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## RWA ELECTION COMMITTEE PRESENTS CANDIDATES' NIGHT

Pictures and Article by: Nadine Clough



L to R: Election Committee Members Brian Armen, Nancy Ward-Snyder, Chair RoseAnne Woodliff, and Tom D'Abrosca

Below: Association Members gather to hear Candidates answer previously submitted questions.

On Thursday, October 19th, association members gathered at the Community Center to meet the four candidates, namely Jerry Eldred, Karen Harvey, Dale Jensen, and David Kelly, who are running for election to serve on the RWA Board of Directors.

The event was an opportunity to hear the candidate's thoughts, proposals, plans, and goals for the future of the Rotonda West Association. All questions were previously submitted to the Election Committee, and were reviewed by the Election Committee beforehand.

The well-organized program lasted two hours and was attended by many interested voters, both in-house and on zoom. Chairperson RoseAnne Woodliff explained the evening's agenda and stated that the program would be divided into three sections: introductions; questions and answers; and closing statements. Time limits would be followed for each candidate's comments.



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Candidates' Night

October Board of Directors Meetings/Election

West Ways Welcomes Writer  
Pattie Mihalik

Interview with Dr. Levin

Ask the Pharmacist

Holiday Stroll

Upcoming Events

Rotonda West Administrative  
Office-Community Center  
Broadmoor Park  
646 Rotonda Circle  
Rotonda West, FL 33947  
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## CANDIDATE'S NIGHT CONTINUED



The four candidate's answer questions

Left to Right: Jerry Eldred, Karen Harvey, Dale Jensen, and David Kelly

The candidates were first introduced to those in attendance and those on zoom. Then each candidate gave an opening statement about themselves lasting 2 minutes. Jerry Eldred stated that he and his wife have lived in Rotonda for eight years and loves this community. He stated that he has a history of public service, and that "public service" is in his blood". Karen Harvey stated that she and her husband have lived in Rotonda for five years, and she has served and chaired several committees. One of her campaign focus is on modernization and moderation of deed restriction guidelines. Dale Jensen stated that he has lived in Rotonda 10 years, and has served on many committees. He is focused on deed restriction guidelines and modernizing residential modifications, and also wants prudent financial decisions to continue to be made. David Kelly stated that he and his family have lived in and around Rotonda West for 40 years. He adds that he is the "common sense" candidate, and that he understands the needs of the community.

The second portion of the program centered on answering the questions that had been submitted by RWA members. Some of the questions were candidate specific, and some were general questions for all the candidates to answer. The time limit on answering these questions was set at 3 minutes. During the two hour event, several questions were discussed by the candidates. The concerns of the community members were evident in the questions that were submitted. The approximate topic breakdown of the 50 questions asked were as follows:

• Short Term Rental issues	11	• Public Notification of BOD & Committee Meetings	3
• Deed Restriction Concerns	10	• RWA Manager & Staff	2
• Work Ethic & Behaviors of BOD	8	• BOD Directors as Committee Liaisons	2
• Needed Changes/Pressing Issues	7	• Electronic Voting	1
• Exit of Developer	3	• Other (Mowing, HOA Purpose, Candidate background)	3

One of the general questions asked was "If you had a magic wand, what one problem would you fix in Rotonda?" Jerry Eldred stated, "Landscape Stone. I would like deed restrictions modernized and changed." Karen Harvey answer to the Magic Wand question was, " That people would look at deed restrictions with the spirit that is intended, which is to keep property value high." Dale Jensen stated that, "I would wave it to ensure compliance with the deed restrictions." David Kelly would use magic wand to "Fix drainage problems in Rotonda, and to have all the bridges done at once."

The last portion of the program allowed the candidates to make closing statements. After restating key points of their campaign, candidates thanked the Election Committee for sponsoring the Candidate's Night event, thanked the community for submitting interesting and relevant questions, and thanked the audience, both in-house and on zoom.

**The complete Candidate's Night event was recorded and is available on the Rotonda West Website.**

**Sign on to the Rotonda West Association website: [rotondawest.org](http://rotondawest.org)**

**Go to: Governance, click on drop-down menu (arrow on right)**

**Click on Recorded Zoom Meetings**

**Go to: Election Committee Meeting**

**Then click on Candidate's Night 10/19/23**



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# ROTONDA WEST ASSOCIATION

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2023

### UPDATES

**DIRECTORS:** Sitting L to R- Sam Besase, Treasurer; Andy Van Scyoc, President; Les Goodman.  
Standing L to R- Patricia Cowin, 1st Vice-President; Jack Metz; Karen Harvey. Inset: David Kelly



#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, THURSDAY OCTOBER 12, 2023 2PM

Roll Call: All Present

Approval of Minutes from 9/28/23 meeting

President's Report– Andy VanScyoc

Reminder regarding memorial for Kathy Moseley

Treasurer's Report– Sam Besase

\$2.6 million total cash

97.7% of Assessments are paid

RWA in Excellent Financial Position

Working on initial budget for 2024. Will be presented at next BOD meeting 10/26/23

Manager's Report–Derrick Hedges

Mowing continues in greenbelts; bridges & parks trimmed. Getting areas in shape for Holiday decorating.

100 Manager's Reports sent out this year.

Office Staff & Maintenance Staff continue doing a good job.

Deed Restriction Committee Report– presented by Derrick Hedges

Continue working with members for compliance. Many have come off list.

Construction sites have had complaints. Site not maintained.

Community Outreach Committee Deb Orchard

Reviewed list of committee's upcoming events

Discussion of new committee idea, "Rotonda Nature", which would have events focused on flora/fauna of Rotonda. Would also work to maintain Butterfly Garden in Broadmoor Park. Questions were raised by the board on who would maintain Butterfly Garden in the future.

Action items:

Reuse of Garage Sale Signs—passed

\$500 for Lemon Bay H.S. Band (20-25 members) for Music in the Park performance—passed

"Ask the Pharmacist" 2nd event planned for December—passed

Compliance Committee– Barb Pesko

6 Homeowners came to Compliance Committee meeting

Reminder: You have time to state your case after receiving letter. Committee considers reasons for fines.

Residential Modification Committee–Barb Pesko

233 Applications ;7 Disapproved; 97% Approved

Deed Restriction Committee– Dale Jensen-

Asked board to consider:

1. 10/19 Workshop for Deed Restrictions
2. Clarification needed on the clearing of invasives (pepper trees) off of lots





## BOARD CONSIDERS DEED RESTRICTION ISSUES

By: Barry Kean



The Rotonda West Association Board of Directors met as scheduled on October 26. A major part of its meeting time was spent the ongoing review of Deed Restrictions and Residential Modification Guidelines.

Presumably, most of our readership is aware that Rotonda West is a deed restricted community; that is, property owners are subject to certain rules and restrictions that are written into their deeds to their properties. Perhaps less widely understood is the process, under Florida law, whereby deed restrictions come into being and how they can be modified. When a Developer (usually a corporation) proposes to establish a subdivision or residential community, he or she must determine whether it is to be deed restricted, and if so, must prepare the deed restrictions to be written into all deeds to property in the development. Initially, the Developer must approve all changes to the deed restriction but at some point as the community matures, this authority can be transferred to the property owners of the community. Then it will require a majority vote of the property owners to make any change in the deed restrictions.

Rotonda West was first developed in the 1970s, and in the intervening five decades most of the Developer's prerogatives have been devolved to the property owners, to be exercised largely through the RWA. However, the power to establish and change deed restrictions has remained with the developer. Over the last year or more the RWA Board has been negotiating with the Developer's representatives to bring about this transfer of authority. On several occasions the Developer has indicated that the transfer is imminent, but so far it has not happened.

Over that same period of time, the Board and its supporting committees, including an ad hoc committee established for the purpose, have developed a number of proposed deed restriction changes. Some of these have been approved by the Board and sent to the Developer for approval, but they have not been acted on. Others remain under review within RWA. After consideration by an Ad Hoc Committee established for the purpose and at a joint workshop between the Board and the Ad Hoc Committee on October 19, a proposed amended set of deed restrictions came before the Board for consideration at its October 26 meeting. However, it did not receive Board approval. Instead, another workshop was scheduled on November 2 to discuss recommended changes.

This workshop, involving the Ad Hoc Committee and the Board of Directors, will be held at 10 AM on Thursday, November 2, at the Rotonda West Community Center in Broadmoor Park. All interested Rotonda West property owners are welcome to attend.

**VOTE FOR  
ELDRED  
RWA BOARD**



**PLEASE VOTE!**



#### Jerry R Eldred

My wife Barbara, and I moved to Rotonda West eight 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.

You may contact me at [jeldred1449@gmail.com](mailto:jeldred1449@gmail.com), PHONE: 937620-1865 or as soon as I have it up and running visit my website at Jerry Eldred RWA Director,

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. I was secretary of RWA and served 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. As a retiree I have seen my funds disappear due to cost of living and tax increases I am not in favor of any new taxes



#### 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)

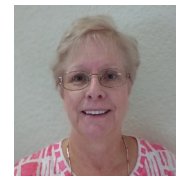
The position I retired from and loved the most was the Miami County Park District. I feel humbled that I was able to work for a governmental agency that was recognized nationwide as being unique. As a Park District in Ohio, we were created by the State Legislator in 1917, our Ohio residents may be familiar 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.

*Jerry Eldred*

#### Candidate Information Statement

Name: Karen W. Harvey  
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Phone: 301 910 7038



#### Background:

I was born and raised in Detroit, Michigan and I lived there until my father was transferred with the Federal Government to Rockville, MD. I finished my education and decided to work in Washington, DC where I remained until retirement in 2018. I worked as a Senior Director of Human Resources for a large trade association in Washington, DC.

#### Education:

Associates of Arts degree in Business Management from Montgomery College  
Bachelor of Science degree in Organizational Management from Columbia Union College

#### Experience:

My husband and I joined Neighborhood Watch upon moving to Rotonda West and then I became a Writer for West Ways. I then became very interested in the committee work of the RWA. My Rotonda West Association Committee work includes:

Chair of the Communications Committee for 2 years – 2019 – 2021  
Member of the Community Relations Committee – 2019 – 2021  
Co-Chair of the Community Outreach Committee for 1 year – 2021 to 2022  
Holidays Decorations Coordinator for 3 years – 2020 – 2022  
Event Chair for Gazebo Lighting for 3 years – 2020 – 2022  
Elections Committee for 3 years – 2020 – 2022; Secretary for 1 year - 2021 to 2022

I am currently serving a 1-year term on the Rotonda West Association Board of Directors in the Developer's position.

#### Summary:

I am a leader who is dedicated and passionate about Rotonda West. I care about the residents of our community. Our community needs a strong female leader who is transparent and has a willingness to listen. I have more than proven myself a capable person who can get things done. I pride myself on gaining consensus among my peers and will work toward a better tomorrow. We need to have solid deed restrictions in order to maintain our little slice of Paradise called Rotonda West. I also volunteer outside of Rotonda West doing charity work that is vital to our community. This community suffered greatly at the winds of Hurricane Ian and I want to continue to build and restore our community. I am a person who can create and

#### 2023 RWA Board of Directors Election - Candidate Information Sheet

#### Dale Jensen

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Greetings Rotonda West neighbors. My name is Dale Jensen and I'm running for a seat on the Rotonda West Association Board of Directors. I believe that Rotonda West is a wonderful place to live and, if elected, I look forward to working with the other board members, management team and committee volunteers to make Rotonda West an even better community.

A little information about me. I was born in Cleveland, Ohio and attended Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. My entire career was spent in the telephone industry, beginning with Ohio Bell and culminating with AT&T. I held a variety of positions ranging from cable maintenance technician to high-speed data product director (that was when 1.544 Mbps was considered high-speed) and finally as a director of corporate communications.

Rosemarie and I bought our home at 30 Sportsman Place in Rotonda in 2010 and after several years of "snowbirding" we moved to Rotonda West permanently in 2014. We love Rotonda West and once we became full-time residents I wanted to participate in the community, so I volunteered for a committee assignment. Since then, I have been a member of and/or chaired several committees and I have also attended many of the RWA Board meetings. My committee activity includes:

- Residential Modification Committee – member and Chair – 2016-2019
- Deed Restriction Committee – member and Chair – 2021 - present
- Election Committee – Chair - 2020
- Buildings and Grounds committee – current member

I also volunteer as a local coordinator for the AARP Tax-Aide program and during tax season I manage a group of 20 tax counselors who provide in-person tax assistance to anyone, free of charge, with a focus on taxpayers who are over 50 and have low to moderate income.

I am a firm believer in our Deed Restrictions and, as a director, I will actively support monitoring, enforcing and revising of those restrictions to ensure that they meet their purpose of preserving and enhancing the appearance and property values of our Rotonda West community. I would also support an effort by the Association to explore electronic voting since printing, mailing and tabulating the election materials each year is a huge expense.

I believe the Board has performed well and I want to join it to ensure the same performance going forward. I'm asking for your vote so I can put my experience and ability to work developing, supporting and implementing Board actions intended to enhance and improve our Rotonda West community.

In closing, should you have any issues you'd like to discuss or have any questions you would like to ask – please, just call or email me. And don't forget Candidates Night on Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. when you'll have an opportunity to ask the candidates your questions.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and to participate in the upcoming election.

*Dale Jensen*  
8/10/23



#### David Kelly

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#### Personal:

Native of: Rotonda West, Englewood

Family: 3 Children (17,21,22) Resident of Rotonda West and Surrounding areas for over 40 Years

#### Education:

High School: Lemon Bay High School

College/Degree: BS Degree University of South Florida - Business Administration

#### Employment History:

Oyster Creek Golf Club 1998-2000

Rotonda Golf & Country Club 22 Years -2001-Present

#### Public Service:

Rotary Club of Placida 22 Years

Englewood Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors-2004-2011, President 2010

Rotonda West Association RMC Liaison 2021-Present

#### Why I Want to serve:

It has truly been great to serve our community for the last 12 years. If I am elected for 3 more years I will continue to provide conservative financial logic to keep dues low and our standards high for my fellow directors and residents. Rotonda continues to grow at a rapid pace with permanent and seasonal residents moving to our great area every day. Our community is moving in a direction to be proud of!

#### My Vision of the future of Rotonda:

My vision for Rotonda is to continue our responsible growth and at the same time keep this an affordable community to live in for our residents. We need to continue to maintain canals, green belts, common areas and Broadmoor park at the highest levels possible to keep property values high for our residents.



Signature

Date

7/28/23



## ROTONDA SINGERS DRAW LARGE CROWD FOR MUSIC IN THE PARK EVENT



HALLOWEEN FLASH MOB ENTERTAINS AT  
OCTOBER 30TH MUSIC IN THE PARK  
EVENT Photo by: Rita Lopienski

Over 100 people attended the latest Music in the Park event on Monday, October 30th. Fifteen acts entertained the crowd singing favorites such as: *Luck Be A Lady Tonight; Brandy; I Can't Help Falling In Love With You; I Feel Like A Woman; Call Me The Fireman; Knights In White Satin; Perfect; Shallow;* and many more.

Thank you to all the Rotonda Singers!

RWA Performers: Dick; Tom; Vance; Ken; Doc; Sam; Andy; Uncle Dan; Claudine; Scott and Pearl.

Thanks to the Halloween Flash Mob, and also, a thank you to hosts Nichol and Ethan

## MARK TWAIN LANE CELEBRATES HALLOWEEN

Pictures by: Pam Pierce



Pam Pierce & Terri Rosenzweig  
collect candy to share on  
Mark Twain.

Thank you to everyone who  
donated candy







## HEALTH FAIR

Very informative event! Thank you to RWA Community Outreach Committee and Brookdale Senior Living for planning and organizing this event.

On Thursday, October 5th, 40-50 people visited the Community Center and received information from these groups:

Rejuvenate Mobil IV

Englewood Fire Department

Charlotte County Emergency 911

Vital Caring Home Health Wound Care

Amedisys Home Health PT/OT

Rotonda West Women's Club - Dollars for Mammograms

Rotonda West Women's Club - Alzheimer's Walk Fundraiser

Rotonda West Women's Club - Big Red Bus

Jessica K Close, P.A. Elder Law and Estate Planning

Brookdale Senior Living

Alzheimer's Association - Brain Bus

Senior Living Selections

Meals on Wheels

Right At Home Health Care Services

Onspot Dermatology

Encompass Rehab Hospital

E-911



THANK YOU!





# NEWS

## WEST WAYS WELCOMES PATTIE MIHALIK

A respected local writer and a well-known name to many, Pattie Mihalik will be joining the West Ways staff as its newest writer.

She will be contributing a regular feature called, *Spotlight On*: which will focus on interesting people, clubs, events, and organizations in Rotonda West.

Her first article is *Spotlight On West Ways* and will follow this page.

*Welcome Pattie!*

# SPOTLIGHT ON: WEST WAYS

## NEWSLETTER EVOLVES WITH READER PLEASING FORMAT

Story and Picture by: Pattie Mihalik

As you read our West Ways newsletter, take note of the easy-to-read format, cool colors and appealing graphics. The reader friendly format didn't just happen. It evolved-- all under the capable leadership of Nadine Clough.

After moving from upstate New York to Rotonda West in 2012, the former elementary school teacher saw a notice in West Ways asking for writers. Since she always loved writing she thought it would be a perfect way to get involved in the community. She thrived writing stories for several years for West Ways then stepped up, when needed, to also take over the editor's role and the job of layout person.

Her prior experience putting out the Staghorn newsletter for the Rotonda Elks prepared her for her new role. But nothing could prepare her for the problems she faced. She states, "I took the job of editor of West Ways in August of 2020 at a critical time. By necessity RWA knew it was time to stop sending the newsletter by mail, a process that was costing close to \$10,000 per mailing. Members had enjoyed getting the newsletter in their mail, and did not sign up for the free email delivery of the newsletter. Our circulation started to drop. Then COVID hit and everything came to a standstill. During this time, RWA was also updating its website and was ironing out technical problems which made it difficult to find West Ways online. Readership fell to a low of about 400 members. West ways was on life support."



Nadine Clough  
West Ways  
Editor since 2020

The good news is it was revived and came back to life better than ever. One by one, with Nadine's persistence and focus on staying upbeat, problems were solved. The newsletter evolved into its present attractive format. The climbing circulation tells the tale. There are now more than 4,000 readers. At the start of every month when the new issue arrives in e-mail, RWA residents have learned they can easily find upcoming events as well as important information they need to know—all in an interesting format.

While Nadine makes it look easy, that belies the long hours she puts in planning each issue, working with writers and finding appealing graphics to accompany the articles. She credits her staff of writers, photographers, volunteer contributors, and members of the RWA Community Outreach Committee with helping to make the West Ways newsletter a success.

Want to be part of our winning team?

If you like to write come join us. It's a good way to meet new people and be an active part of our great community.

Nadine can be reached at [westways@rotondawest.org](mailto:westways@rotondawest.org).





## FAIR WINDS AND FOLLOWING SEAS- A LIFE IN BALANCE

An Interview with Dr. Frank Levin

By: Nadine Clough



CHEERS at anchor 1990

A bookshelf containing books that Dr. Levin has written, co-authored, or edited

On Wednesday, November 15th, Dr. Frank Levin, a Rotonda West resident, will be offering a lecture on *Global Warming-Truth & Consequences*. This lecture is one of a series he has done at the RWA Community Center. Other lectures in the series include: *Microwave Ovens and Our Expanding Big Bang Universe*; *Symmetry in Nature-Art and the Laws of Nature*; *Atoms are Real, Aren't they?*; and *Most Important Minus Sign in the Universe*. Dr. Levin is a theoretical physicist known for his research on nuclear reaction theories, few-body physics, multiparticle scattering theory and its application to atomic and molecular structure.

Frank was born in New York City in 1933, and grew up in Baltimore, Maryland. His father was a factory-worker, and his mother a stay-at-home mom. He attended Johns Hopkins University where he earned his A.B. in physics, and the University of Maryland, receiving his Ph.D. in physics in 1961. Professor Levin joined the Brown Physics Department in 1967, where he taught both undergraduate and graduate physics courses until his retirement from Brown in 1998, becoming an emeritus professor of physics.



Frank standing by a painting by his late wife, Carol

Dr. Levin has an impressive resume. He has worked on several postdoctoral scientific research projects at Rice University, Brookhaven National Laboratory, and the Atomic Energy Research Establishment in England. He has been a visiting professor in places such as Bonn, Budapest, Delhi, Gainesville, Lisbon, Mexico City, and Quebec. He has received various awards, and is the founder and first Chairman of the American Physical Society's Topical Group on Few-Body Systems and Multiparticle Dynamics. Dr. Levin has also written, co-authored, and edited various technical books and has written three popular science books.

**(Right) Frank's latest book, Global Warming: Truth and Consequences, A Primer, was recently made available as an ebook on Amazon, and from the publisher, Springer Nature. The soft-cover book is currently being released.**

### Other Publications:

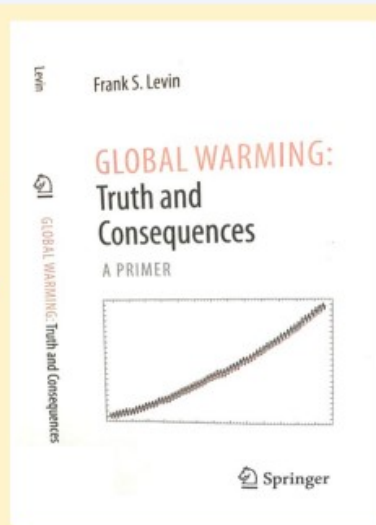
"Long Range Casimir Forces: Theory and Recent Experiments in Atomic Systems," edited with D.A. Micha (Plenum, New York, 1993).

"Coulomb Interactions in Nuclear and Atomic Few-Body Collisions," edited with D.A. Micha (Plenum, New York, 1996).

"An Introduction to Quantum Theory" (Cambridge University press, 2002)

"Calibrating the Cosmos: How Cosmology Explains Our Big Bang Universe" (Springer, 2006)

"Surfing the Quantum World" (Oxford University Press, 2017)





In the physical world of nature there is balance and symmetry. The science of physics repeats this lesson often. In the life of Frank Levin, there is also balance. His analytical brain strikes a compromise with its artistic side. Throughout his life, Frank has always balanced his career with his love of family, of music, of art, and of books. He enjoys different music genres such as classical, opera, folk music, and international styles. There are many examples of artwork displayed in his home, from pieces of art gathered from his travels, to cherished paintings done by his late wife, Carol who was an artist. He is also an avid reader, enjoying books and international news in the NY Times.



Photo of CHEERS with Frank  
at the helm  
taken late 1990's

Frank is a man who exemplifies the belief that happiness and fulfillment are had by always moving forward. Nothing proves this more than his love of sailing. Frank and Carol owned their sailboat, CHEERS for 18 years, purchasing it in 1988. Frank states, "Carol had wanted a sailboat with three separate interior spaces, but when I showed her CHEERS, she, like me, fell in love with it. We sold our Providence, RI house to pay for it."

Frank and Carol shared many sailing adventures together. When asked his most memorable, he stated, "There is not a single-most memorable sailing experience: there are too many."

He recounted how they would circumnavigate Aquidneck Island (in Rhode Island). This became an annual event prior to CHEERS being stored for winter. They also sailed from Rhode Island to the Bahamas during his sabbatical from Brown in 1989-1990. In 1992, he sailed to Bermuda and back with three friends. Another sailing voyage, in 1996, brought him from Portsmouth, RI to Castine, ME where he stayed several weeks, during which time he wrote Chapter 13 of his undergraduate quantum textbook.

Carol was an experienced sailor whose ability, insight, and intuition made her essential to their sailing adventures. Once, Frank recalls, they were threatened by the captain of a huge fishing boat when anchored in Cape Porpoise, Maine. Whereupon Carol appeared in the cockpit, soothing the angry captain down and then managing to get directions to re-anchor. As an example of her intuition, she insisted that the life-raft be removed from a cockpit locker and secured on deck. As it happened, the on-deck life-raft self-inflated and thus did not damage CHEERS.

Dr. Levin is a strong advocate for being a life-long learner. For eighteen years, before moving to Rotonda West, he taught several weeks-long science courses in lifelong learning venues for persons with neither a math nor science background. Today, Dr. Levin keeps active in his field by lecturing at the RWA Community Center on scientific topics, and by continuing to write books. Frank's newest book, Global Warming-Truth & Consequence, A Primer, is currently being released.

As the nautical blessing says,

***"May you always encounter fair winds and following seas."***

**Global Warming-Truth & Consequences Lecture  
11/15/23 at the Community Center  
1 p.m.– 2:30 p.m.**

**Thank you to the Community Outreach Committee for sponsoring  
Dr. Levin's lectures.**



Frank on the cabin top of  
CHEERS taking a sun-shot using  
the sextant.





Protecting Rotonda West since 1981

[www.rotondawestneighborhoodwatch.com](http://www.rotondawestneighborhoodwatch.com)

Facebook @ Rotonda West Neighborhood Watch

It is hard to believe that Thanksgiving is right around the corner; my favorite holiday by the way!. Soon to be followed by Christmas, Hanukkah, and Boxing Day (for all our Canadian friends), just to name a few. No matter what you will be celebrating, just remember there are opportunists out there looking for an opportunity to take advantage of us. Recently, just outside the “Circle of Rotonda” there was a string of burglaries and property damage caused by a few individuals that live in Rotonda West; in fact, within the “Circle of Rotonda”. The good news is that they were captured and now must suffer the consequences. But what about those affected by the dereliction of these individuals; they still must piece together their broken property and replace stolen items. Below are a few reminders to keep your valuables safe.

#### At Home:

- o Make sure all doors and windows have secondary locks (window pins, deadbolts, dowels, etc.) and use them!
- o Don't hide spare keys in mailboxes or planters, or under doormats.
- o Ensure that dark areas and entrances have outdoor lights that are turned on after dark or are activated by sensors.
- o Keep trees and shrubbery trimmed so they do not conceal doors and windows. Remember, overgrown foliage can provide a hiding place for criminals.
- o Place gifts where they can't be seen from the outside.
- o Be sure to mail cards, checks or gift certificates from the Post Office or at a blue U.S. Postal Service collection box.
- o Lock your vehicle and remove all the valuables. **Yes, even in your driveway.**

#### Strangers at your Door:

- o Use caution anytime there is a stranger at your door.
- o Be suspicious of unexpected sales calls or deliveries. Ask for identification.
- o Be aware of scams that criminals commit to take advantage of people's generosity during the holidays.
- o **Investigate charities before making donations.** Ask how the funds will be used.

#### Leaving for the Holidays:

- o Ask a trusted friend, neighbor or Neighborhood Watch member to watch your home.
- o Use timers for lights and radios while you're away.
- o Remember to make arrangements for mail and newspapers.

**\*\*Please Welcome our newest member Jeff Tracey (car #502)\*\***

**Talk with your neighbors, talk with your friends, and ask them to join you in preventing crime; it is just two hours a month. Remember without volunteers, we would not exist, and crime could increase.**

Protecting Rotonda West since 1981

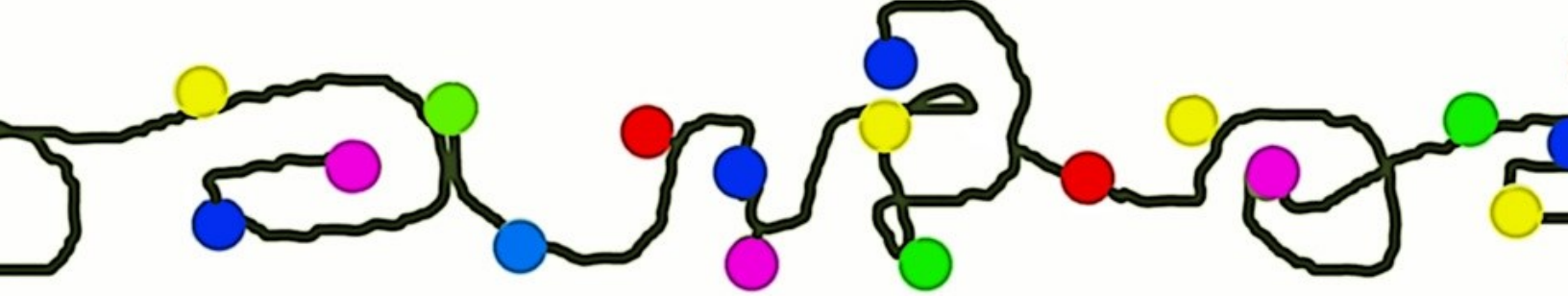
David W Perry -President- 941-828-1584

[www.rotondawestneighborhoodwatch.com](http://www.rotondawestneighborhoodwatch.com)

Facebook @ Rotonda West Neighborhood Watch

If you see something—say something...Call the CCSO Non-emergency number at 941-639-0013





## STROLL INTO THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT

**BY: PATTIE MIHALIK**

There will be one more fun way for Rotonda West residents to get an early start on enjoying the holidays. For the first time this year the RWA will sponsor a holiday stroll that will include a short walk around the lake, holiday entertainment, a visit from Santa Claus, even a chance to walk away with some unique Christmas decorations.

Co-chairs of the event to take place in Broadmoor Park on Sunday, December 3 are Karen Harvey and Linda Kelly. The two women have been brimming with energy and ideas as they planned the inaugural event. It all started, Karen said, when RWA bought new Christmas decorations to replace what they have been using for about a decade. The idea was they wanted to honor those who made the past decorations and to find a unique way to extend the life of the older decorations.

It was decided to put the decorations on display around the lake. Anyone who wants to take one home can simply fill out a tag claiming it. If multiple people sign up for the same decorations there will be a drawing to pick the new owners. It adds a game show element to the event. Some of the decorations are huge and will require a big space while others will enhance any holiday display. It will certainly add a fun twist to the stroll around the lake. There will be golf carts for those who can't walk. Every 25 feet a different decoration will be highlighted.

Inside the community center entertainment will take place from 3:30 to 6 p.m. Cary Price, assistant manager of Fletcher Music center, will entertain with his unique style that gets the audience involved. "The audience always loves his performances. It's a lot of work to transport and set up an organ that size and he does it all without charge," noted Karen Harvey.

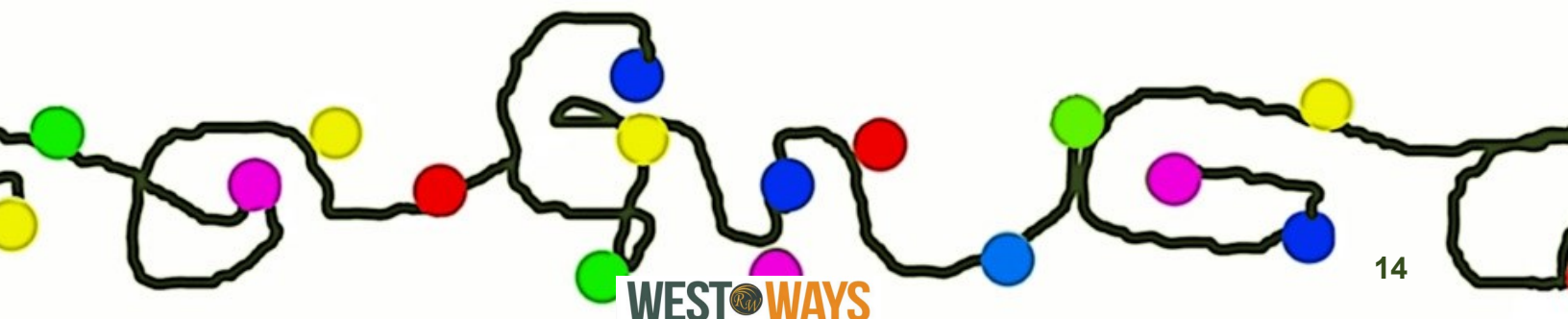
Adding to the Ahh factor, a highlight of the day will also include a holiday program of songs by the student chorus of Myakka and Vineland Elementary Schools. There will be plenty of opportunity for photos with Santa, The GFWC Rotonda West Women's Club will provide cookies while the Hills restaurant will donate hot chocolate.

Just call it treats for everyone.

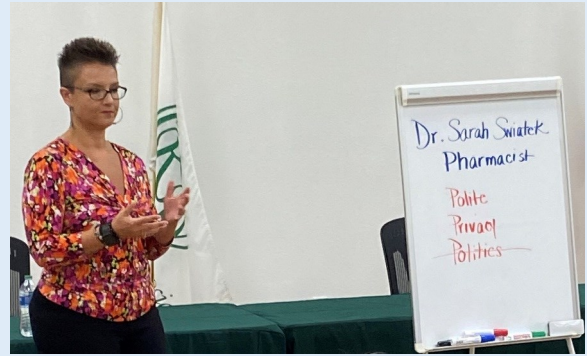
It's one more way to get in the holiday spirit with your family and friends.



**Co-chairs Linda Kelly on left and Karen Harvey on right with decorations**



# ASK THE PHARMACIST RETURNING IN DECEMBER



Dr. Sarah Swiatek presenting at  
September "Ask the Pharmacist"

Hello to you!

I hope the transition into the fall months finds you all well! A friendly reminder that we are now in the Medicare Open Enrollment season! If you need to renew or update your benefits, make sure to check in with a broker or call 1-800-MEDICARE to inquire about next year's plans and opportunities. The plan you have right now may change, or you may be eligible for some new benefits. Be prepared to discuss your financials and current healthcare needs. It's important to remember that our health can change in an instant... be mindful not to under-insure yourself with the idea that you want to save a few dollars. Too often I have seen patients hit hard later financially because they didn't buy enough insurance. If you're unsure how to find a broker, often times there are individuals in the pharmacies or big box stores who can help. Sometimes the senior center, your peers, or even a Google search might offer some options.

The next "Ask the Pharmacist" event will be offered on December 7 at 3pm in the RW Community Center. This will be a discussion group format where we share information together. There will be two parts: one featuring how to read labels on OTC medications, the second will be called "Proceed with Caution", where I share stories of common behaviors that may lead to unintended consequences. I encourage you bring an OTC item from home, for us to use as an example for the first part of the discussion. As before, you are also invited to bring anything that makes you comfortable for our hour visit: friends, layered clothing, a pen and paper, a beverage....

Also I will collect self care items to share amongst those in need within our community - think "dollar store" perhaps.... Soaps, shampoo, feminine hygiene...

If you have any questions ahead of our meeting, you're welcome to reach me at [SrxSwi@gmail.com](mailto:SrxSwi@gmail.com).



Be well!

Dr. Sarah Swiatek Pharm.D. R.Ph.



*U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary  
Public Affairs*

U.S. Department of  
Homeland Security  
**United States  
Coast Guard  
Auxiliary**



23 Oct 2023

Contact: Charles Truthan  
Public Affairs Officer  
352-266-0460  
[ctruthan@gmail.com](mailto:ctruthan@gmail.com)

<http://cgaux.org>

## News Release

This next 2 Public Education classes are:

**Nov 4: *GPS-Navigation for Mariners!*** In person training at the HOA building here in South Gulf Cove. 8:00 am (8 hours) Reviews the basic navigation principles: Use of Charts/Instruments; locating Aids to Navigation and Hazards; locating destinations; use of Time-Distance-Speed; using waypoints, routes and tracks in your GPS equipment.

**Dec 9: *Boat America!*** In person training at the HOA building here in South Gulf Cove. 8:00 am (8 hours) Participants learn about the basics of Boating Safety. You also earn, upon successful completion of course and test, your State of Florida **Boating Safety Card**. This is *required for all those born on or after 1 January 1988*. Preregistration is required for all classes.

Call us at 941-249-5848 to learn more, or email to [abbrenle.uscgaux@gmail.com](mailto:abbrenle.uscgaux@gmail.com)

If you have any questions or want to discuss anything nautical related, stop by our trailer during the Farmer's Market every Sunday. You can sign up for a Free Vessel Safety Check, get on our email list for PE class information as well as talking to us about membership in the Auxiliary!

*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](http://www.cgaux.org)





**GFWC Rotonda West Woman's Club, Inc.**  
**Gwen Grace, President**



The GFWC Rotonda West Woman's Club has had another busy month.

The first Annual National Day of Service was on September 30<sup>th</sup>, and we held food drives in two locations benefiting three local food pantries. Over 900 lbs. of food and other items were donated along with monetary donations. In addition, on October 17<sup>th</sup> our One Blood drive was well attended with 45 units of blood donated.



**FOOD DRIVE WORKERS AT  
1ST ANNUAL NATIONAL DAY  
OF SERVICE**



**GFWC WOMAN'S CLUB HOSTS THE ANNUAL FALL  
BAZAAR AT THE RWA COMMUNITY CENTER**



**"COOKIES  
BY THE  
POUND"  
AT THE  
FALL  
BAZAAR**

The October 21<sup>st</sup> Fall Bazaar was a wonderful day, and we thank all those who attended and brought cookies, crafts and purchased raffle tickets.

The November General Meeting at the RWA Activity Center is on Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup>. Refreshments and social time begin at 9:00 am. The business meeting is from 10:00 am to 11:30 am. We will be collecting toys to benefit the Jubilee Center's Christmas Shoppe.

If you are interested in joining GFWC RWWC you are very welcome to attend. Or please go to our website at [www.gfwcrotondawest.org](http://www.gfwcrotondawest.org) for information. You can also find us on Facebook at GFWC Rotonda West Woman's Group.



**Great job to all the walkers!**

**GFWC Rotonda Woman's  
Club Walk for Alzheimer's**

President Gwen Grace stated that the event was very well-attended. The total amount raised was not yet finalized, but is expected to exceed \$3000.

**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO  
PARTICIPATED!**

# CHARLOTTE COUNTY NEWS BRIEFS

Submitted by: Sam Besase



## FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL AIR SHOW RETURNING TO CHARLOTTE COUNTY

By: Jusolyn Flower NBC 2 Fort Myers

After a two-year hiatus, the Florida International air Show is making its return to Punta Gorda in November with a premier headliner, the Thunderbirds.

The 3-day event is featuring the United States Air Force's premier jet demonstration team, the Thunderbirds as its closing headliner.

The Florida International Air Show (FIAS) is a nonprofit corporation completely run by volunteers. It provides an opportunity for attendees to learn more about aviation, space, and military services.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and runway renovations after Hurricane Ian, the previous two shows were canceled.

They are prepared to have parking for 8,000 cars, and expect 15,000 people to attend. This event generates anywhere from four to five million dollars of economic impact for the area.



### DETAILS:

**When:** Saturday, Nov. 4th and Sunday Nov. 5th Gates open at 9 a.m. Show starts at Noon.

**Where:** At the Punta Gorda International Airport. Event is held rain-or-shine.  
If the show is canceled, tickets will be honored at the next one.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO BUY TICKETS:

Online at: <https://floridaairshow.com> Tickets Prices Vary. Tickets include free parking



**SENDING GOOD WISHES TO YOU THIS  
THANKSGIVING!**

**BE THANKFUL FOR  
GOOD FOOD THAT FILLS YOUR TABLE,  
GOOD HEALTH THROUGHOUT THE YEAR,  
AND GOOD TIMES WITH  
FAMILY AND FRIENDS.**

**FROM: THE ROTONDA WEST ASSOCIATION  
AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS, THE RWA  
OFFICE & MAINTENANCE STAFF,  
AND THE WEST WAYS NEWSLETTER**



# MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS

## NOVEMBER

- Thursday, November 2nd  
RWA Open House, 6 p.m.
- Friday & Saturday, November 3rd & 4th,  
9 am -5 pm Community Garage Sale
- Wednesday, November 15th,  
Frank Levin Lecture @ 1 p.m.– 2:30 pm
- Wednesday, November 15th  
“Stop the Bleed” 6 p.m.
- Thursday, November 16th  
Treasurer Townhall & Residents  
Roundtable Noon-2 p.m.  
RWA HOA property owners only
- Thursday, November 16th  
Music in the Park featuring “The Jazz  
Rays”, a Lemon Bay High School  
Jazz Ensemble 4-5:30 p.m. at Broadmoor  
Park
- Sunday, November 19th  
BINGO! Doors open at Noon, Game play  
@ 1 p.m.
- Thursday, November 23rd & Friday, No-  
vember 24th, RWA Administration Office  
Closed for Thanksgiving
- Saturday, November 25th  
Gazebo Lighting & Boat Parade 4p.m-dark
- Tuesday, November 28th  
Meet & Greet Potluck Dinner 5 p.m.

## DECEMBER

- Saturday, December 2nd  
Christmas Parade @ 10 a.m. Toys for Tots  
& food collection for Helping Hands
- Sunday, December 3rd  
Holiday Stroll @ 3:30-6 p.m.
- Thursday, December 7th  
“Ask the Pharmacist” 3 p.m.  
in the Community Center
- Thursday, December 7th  
Annual BOD Meeting:  
5 p.m. Call to Order & Voting  
7 p.m. Election Results RWA Annual  
Meeting at the Community Center
- Sunday, December 10th  
Music in the Park, Christmas Music with  
Jonny Puma @ 4 p.m.
- Sunday, December 17th, BINGO!  
Doors open at Noon, Game play @ 1 p.m.
- **CANCELED**-Tuesday, December 26th, Meet  
& Greet Potluck Dinner @ 5 p.m.
- RWA Offices closed on Monday, December  
25th 2023, and Monday, January 1st, 2024



Rotonda West Association Neighborhood

# GARAGE SALE!

Friday & Saturday - November 3rd & 4th  
9:00 am - 5:00 pm

- Location: Homes throughout Rotonda West Association Neighborhoods.
- A list of homes selling will be posted 2 weeks prior the event.
- Questions? Send to [communityoutreach@rotondawest.org](mailto:communityoutreach@rotondawest.org) or [rlapienski@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rlapienski@sbcglobal.net)  
Please do not contact the RWA office.

## TO PARTICIPATE & SELL

Sign Up Deadline is October 20th  
Provide Your:

Name  
Address:  
Phone #:  
Email:  
Dates you want to participate.

Send to:  
Rita Lapienski  
[rlapienski@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rlapienski@sbcglobal.net)  
or  
Deb Orchard  
[communityoutreach@rotondawest.org](mailto:communityoutreach@rotondawest.org)

You will receive an email or phone call providing an RWA garage sale authorization number to post for the days' events and signage guidelines.

The Community Outreach Committee will do everything else:  
Obtain RWA Approval  
Create the address list of sellers.  
Online Advertising

## TO SHOP & BUY

An address list of sellers will post approximately 2 weeks before the event on Constant Contact.

A hard copy will be made available outside the front doors of the Community Center on the mornings of the Garage Sale.

Please be respectful to the sellers by honoring the timeframe of the event.

## NEW EVENT!

Submitted by: Rita Lapienski

**RWA Community Garage Sale,  
November 3 & 4, 9am-5pm.**

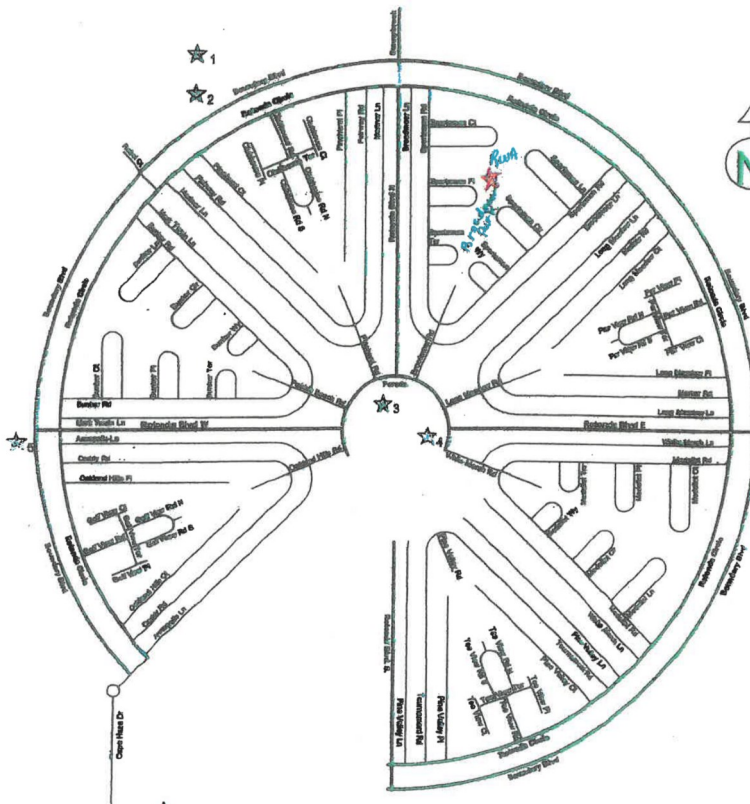
Rotonda West Association Committee Outreach Committee sponsors the 1st ever RWA Community Garage Sale.

We've had a great response with over 100 homes participating!

You can find the list of participants flyer in West Ways, at the RWA Broadmoor Park office, at the Community Center entrance (morning of each day), and on the Facebook sites of Rotonda West property owners group and Rotonda West Florida.

We have made special RWA signs posted around landmarks throughout Rotonda West, and we encourage neighboring communities to shop at the homes participating. The participants have been given a special code & made aware of the RWA sign rules. Please support our community and enjoy shopping local!

## Rotonda West



- 1 L A Ainger Middle School
- 2 Vineland Elementary School
- 3 RWBost Parking
- 4 Rotonda County Park
- 5 (2) Churches on West Blvd

Drawn: H. R. Artz  
Date: 04/01/07

**WESTWAYS**

**SEE GARAGE  
SALE  
LOCATIONS  
ON  
FOLLOWING  
PAGE**



# UPDATED & FINAL LIST



## RWA COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

(F) Friday, November 3rd  
(S) Saturday, November 4th  
9:00 am – 5:00 pm

### OAKLAND HILLS

106 Annapolis Ln, F/S  
126 Annapolis Ln, F/S  
175 Annapolis Ln, F  
228 Annapolis Ln, F/S  
232 Annapolis Ln, F/S  
12 Caddy Rd, F/S  
218 Caddy Rd, S  
220 Caddy Rd, F/S  
74 Golfview Rd, F/S  
22 Oakland Hills Ct, F/S  
5 Oakland Hills Pl, F/S  
42 Oakland Hills Pl, F

### PEBBLE BEACH

40 Bunker Ln, F  
43 Bunker Ln, F/S  
50 Bunker Ln, F/S  
51 Bunker Ln, F/S  
60 Bunker Ln, F/S  
145 Bunker Rd, F/S  
179 Bunker Rd, F/S  
195 Bunker Rd, F/S  
237 Bunker Rd, F/S  
64 Mark Twain Ln, F/S  
74 Mark Twain Ln, S  
171 Mark Twain Ln, F/S  
225 Mark Twain Ln, F  
256 Mark Twain Ln, F/S  
289 Mark Twain Ln, S

### PINEHURST

66 Clubhouse Rd, F/S  
15 Fairway Rd, S  
101 Fairway Rd, F/S  
104 Fairway Rd, F/S  
159 Fairway Rd, S  
215 Fairway Rd, F/S  
60 Mariner Ln, F/S  
160 Mariner Ln, S  
201 Mariner Ln, F  
231 Mariner Ln, S  
7 Pinehurst Ct, F/S  
27 Pinehurst Ct, F/S  
58 Pinehurst Ct, F/S  
73 Pinehurst Pl, F/S

### ROTONDA BLVD NORTH

189 Rotonda Blvd N, S  
210 Rotonda Blvd N, F/S  
251 Rotonda Blvd N, F/S  
252 Rotonda Blvd N, F/S  
267 Rotonda Blvd N, F/S  
280 Rotonda Blvd N, F

### BROADMOOR

30 Broadmoor Ln, F/S  
44 Broadmoor Ln, F/S  
231 Broadmoor Ln, F/S  
12 Sportsman Cir, F/S  
2 Sportsman Ct, F/S  
24 Sportsman Ct, F/S  
6 Sportsman Pl, F/S  
6 Sportsman Rd, F  
29 Sportsman Rd, S  
46 Sportsman Rd, S  
141 Sportsman Rd, F/S  
159 Sportsman Rd, F/S  
160 Sportsman Rd, F/S  
194 Sportsman Rd, F/S  
219 Sportsman Rd, F/S

### LONG MEADOW

37 Marker Rd, F/S  
111 Marker Rd, S  
162 Marker Rd, F/S  
186 Marker Rd, F  
212 Marker Rd, F/S  
16 Long Meadow Ln, F/S  
199 Long Meadow Ln, F/S  
242 Long Meadow Ln, F/S  
281 Long Meadow Ln, F/S

### ROTONDA BLVD EAST

195 Rotonda Blvd E, F/S  
197 Rotonda Blvd E, F/S  
213 Rotonda Blvd E, S  
251 Rotonda Blvd E, F/S  
286 Rotonda Blvd E, F/S  
291 Rotonda Blvd E, F/S

### WHITE MARSH

6 Medalist Ln, F/S  
20 Medalist Ln, F  
22 Medalist Ln, S  
23 Medalist Ln, S  
7 Medalist Pl, F/S  
29 Medalist Pl, S  
44 Medalist Pl, F/S  
37 Medalist Rd, F/S  
44 Medalist Rd, F/S  
131 Medalist Rd, F/S  
215 Medalist Rd, F/S  
19 White Marsh Ln, F/S  
57 White Marsh Ln, S

### PINE VALLEY

4 Pine Valley Ln, F/S  
84 Pine Valley Ln, F/S  
214 W Pine Valley Ln, F/S  
290 W Pine Valley Ln, F  
23 Tee View Rd, S  
29 Tournament Rd, S  
101 Tournament Rd, F/S

### ROTONDA CIRCLE

84 Rotonda Cir, F/S  
229 Rotonda Cir, F/S  
471 Rotonda Cir, F/S  
490 Rotonda Cir, F/S  
555 Rotonda Cir, F/S  
583 Rotonda Cir, F/S  
686 Rotonda Cir, S  
721 Rotonda Cir, F/S  
755 Rotonda Cir, F/S  
843 Rotonda Cir, F  
885 Rotonda Cir, F/S  
905 Rotonda Cir, F  
919 Rotonda Cir, F  
939 Rotonda Cir, F  
985 Rotonda Cir, F/S

### BOUNDARY

431 Boundary Blvd, F/S  
445 Boundary Blvd, F/S  
662 Boundary Blvd, F/S  
719 Boundary Blvd, F/S  
825 Boundary Blvd, F/S  
1150 Boundary Blvd, F/S



# ASSOCIATION OFFERS TOWN HALL & RESIDENTS ROUNDTABLE TO ANSWER BUDGET & FINANCE QUESTIONS



RWA Treasurer Sam Besase answers members questions at October Townhall & Roundtable event

**RWA TREASURER  
TOWN HALL &  
RESIDENTS ROUNDTABLE**

**RWA COMMUNITY CENTER**  
646 Rotonda Circle, Rotonda West

**DON'T MISS THIS INFORMATIVE EVENT!**

**November 16th, Thursday Noon - 2:00 pm**  
In-person & Zoom

**Ice Cream Social before we begin!**

**INFORMATIONAL**  
**GET ANSWERS TO FAQs**  
**YEARLY ASSESSMENT**  
**WHAT DOES IT COVER?**

**BUDGET INCOME STREAMS**  
Assessments  
Interest  
Estoppels  
Transfers  
Fines

**RESERVES/CDARS**  
**LIENS & FORECLOSURES**

**MAJOR BUDGET EXPENSES**  
Canal Maintenance - Canal Bank Mowing - Legal  
Wages - Employees - Taxes - Licenses - Insurance - Audit  
Community Outreach - Election - Utilities - Tech Support  
Office Equipment & Supplies - Printing & Postage  
Vacant Lot Mowing - Community Center Expenses

- Free Ice Cream before meeting begins
- Bring a neighbor to the RWA Treasurer Town Hall/ Roundtable
- Ask questions about RWA Finances
- Get answers to Frequently Asked Questions from the RWA Treasurer and the RWA Manager
- Meeting is also on ZOOM and will be recorded to be viewed later at any time
- Members of the RWA Budget and Finance Committee will be in attendance
- Members of the RWA Community Outreach Committee will be in attendance

**THE THIRD TOWNHALL & RESIDENTS ROUNDTABLE EVENT  
WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH FROM NOON-2 P.M.  
IN THE COMMUNITY CENTER.**

**DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK WITH RWA MANAGER  
DERRICK HEDGES AND RWA TREASURER SAM BESASE ABOUT  
ROTONDA WEST ASSOCIATION FINANCES**



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



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!



# OPEN HOUSE

November 2nd

6 - 8 pm

RWA  
Community  
Center

646 Rotonda Circle

Questions? [communityoutreach@rotondawest.org](mailto:communityoutreach@rotondawest.org)  
Please do not contact the RWA Admin Office.



Aquatics Committee  
Building & Grounds Committee  
CERT  
Charlotte County Sheriffs Office  
Charlotte County Tax Collector  
Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 99  
Community Outreach Committee  
Compliance Committee  
Election Committee  
Englewood Fishing Club  
Fellowship Church  
Fiesta Association  
Game Playing Clubs

Meet & Greet  
Charlotte County Mosquito & Aquatic Weed Control  
MSBU Stormwater  
MSBU Streets and Drainage  
Neighborhood Watch  
Residential Modification Committee  
RMC Deed Restrictions Committee  
Rotonda West Elks Club  
Rotonda West Yacht Club  
Rotonda West Association Staff  
Ukulele Club  
West Ways Newsletter  
And more!



Sunday  
November 19th  
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

DOORS OPEN AND TICKET SALES BEGIN AT 12:00  
NO SEAT SAVING.

Questions? [communityoutreach@rotondawest.org](mailto:communityoutreach@rotondawest.org)  
Please do not contact the RWA Admin Office.

646 Rotonda Circle RWA Community Center	Must be 18 to play.	Play begins promptly at 1:00 pm	Event open to RWA residents, renters, and their guests.	Snacks & water available, or bring your own. Covered beverage container please.
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Community Outreach Committee



## Gazebo Lighting ~&~ Boat Parade

November 25th, 2023  
Oakland Hills Marina Parking Lot  
100 Rotonda Circle

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Event Times: 4:00pm til dark

Blacken Blues BBQ Food Truck  
Classic Cars  
Fire Truck  
Write a Letter to Santa  
Treats

Music by The Elderly Brothers  
4:30 pm: Santa Arrives  
5:45 pm approx: Boat Parade  
6:00 pm: Gazebo Lighting

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Parking only at the Golf Course  
No parking at the Marina

Please do not contact the RWA Admin Office



[Communityoutreach@rotondawest.org](mailto:Communityoutreach@rotondawest.org)



# STOP THE BLEED

SAVE A LIFE

COMMUNITY  
OUTREACH COMMITTEE  
**RWA**  
EMERGENCY  
PREPAREDNESS SERIES

Wednesday  
November 15th

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm  
RWA  
Community Center  
646 Rotonda Circle

No cost.  
Welcome RWA residents,  
renters, and their guests.  
Please do not contact the  
RWA Admin Office.  
Questions:  
[communityoutreach@rotondawest.org](mailto:communityoutreach@rotondawest.org)

You are invited to  
"Stop The Bleed" life-saving  
training.

Your instructor is  
John Blanchette.

This is an  
American College of Surgeons,  
Committee on Trauma  
course.

Certificates of completion  
will be issued to those who  
successfully  
complete this 2 - hour course.

This is a hands-on course.  
You will be trained in how  
to apply pressure  
with hands,  
apply dressing,  
and apply a tourniquet to  
Stop The Bleed.

3 to 5  
MINUTES



Average time  
for a person to  
bleed out.

7 to 10  
MINUTES



Average time for  
first responders  
to arrive.

40%



Trauma related  
worldwide  
due to loss of  
blood.





## NEW PERFORMERS FOR MUSIC IN THE PARK

Submitted by: Rita Lopienski

Music in the Park, November 16, 4:00pm.  
RWA supports local musicians, youth & education, & this afternoon we will feature our local high school, Lemon Bay High School's Jazz Ensemble, the Jazz Rays. They will be playing some jazz standards along with holiday tunes. At this Music in the Park you can also individually donate cash or a check, payable to Lemon Bay Band Boosters to help support their programs.



## Music in the Park

Lemon Bay High School Jazz Ensemble

### THE JAZZ RAYS

Bring your snacks, beverages and outdoor seating.

THURSDAY  
NOVEMBER  
16TH

BROADMOOR  
PARK  
646 ROTONDA  
CIRCLE

4:00 pm -  
5:30 pm

RWA supports local musicians and education.

On this afternoon, we will feature our local high school, entertaining us with jazz standards along with holiday tunes.

You can also individually donate by cash, or a check payable to Lemon Bay Band Boosters to help support their programs.

Welcome RWA members, residents, renters, and their guests. No cost.  
Please do not contact the RWA Admin Office.  
Questions? [communityoutreach@rotondowest.org](mailto:communityoutreach@rotondowest.org)

 Rotonda West  
Association  
Community Outreach Committee

## MEET & GREET

### Happy Hour



Wednesday  
November 1st  
at 5pm

FOR ALL ROTONDA RESIDENTS (THAT INCLUDES SANDS, LAKES, HEIGHTS, ETC) AND GUESTS. ROTONDA COMMUNITY PARK ON PARADE CIRCLE. BYOB, BRING A SNACK IF YOU WOULD LIKE!

**COME MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS AND MAKE SOME NEW FRIENDS AND HAVE SOME FUN!!!!**

LOOK FOR NOVEMBER MEET & GREET  
LUNCHEON INFORMATION  
ON CONSTANT CONTACT

## MEET & GREET

### POTLUCK

Tuesday, November 28th 25th from  
5-7pm  
RWA Community Center -646 Rotonda Circle  
Open to all RWA members and their guests

**Bring a dish to share, and your drink of choice and cup. We will provide the rest of the tableware.**

To try and even out the dishes, we are **suggesting** the following (we will rotate this every month):

If your last name begins with:

- A-H -Salad or Side Diss
- I-P - Main Dish
- Q-Z- Dessert

(ie: casseroles, baked pasta dish, etc.)



**This is a great way to meet your neighbors and make new friends!!!**

 Rotonda West Association

Presented by the  
Community Outreach  
Committee

 There will be  
a 50/50 pot



**WANT TO BE IN THE PARADE?  
COMPLETE REGISTRATION FORMS  
(ON FOLLOWING PAGES)  
OR REGISTER ONLINE AT: ROTONDAWEST.ORG.  
(under forms)**



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**  
**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP, CONTACT:**  
**Pam at 616-540-7557**  
**or email: [parade@rotondawest.org](mailto:parade@rotondawest.org)**



# Rotonda West Association

**Christmas Parade – Saturday, December 2, 2023, at 10:00 am**

**Theme – Santa's Workshop...Toys-Toys-Toys**

**NEW PARADE ROUTE:** The parade will stage at Fellowship Church parking lot at Rotonda West Blvd.. It will travel east along Parade Circle then North on Rotonda Blvd North, turn east on Rotonda Circle to the Rotonda West Community Center at 646 Rotonda Circle. The judging stand will be located at the entrance to Broadmoor Park.

**Santa has already agreed to be part of this event. Please DO NOT include a live impersonator as part of your entry. Thank you for your cooperation.**

Mail or drop off during business hours the completed & signed Entry Forms

**Entry Deadline is**

**Thursday November 16, 2023 at 5 pm**

TO: Rotonda West Association

Parade Committee

46 Rotonda Circle

Rotonda West, FL 33947

Or

Scan and send to [parade@rotondawest.org](mailto:parade@rotondawest.org)

**Complete parade packages and instructions will be mailed to each group.**

There is **no entry fee** for the parade.

In the event of heavy rain, the parade will be cancelled.

For insurance purposes, float/vehicle participants **CANNOT** throw any candy, beads or other items off the float/vehicle on the parade route. You **can** walk and distribute.

State law requires each operator of a towing vehicle be responsible for seeing that their trailer is properly secured, and safety chains are provided. (FL Statute 316.530)





## Christmas Parade 2023

### Please Print

Type of Entry (use additional paper if necessary)

- ☐ Church/Civic Group/Non-profit Organizations
- ☐ School Bands & Marching Units
- ☐ Commercial
- ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Organization/Business/ Family/Participant: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact **at** the Parade: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Business/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Entry. Please **check all that apply**.

- ☐ Walking: Number of Participants \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Float: Platform on wheels bearing a decorated display pulled by a vehicle.
  - Float dimensions including towing vehicle: Length \_\_\_\_\_ ft.
  - No. of participants riding on float \_\_\_\_\_
  - No. of chaperones for minors riding on float other than the driver \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Automobile: No. of vehicles \_\_\_\_\_ Vehicle type(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Average Length \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Other: Golf Cart \_\_\_\_\_ ATV \_\_\_\_\_ Motorcycle \_\_\_\_\_ Misc. (Please identify) \_\_\_\_\_

Will your parade unit include animals? No \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ How many? \_\_\_\_\_ Type \_\_\_\_\_

Will your parade unit include music? No \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ /Live \_\_\_\_\_ Recorded \_\_\_\_\_

## RULES & REGULATIONS

1. Arrive on time --- staging begins at 8:45 am. Plan to arrive at staging area between 8:30am and 8:45 am. The parade begins promptly at 10:00 am. A bullhorn announcement will be made 10 minutes before the parade begins. The fire truck will sound its siren at the start of the parade.
2. Candy, beads, and other items cannot be tossed from any vehicle.
3. Stay in the assigned order unless specifically directed by a parade official.
4. Follow a straight course along the route in a cautious and safe manner.
5. Riding on and/or jumping from the hood, roof, trunk, or door frames of any vehicle is prohibited.
6. Sound systems should be placed with speakers facing the sides of the unit to minimize interference with other parade participants.
7. All units/vehicles must proceed past the end of the parade route to disembark location at the Rotonda West Community Center before stopping and/or unloading. Breakdown of floats cannot be completed on the roadway.
8. Units will have the opportunity to temporarily stop in the judge's zone for viewing and judging. If entertainment is part of your participation, you will be limited to thirty (30) seconds to perform, otherwise keep the procession moving.
9. Santa impersonators are **strictly prohibited** and will be asked to either remove the costume or leave the parade. There are NO EXCEPTIONS.

### Agreement/Waiver of Participation

The organization and individuals involved agree to the above rules and regulations and assume all risk, injury or damage to persons or property which may arise by virtue of the entrant's participation in the Rotonda West Christmas Parade. The undersigned, individually, and on behalf of all members, guests and participants hereby release and agree to hold harmless the Rotonda West Association, the Parade Committee, staff and volunteers for any loss, damage, or injury, which may occur during this event.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name (Please Print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



Do you want to be judged for awards? Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Award Categories are:   \*Spirit of Christmas  
                                  \*Best Use of Theme  
                                  \*Best Performance  
                                  \*Best Organization (Club, Civic, Religious, Non-profit)  
                                  \*Best Commercial Business

**Parade Unit Information**

Entry Description

Company/Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Entry: Must be a Holiday theme or related to the theme: "Santa Workshop"

Name of Sponsor (if different from the organization) \_\_\_\_\_

Please write a brief description of your entry. This will be read by an announcer during the parade judging. Please print clearly or type.

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## COME HAVE FUN AT THE ROTONDA WEST CHRISTMAS PARADE

Register online at

**Rotondawest.org**

If you have questions, please email: [parade@rotondawest.org](mailto:parade@rotondawest.org) or

Call 616.540.7557 Pam Pierce -Parade Coordinator

Parade entry application opens 9/1/2023 and ends 11/16/2023

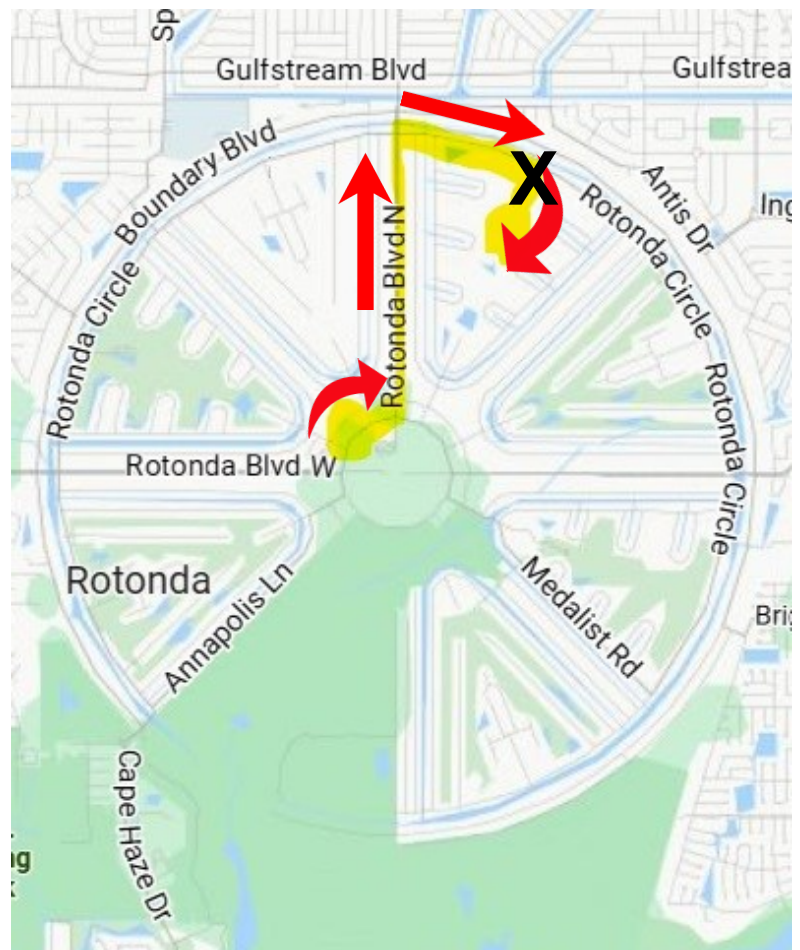
*The Marines and RWA will be collecting new unwrapped toys  
along the parade route to benefit Toys for Tots.*

*We will also be collecting food items to support Englewood Helping Hands*

*Event sponsorships are available. Call for details.*

### PARADE ROUTE

- Time: 10 a.m.
- Start: Fellowship Church on Parade Circle
- Continues on Parade Circle to Rotonda Blvd. North
- Turns right on Rotonda Circle
- Continues on Rotonda Circle to RWA Administration Office and Broadmoor Park entrance.
- Turns right into RWA Administration Offices and Broadmoor Park entrance
- “X” Marks the spot where the judges will be seated.





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