

SUNDAY, MAY 21ST

1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Play begins promptly at 1:00 pm
Doors open at 12:15 pm

The event is open to RWA members and their guests.

646 Rotonda Circle

RWA Community Center

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

Must be 18 to play.

Event open to RWA members and their guests.

Rotonda West Association

Community Outreach Committee

Photo by: Rita Lopienski

SLIM CROWD HEARS FIRE DEPARTMENT TALK

By: Barry Kean

Presenter Todd Dunn

Photo by: N. Clough

Only about 23 Rotonda West residents turned out on Thursday evening, April 27, at the RWA Community Center, to hear an informative presentation about the Charlotte County Fire Department, which serves Rotonda, and enjoy delicious ice cream sundaes provided by RWA and served by members of the Community Outreach Committee. The presentation, by Todd Dunn, Public Information Officer for the Department, described in some detail the organization and mission of the Fire Department, including Emergency Medical Services (EMS).

According to Mr. Dunn, the Department, under the direction of Fire Chief/County Public Safety Director Jason Fair, employs 278 firefighters and 22 civilian support personnel, at 17 firehouses located throughout Charlotte County and adjoining municipalities. In 2022, they responded to 37,868 emergency calls, an increase of 20 percent over five years ago.

Firefighters in Charlotte County, as elsewhere, may be faced with a variety of difficult and dangerous specialized scenarios. For this reason, County firefighters, depending on assignment, may be trained in a variety of special operations, including hazardous materials and structural collapse, and extrication/rescue from situations involving confined spaces or heavy machinery. In addition, at four sites near the water, personnel are trained in marine operations, including water and dive rescue, marine fire, and barrier island response. Other specialized areas of operation include aircraft crash response, rescue and firefighting. The Department's Training Division is responsible for providing appropriate training in all these areas.

In addition to discussing the Department's operations and training, Mr. Dunn described several ways in which local residents can prepare for fires and medical emergencies. He emphasized that firefighters and EMS personnel must be able to find you if they are to help you. It is important that your house number be plainly visible and in a contrasting color to its background. The County can provide reflective and highly visible address signs at a cost of $25.00, as well as Save Our Pets signs. He also discussed the care and maintenance of smoke detectors and the ways the Fire Department can assist residents with this.

Mr. Dunn invited attendees to contact him if they had any questions. His number is 941 833 5610.

ROTONDA WEST EMERGENCY PREPARDEDNESS

HOSTED BY THE COMMUNITY OUTREACH COMMITTEE

SECOND IN THE SERIES OF PRESENTATIONS:

HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

By: Deb Orchard

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW TO PREPARE FOR STORM SEASON

It's hard to believe, but it's that time of year again. Patrick Fuller and Bradley Geelen from the Charlotte County Emergency Management will be making their presentation on Hurricane Preparedness.

We will also have our very own Neighborhood Watch representatives there to provide us with local information.

Please join us in the RWA Community Center on Thursday evening, May 18th, starting at 7 p.m. We will be serving free ice cream sundaes from 6:30 p.m to 7 p.m.

UPCOMING PRESENTATION:

JUNE 22ND - Damsel in Defense. Laura Fogarty on "Self-Defense and Awareness". She will explain situational awareness/focus locked, 5 key elements of self-defense, intuition signs, staging your home when traveling, and choosing the right products for you. She will have products available for purchase. However, you are in no way obligated to make a purchase.

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25 Apr 2023
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News Release

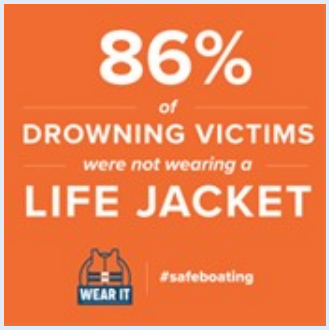
National Safe Boating Week

DATELINE

The 2023 ***National Safe Boating Week*** starts Saturday May 20 and runs through Friday May 26.

During this week-long event, Flotilla 99, Cape Haze, will be distributing Boating Safety information at the area launch ramps, restaurants and fuel docks. We will also be performing FREE Vessel Safety Checks. Call us at 941-249-5848 to schedule yours! Last year we passed out over 5,000 pieces of Boating Safety Information.

Wear Your Life Jacket to Work Day (May 19)



Friday, May 19, is the official "Wear Your Life Jacket to Work Day" nation wide. Don't be afraid to sport your Personal Flotation Device (PFD) to work and show your coworkers and friends that the new inflatable PFDs are extremely comfortable to wear. Don't be one of the 86% of drowning victims who were not wearing theirs! The life you save could be that of your best friend or a family member! Anne and Louise are sorting the PFDs that CGAUX members wear when on a safety patrol. Those are nowhere near as comfortable as the new inflatables are!

This month's Public Education class is ***Suddenly In Command!*** A course designed for the person(s) not normally at the helm and what they need to do if the Captain suddenly becomes incapacitated. Call us at 941-249-5848 to learn more, or email to abbrengle.uscgaux@gmail.com

The Coast Guard Auxiliary is the uniformed civilian 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

Protecting Rotonda West since 1981

www.rotondawestneighborhoodwatch.com

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How Effective is Neighborhood Watch?

Neighborhood Watch is an organized group of citizens devoted to crime prevention within Rotonda West. Members of a given community agree together to keep an eye on one another's properties, patrolling the street – and reporting suspicious incidents to the police. Neighborhood Watch is a community crime prevention program that was launched in 1981 to encourage citizens to look out for each other, work on neighborhood problems, and make themselves safer.

Neighborhood Watch is undoubtedly one of history's oldest and most well-known crime prevention programs. The aim of our group is to promote education for residents and have a safe and secure neighborhood. In general, when criminal activity is suspected, members are encouraged to report it to authorities, and not to intervene. Neighborhood Watch strives to promote awareness and efficiency when acting on suspicious activity. With such large investments and resources from the community, it is important to ask: *are community watch programs effective in reducing crime?*

The answer is **"YES"**. Charlotte County Sheriff's Department consistently states that Rotonda West is one of the safest places to live in the county.

No matter how many police patrols go through our community daily, ***we need Patrols and Base Stations to assist CCSO***. No one knows their neighborhood better than the people who live there; that means "You". Neighborhood Watch members will take turns watching a street or designated area of the community. Upon noticing suspicious activity or an emergency, the group will contact authorities to mitigate the issue. Sometimes, Neighborhood Watch members will create the illusion of occupancy for members of the community who are out of town. This includes removing newspapers from outside neighbors' homes when they are away, parking a car in the driveway, mowing the lawn, and filling up trash cans

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---Wally Chan of the Oakland Hills/Pebble Beach area.

If you are looking to volunteer as a Patrol or be a Base Station it just takes 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 president@rotondawestneighborhoodwatch.com

GFWC Rotonda West Woman's Club, Inc.

Donna Krabbe, Former-President

Gwen Grace, President

Brad Pike from "Off The Wave" provided the fashions for the luncheon, standing with Rita Lopienski

On Saturday, April 15th, the GFWC Rotonda West Woman's Club held their annual **Spring Fling Fashion Show and Luncheon.** This is a fundraiser for local charities. This year the club raised $10,000 with the support of club members, the community and local businesses. The funds raised will benefit The Literacy Center for Dyslexia, a 501c3 organization located in Englewood, as well as the many programs, scholarships, and projects of the club. It was a sellout crowd who enjoyed the event immensely.

We welcomed our new members with an induction ceremony in April. The theme of this administration is "Be All You Can Be" and we are having a fun time living up to the slogan. Our bee antenna headbands are an enjoyable addition that bring smiles to everyone.

The GFWC Environment Community Service Program encourages us to become stewards of the earth. Our club has recently purchased a recycling container which will be used during our meetings and events at the RWA community center. Our members have volunteered to dispose of any recycling that accumulates. During our April meeting we cut the "ribbon" of the new container.

YOU ARE INVITED… Please come to a general meeting and see if you would like to join the GFWC Rotonda West Woman's Club. The next general meeting is Thursday, May 18th at the RWA Community Center. A 9 am social hour precedes the 10 am general meeting.

The Literacy Center received a $5,000 check at the April general meeting which will subsidize tuition for low-income families.

For more information about supporting or becoming a member of the GFWC Rotonda West Woman's Club see our website at www.gfwcrotondawest.org. We are a 501(c)3 nonprofit woman's service organization.

Join the RWA Strong Health & Wellness Initiative!

NATIONAL BIKE DAY RIDE

SATURDAY, JUNE 3 @ 9AM

Community Outreach Committee presents...

Rotonda Community Park Pavilion, 100 Rotonda Blvd E

Check-in at the Pavilion for a group picture.

Unable to join us, bike when you can!

"Acknowledging the uniqueness, longevity, and versatility of the bicycle, which has been in use for two centuries, and that it is a simple, affordable, reliable, clean and environmentally fit sustainable means of transportation, fostering environmental stewardship and health." www.un.org

BIKE AS A FAMILY, CLUB, FRIENDS OR INDIVIDUAL!
DO IT FOR HEALTH, FUN, OR A PURPOSE.

There are 2 paved circular bike paths at the Park for leisurely, safe biking, or venture further out!
You are encouraged to wear helmets, track your miles and time.
Submit your pictures and day's ride story to
communityoutreach@rotondawest.org

Other Bike Trails:
Ann & Chuck Dever Regional Park
Cape Haze Pioneer Trail
Carmalita Park
Rotonda Community Park

RWA MEMBERS

JOIN CONSTANT CONTACT

FULL RWA WEBSITE ACCESS

&

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Rotonda West Association

COMMUNITY OUTREACH COMMITTEE

HOW TO REGISTER

Step 1.

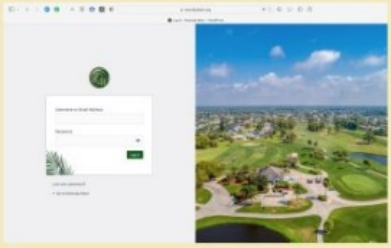
On any device with website access go to: rotondawest.org

Step 2.

Fill out the pop-up screen information.
Enter "Sign-up"
Close screen

Step 3.

To enter into website, log-in again at rotondawest.org



NEED HELP? CALL 941-697-6788