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## ROTONDA WEST ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES THE PASSING OF JACK METZ BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEMBER



Jack Metz  
3/26/1953-7/5/ 2024

Jack Metz, dedicated husband, father and grandfather, community servant, beloved Sigma Betz brother, and friend to many passed away on July 5, 2024.

Jack was born in 1953 to John and Marie Metz and was raised in the Olney neighborhood of Philadelphia along with his surviving sister, Marie (Mia) Lippert. He is also survived by his loving wife and partner of nearly 30 years Christy, and children Breanne Budney Metz, Jonathan Daniel Metz and stepdaughter Julianne (Freed) Murillo (son-in-law Robert, granddaughter Camila).

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Jack lived most of his adult life in the Harleysville, PA area, and was known as a hard-working community-minded business owner as proprietor of the popular Jack's Village Restaurant. He coached his children's soccer and baseball teams and volunteered with Harleysville Fire Company. Jack is a Charter Life Member of Harleysville Fire Company and was instrumental in the formation of the Harleysville Community Ambulance where he served as President. After he closed the restaurant, Jack followed his passion for patient care, studied to become a paramedic and enjoyed 25 years in his second career in medical transportation.

Jack retired in 2017 when Christy's work took them to Seattle, WA. They lived on Bainbridge Island for 4 years where Jack took up target shooting, organic farming and raising chickens. Jack volunteered with Bainbridge Island Fire Department, teaching community first aid and CPR classes. He also helped educate Island residents on disaster preparedness in partnership with Bainbridge Prepares. As a result of his work, he was elected by the residents of the City of Bainbridge Island to Fire Commissioner in 2019 where he served until 2021, when he and Christy followed their dream and moved to Florida.

He received a bachelor's degree from St. Leo University in St. Leo, FL in 1975 and remained close with his Sigma Beta brothers for over 50 years, faithfully traveling to annual reunions in Englewood, FL and a big part of why Florida was his final destination. Always a community servant, Jack volunteered on various committees with the Rotonda West Homeowners' Association in Florida and was elected to the Rotonda West Association Board of Directors in 2022 where he proudly served until his passing. His family always came first, and his friendships were a close second, many from Olney, which he cherished deeply.

There are not enough words to express Jack and Christy's heartfelt thanks for the steadfast support of family and friends during these difficult months. Jack and Christy were fortunate to have support throughout Jack's journey, however, many suffering with cancer are unable to work to afford basic living expenses in addition to the cost of cancer treatment. In Jack's memory and in lieu of flowers, we ask that you donate to the Florida Cancer Specialists Foundation which helps cancer patients with non-medical household expenses.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date in the fall, details will be shared on Facebook.

To make a donation:

[Donate: Florida Cancer Specialists Foundation \(fcsf.org\)](https://www.fcsf.org)



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# BEAUTIFUL ROTONDA WEST, FLORIDA

Shared by Sam Besase

Photographer Unknown



# RWA COMMITTEES AT WORK

## THE RESIDENTIAL MODIFICATION COMMITTEE

Article and Photo by: Nadine Clough



The Residential Modification Committee is the sixth standing committee of the Rotonda West Association presented in our series, *RWA Committees at Work*.

To understand what makes Rotonda West a Deed Restricted Community, the roles of three committees need to be understood, along with our role as residents.

The following three committees, namely the Deed Restriction Committee, the Residential Modification Committee (RES MOD as it is often referred to), and the Compliance Committee work together to uphold the HOA rules that make Rotonda West a deed restricted community helping to protect property values.

- **Deed Restriction Committee:** advises and assists the Board of Directors in carrying out its responsibility for enforcement of the Association's deed restrictions, such as reviewing the State Legislature's Session to keep up to date on any changes adopted to the statutes and policies which govern homeowner's associations. Also, to make any recommendations, as appropriate to the Board for revisions in the Association's deed restrictions.
- **Residential Modification Committee:** reviews and approves additions or modifications to existing resident's homes or structures under a set of guidelines. Examples of changes may include: putting up fences, adding boat docks, repainting the home, or adding a new roof to name a few. A Residential Modification Application (RMA) is needed for these changes. This committee is established by Deed Restriction Committee.
- **Compliance Committee:** a mandated committee under Florida State Statute. This committee provides a review process for potential violations of the deed restriction rules.

The Residential Modification Committee is made up of volunteers who are neighbors, and who perform an important job which help keep Rotonda West a beautiful place to live, and help to keep our property values high.

Committee Meeting Time: 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month at 9:00 a.m.

Email: [residentialmodification@rotondawest.org](mailto:residentialmodification@rotondawest.org)



Committee Members L to R:  
Sitting: Loni Kiedrowski, Chair  
Barb Peszko, Tammy Birdsong  
Standing: Dale Jensen, Bob Bondeson, Cheryl Lateer.

Not pictured: David Kelly,  
Karen Hoover, Lynne Karasek




## CANDIDATES NEEDED FOR NEXT ELECTION CYCLE

Submitted by the RWA Election Committee

Do you have the desire to serve your community? Then now is the time for you to step up and become a candidate for the Rotonda West Board of Directors. Two Board seats are up for election in 2024 and Directors elected this year will serve a three-year term commencing in December of 2024 and continuing through December 2nd, 2027.

Interested, but you need some more information? We've got you covered. If you want to know more about the election process in general or what you must do to become a candidate specifically, log on to the Rotonda West website at [rotondawest.org](http://rotondawest.org), choose "Governance" from the top menu and then select "RWA Elections". Once you're on that page you will see two documents you can read and download. The first is the *2024 Election Committee Rules, Procedures and Political Campaign Guidelines* which provides information on the whole election process. The second document is the *2024 Board of Directors Candidate Packet*, and that document provides specifics on how to declare your candidacy for a Director position.

Once you've read the documents and made your decision to become a candidate, there are several action items and dates to remember:

 **Candidate Workshop-July 10, 2024**– The election committee held a candidate workshop on Friday July 10th to inform prospective candidates of what they must do to become a qualified board candidate. This workshop was able to be viewed on zoom. The workshop is available online at [Election Committee on Vimeo](#) .

**Submittal Deadline for Candidate Documents - Friday, August 9, 2024** - All candidate documents must be deposited in the candidate information lockbox located at the RWA Office at 646 Rotonda Circle no later than 12:01 p.m. on Friday, August 9, 2024. These documents can be submitted by either the candidate or their proxy.

**Election Committee Meeting to Review and Certify Candidate's Documents - Friday, August 9, 2024** - The election committee will review all submitted candidate documents at its meeting beginning at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, August 9, 2024, and finalize its recommendation to the Board regarding which candidates should be qualified/disqualified. Candidates are invited to this meeting where they will have the opportunity to correct any issues with their documents.

# BINGO

(1 TO 15) (16 TO 30) (31 TO 45) (46 TO 60) (61 TO 75)

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5	24	33	60	68
8	29	FREE SPACE	49	64
14	17	37	52	66
12	18	38	53	67

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**BINGO IS RETURNING  
IN SEPTEMBER!**

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED  
TO ASSIST THE COMMITTEE  
MEMBERS IN RUNNING  
THESE GAMES!**

**JOB OPPORTUNITIES:**

- **HELP WITH SET-UP**
- **HELP SELL THE PACKETS**
- **HELP CHECK NUMBERS**
- **HELP WITH CLEAN-UP**

**If you can help, please contact:**

**[communityoutreachcommittee@rotonda.org](mailto:communityoutreachcommittee@rotonda.org)**



## NORMA

**NORMA LIKES THINGS  
TO BE DONE IN THE  
PROPER ORDER**



- 1.) DECIDE TO DO A PROJECT ON THE OUTSIDE OF YOUR ROTONDA WEST ASSOCIATION HOME OR ON THE PROPERTY.
  - 2.) DOWNLOAD A RESIDENTIAL MODIFICATION APPLICATION FROM THE ROTONDA WEST WEBSITE, OR PICK UP THE RMA FORM FROM THE OFFICE.
  - 3.) READ AND FILL OUT THE FORM GIVING A COMPLETE DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION OF THE PROPOSED WORK, MATERIALS TO BE USED, AND COLORS AND INCLUDE ANY MANUFACTURER'S BROCHURE.
  - 4.) SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION BEFORE 12 NOON THE FRIDAY BEFORE THE RESIDENTIAL MODIFICATION COMMITTEE MEETING.
- \* THE RMC MEETS THE 2ND AND 4TH TUESDAY OF THE MONTH**
- 5.) WAIT FOR APPROVAL BEFORE BEGINNING YOUR PROJECT. A \$50 FINE WILL BE IMPOSED IF WORK IS STARTED BEFORE APPROVAL



Above:  
Fire Marshall  
Kyle Brooks

Rotonda West  
Association  
Community Outreach Committee  
Presents



## EMERGENCY RESPONSE TRAINING

Automated External  
Defibrillators (AED)

### AED/CPR

Cardio-Pulmonary  
Resuscitation (CPR)



Above:  
Lieutenant  
Joshua Jacobs  
Paramedic

On July 10th the Community Outreach Committee presented a “Hands On” CPR & AED training class for residents. This event offered life-saving information on what to do if someone collapses. It also gave the audience an opportunity to try out the techniques on mannequins while supervised by two members of the Englewood Emergency Response Team.

Before the “hands-on” segment, presenters Fire Marshall Kyle Books, and Lieutenant and paramedic Joshua Jacobs explained the first steps to take if you see someone is down. It is vital to quickly assess the situation and then take steps to help.

- Start with a “look, listen, and feel” approach
- Ask the person, “Are you ok?”
- If no answer, firmly rub your knuckles on their sternum
- If no response, check for a pulse
- Count to ten while checking pulse
- Start CPR (to the beat of “Stayin Alive” by the Bee Gees)
- If people are with you, point to someone and say “Call 911”
- If there is an AED available, point to someone to get it
- Follow the directions the AED will give you
- If there is not AED available, continue CPR until someone can relieve you.
- If you are alone, call 911 first, then begin CPR



Firemen supervise the  
“Hands-On” training

In addition, the presenters reviewed what to do if someone is choking, or if you are choking and by yourself. Both scenarios require what is now called the “Abdominal Thrust”. The term “Heimlich Maneuver” is no longer used.

If you would like to take this training to the next level and become certified, contact the American Heart Association for details.

Story and pictures by: Nadine Clough



# CHARLOTTE COUNTY CANDIDATES HOLD FORUM AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER IN ROTONDA WEST

Article & Pictures by: Nadine Clough



Charlotte County Candidates L to R: Ryan Barber, Bill Prummell \* (Sheriff); David Kalin Jr., Leah Valenti\* (Supervisor of Elections); David Kesselring, Joseph Tiseo\* (County Commissioner District 5); Bill Truex \*, Hal Daniels, *not in attendance* (County Commissioner District 3). \*Incumbent

On Wednesday, July 10th the Rotonda West Homeowners Association along with the GFWC Rotonda West Woman’s Club hosted a Charlotte County Candidates event for residents of Rotonda West and surrounding areas. An impressive slate of candidates were in attendance both sitting at the main table and in the audience. The event was well-attended with a live audience of 80 people and another 20 attending on zoom.

Gwen Grace, president of the Woman’s Club, and Sam Besase, RWA Board of Directors member and its treasurer, were the hosts for the evening’s event. Ms. Grace introduced the candidates and explained the rules regarding the length of their respective speaking time. The candidates then had an allotted time to give information on their backgrounds, education, and work experience. They also presented their positions on important issues that affect Charlotte County residents.

Following the presentations, a question & answer segment for the candidates was run by Sam Besase. These written questions were submitted earlier in the evening by the attending audience. The questions asked of the candidates were relevant and varied, from inquiring about moratoriums on car washes & storage units, to water & sewer capacity for the future, to budget issues in the Sheriff’s department, to supervision of elections. The evening wrapped up with closing statements by the candidates, followed by an opportunity to speak to the candidates after the event.

This forum offered a chance to become a better informed voter, and to get a better understanding of how our local government works.

Thank you to everyone who helped to make this event possible.



Host Gwen Grace



Sam Besase conducts question & answer segment

**ELECTION DATES : PRIMARY ELECTION AUGUST 20, 2024**  
**GENERAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 5, 2024**



# COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (CERT) OF CHARLOTTE COUNTY

The Charlotte County Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area. CERT members learn to assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help. CERT members also are encouraged to support emergency response agencies by taking a more active role in emergency preparedness projects in their community.



The CERT program is a hands on all-risk, all-hazard training. This valuable 3-day course is designed to help you protect yourself, your family, your neighbors and your neighborhood in an emergency situation.

## CERT training consists of the following classes:

- **Disaster preparedness:** Instructs team members how to prepare themselves and their community for the various types of hazards that may occur.
- **Team organization and disaster psychology:** Learn to work well in a team setting under stressful emergency event.
- **Fire safety:** Covers proper techniques for preventing and extinguishing small fires.
- **Medical operations:** Conduct triage, establish medical treatment areas, and provide basic first aid for victims.
- **Basic search and rescue:** Learn search and rescue planning, techniques, and rescuer safety.
- **Terrorism Awareness:** Define terrorism, terrorist goals, weapons, and indicators of a terrorist attack.

## CERT's Role in the Community

The Charlotte CERT program has a role for everyone. Members use a combination of CERT training and community knowledge to serve their neighbors in a time of disaster.

Charlotte County has over 400 CERT members that serve the community during a disaster as shelter workers, call center operators, and as a support role during wildfires. CERT members also participate in public outreach events, support Fire & EMS by providing first aid at large events and provide lifesaving training throughout the community.

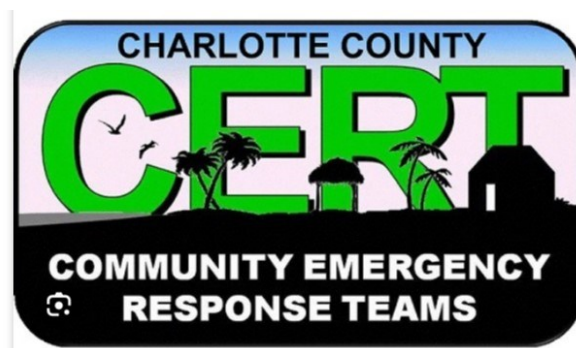
## Become a CERT Member

The three-day Basic Training is scheduled on a quarterly basis. Training is at no cost and open to the public. Anyone under 18 needs to fill out a [parent consent form](#) to attend training. For more information about the program, email [CharlotteCountyCERT@gmail.com](mailto:CharlotteCountyCERT@gmail.com).

**The next Charlotte County training for CERT is Tuesday August 20 (8-3:30), Wednesday August 21 (8-3:30), and Thursday August 22 (8-3:30) at the Charlotte County Emergency Operations Center on Airport Road.**

## Get Involved

Charlotte County CERT offers supplemental training and opportunities to volunteer. Email [CharlotteCountyCERT@gmail.com](mailto:CharlotteCountyCERT@gmail.com) for more information.



\*Information provided by Charlotte County Office of Emergency Management

# ROTONDA CERT DIVISION

Contributed by: Sam Besase

Photos by: N. Clough

The Rotonda CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) consists of about 40 volunteer residents that have completed the Charlotte County Emergency Management 3-day certification classes.

We can individually be **ACTIVATED** by Charlotte County, to respond to various emergencies to assist first responders. John Blanchette from Boundary Road is the team lead, Bernie Schmelz, former RWA resident, is also a leader and ham radio operator Doug Frazer, from Cape Haze and Sam Besase from Rotonda Circle also are in leadership roles.

Sam Besase says that he's been deployed about 2-3 times per year during his 12 years with Charlotte County CERT. Brush fires, hurricanes and other disasters are the primary reasons. In addition, there are quarterly training sessions for specialized training such as Call Center support and fire fighter rehab during disasters and shelter management emergencies.

The Rotonda CERT also puts on local CPR and AED and Stop the Bleed classes at the RWA Community Center. The Charlotte County CERT volunteers provide support for medical assistance during large local events such as the Sir Show and Waterfest.

**We are always looking for more Rotonda volunteers.**

We have a Rotonda CERT trailer located at the RWA maintenance area that we continue to equip with medical supplies and debris clearing materials such as shovels and tools.



The Rotonda CERT Trailer

Left to Right: Andy VanScyoc, RWA Board President; Derrick Hedges, RWA Manager; and CERT members Sam Besase & John Blanchette.



A look inside the CERT trailer. Volunteers are working to retro-fit the trailer and have it ready to go in case of an emergency.

Thanks to all the CERT members for their efforts to help out neighbors when needed.



# BROADMOOR PARK'S BUTTERFLY GARDEN IS BLOOMING

*Come and enjoy the trails and the garden*

*Article by: Ann Weaver*



Photo by: N. Clough

In February, many new plants were added to the Butterfly Garden, including host plants for Monarchs, Cloudless sulphurs, Gulf fritillaries, and Zebra longwings. Volunteers also planted a native plant garden adjacent to the new community patio with nectar plants for pollinators.

As shade is essential to help plants through the very hot summer months, five trees were added in the spring: two live oaks, a southern magnolia, a Geiger tree and a fiddlewood. In June, more native plants were added, including some ground covers. Some bamboo trellises were added for climbing plants, and the Broadmoor birdbath is now in the Butterfly Garden. Mulch has been added to cool the soil, keep down weeds and define the garden edges. Blooming are zinnias, pentas, beach verbena, black-eyed susans, liatris, salvia and blanket flowers. Visiting butterflies are Monarchs and Gulf fritillaries so far.

The Butterfly Garden team has plans for adding more mulch, ground cover and nectar plants, because butterflies need food also. We are constantly tackling the weeds. Garden volunteers create edges, plant, deadhead spent blossoms, select future plants and weed. Prospective volunteers can email Ann Weaver at [ann.weaver815@gmail.com](mailto:ann.weaver815@gmail.com) for more information.

**THANKS TO THE VOLUNTEERS WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED SO MUCH  
TIME AND ENERGY TO THE GARDEN!**

**ANN WEAVER, GRACE CHECUTI, MERRILL HORSWILL, DEB ORCHARD, BOB  
CLOUGH, JOHN WEAVER, KJELL PLOTKIN, KAREN COFFEE, AND GALINA LOZA**

**THANK YOU RWA MANAGER DERRICK HEDGES FOR YOUR SUPPORT**

# THE BUTTERFLY GARDEN AT BROADMOOR PARK

Pictures by: Ann Weaver



Left:

Birdbath, fiddlerwood,  
and dahoon holly

Right:

Live oak, Southern  
Magnolia, and Cocoplum



Left:

Lakeside edge on  
South Side



Right:

Geiger Tree  
in bloom



# MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS

## AUGUST

- Tai Chi  
Monday 8/5, 8/19, 8/26 @ 9 a.m.
- **HAPPY HOUR**  
(at Rotonda Community Park)  
Wednesday, August 7th @ 5 p.m.
- “Benefits of Yoga” Presentation  
by Tobeia Obertlock  
Thursday, August 8th @ 9-10 a.m.
- RWA Treasurer’s Town Hall  
Thursday August 8th @ 3-4:30 p.m.
- Music in the Park with Cary Price  
(and ice cream)  
Thursday August 15th @ 6:30 p.m.
- GFWC RWWC Drive-Thru Children’s  
Shoe Collection for Kids  
Friday, August 16th @ 9:30-Noon  
Community Center
- Trivia– *Name That Tune!*  
Wednesday, August 21st @ 6:30 p.m.



## SEPTEMBER

- **Labor Day Sept. 2nd**  
**Office & Community Center Closed**
- Music in the Park w/Jonny Puma  
(Indoor Event) Wednesday Sept. 4th  
6:30-8:30 p.m.
- Charlotte County Health & Well Be-  
ing Survey Focus meeting w/  
Gabriel Fuster Sept. 5th 1:30-2:30  
p.m. (PENDING APPROVAL)
- Tai Chi  
Monday 9/16, 9/23, 9/30
- “Ask the Pharmacist” w/ Sarah  
Swiatek Sept. 11th 2-3 p.m.
- “Keep Moving in a Chair-Chair Yoga”  
Presentation by Richard Conklin  
Tuesday, Sept. 17th @ 9-10 a.m.
- Trivia Night w/Tim *Music Bingo!*  
Sept. 18th 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- History Presentation-The Industrial  
Development of the Placida & SW  
Florida Sept. 25th 1:30-3:00 p.m.  
Community Center



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# YOGA

Lecture & Demonstration by Tabea Onerglock

**Thursday**  
**August 8th**  
**9:00am**

**RWA**  
**Community Center**  
**646 Rotonda Circle**



A presentation about what Yoga can do for the body: flexibility, strengthen joints, ligaments, and muscles, as well as relaxing the mind and much more regarding both mental and physical health.

Tabea will demonstrate a few simple and basic Yoga flows, some that can be easily done and to get a good insight into the basics of Yaga with the Sun Salutation and some other short flows.

Come for the lecture and stay for a short optional participation portion of the event. Bring a mat and wear comfortable clothes. Must be an RWA resident to actively participate. Non-residents may attend the presentation, but not actively participate in the demonstration. RWA members will need to sign a liability waiver to join the active experiential part.

Invited are RWA property owners, residents and renters.  
Questions? [communityoutreach@rotondawest.org](mailto:communityoutreach@rotondawest.org)  
Please do not contact the RWA Admin Office; they will not have additional information.

Tabea Onerglock is an RWA resident with a bachelor's degree in sport management with a specialization in sports science. She is a 200-hour registered Yoga trainer and has certification as a strength coach.







# RWA TREASURER TOWN HALL & HOA RESIDENTS ROUNDTABLE

**August 8th**

**Thursday**

**3:00 to 4:30**

In-person & Zoom

## RWA COMMUNITY CENTER

646 Rotonda Circle, Rotonda West

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

**Streets & Drainage  
MSBU**

### 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

# Rotonda Game Nights



## Summer Game Nights

By Deb Orchard

The Community Outreach Committee is continuing game night. By request, we will be moving to the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Doors open at 6pm, game begins at 6:30 and will end at approximately 8:30.

We have scheduled game night to be in the Community Center.

Tim Dowd is back with us for game night.

## TIME TO SHAKE THINGS UP !

- **August 21<sup>st</sup>** will be **NAME THAT TUNE**
- **September 18<sup>th</sup>** will be **MUSIC BINGO**

Form a team, or come as a solo player. Either way we hope you will have a lot of fun. As always, snacks and drinks (cups with lids, please) are welcome. Since we plan to be indoors, no pets are permitted.

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***Presented by the Community Outreach Committee***

# JOIN THE FUN



## *Music in the Park*

8/15 @ 6:30 – Cary Price from Fletcher’s Music (with ice cream)

9/5 @ 6:30 - Jonny Puma

10/3 @ 6:30 -Rotonda Ukulele Band

11/13 @ 4:00 – Lemon Bay H.S. Jazz Band

12/4 @ 5:00 – Jonny Puma  
(Christmas Music)

12/18 @ 6:30 – Cary Price  
(Christmas Music)



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



Please help us make the “Kicks for Kids” sneaker drive one of the best we’ve ever had. This is the 5th annual drive that the GFWC Rotonda West Woman’s Club has held. The Florida sales Tax Holiday for Back to School is from July 29th to August 11th. The drop off for donations is **Friday, August 16th from 9 a.m. to noon** at the RWA Community Center. Please see the flyer below for other information.



## Kicks for Kids

Please help GFWC Rotonda West Woman’s Club  
provide new sneakers for Kids’ Needs of  
Englewood

**How:** Drop off pairs of new sneakers

Junior sizes: 10, 11, 12, 13, 1, 2, 3, 4, & 5 or

Men / Women sizes 6 - 13

*July 29 - August 11 is a tax-free holiday for back-to-school items*

**When:** Friday Aug 16<sup>th</sup>

**Where:** Rotonda West Association (RWA) Community Center  
646 Rotonda Circle, Rotonda West, FL 33947

**Time:** 9am – noon

**Contact for further info:**

Jennifer Cope [jennylynncope@gmail.com](mailto:jennylynncope@gmail.com) 816-678-4045

Clare Imrie [clareimrieuk@hotmail.com](mailto:clareimrieuk@hotmail.com)

**Thanks for your support!**

**GFWC Rotonda West Woman's Club**

Presents

**Fall Fashion Show and Luncheon Fundraiser**

**Thursday 10th October  
11 am - 2 pm**

Heron Creek Golf & Country Club  
5302 Heron Creek Blvd, North Port

Featuring Fashions By  
Anthony's Ladies Apparel

**\$50 per person**

Includes three course lunch with choice of  
Chicken Cordon Bleu or Salmon Dioria  
Cash Bar

For Tickets and Sponsor information,  
contact Karen Lambert at 231-357-1167 or email  
kmlambert168@outlook.com

Proceeds will benefit Englewood Kids' Needs  
and Lemon Bay High School Scholarships



GFWC RWWC is a 501(c)3  
non-profit organization.

[www.gfwcrotondawest.org](http://www.gfwcrotondawest.org)

**COMING SOON!**

The Fall Fashion Show and Luncheon Fundraiser will be held on October 10th. We still have some tickets available and are looking for sponsors who would like to help make this event a success.

Our next General meeting is Thursday, September 19th at the RWA Community Center. The social hour begins at 9 a.m. and the business meeting starts promptly at 10 a.m.

Please go to our website at

[www.gfwcrotondawest.org](http://www.gfwcrotondawest.org)

for information about upcoming events and who we are and what we do. You can also find us on Facebook at GFWC Rotonda West Woman's Group.



August, 2024

Submitted by David Perry

August 1<sup>st</sup> is U.S. Air Force Day, and the 4<sup>th</sup> is U.S. Coast Guard Day. We thank all those who have served our county, not just on these two days but all days. In fact there are 100's of special days throughout the year; no matter what you are celebrating, just be careful out there and know your surroundings.



Is someone taking care of your home while you are away?? According to the Charlotte County Sheriff's Office, Home Security depends on good visibility. Plants should be kept trimmed, especially around doors and windows where someone could hide. One of the best sources of protection around your home is exterior lighting, ones that are motion-sensored or ones that come on a night. Make sure you have a neighbor or property management company keep an eye on your home while you are away.

Charlotte County requires you to register your home alarm system with the Sheriff's Office. Registration is super easy- <https://ccso.org/PublicInterest/pdf/AlarmRegistration2012.pdf>

#### Beware of a New Text Message Scam:

Recently those with the Florida Sunpass have been receiving text messages similar to this, *"Florida Sunpass, our records indicate that your vehicle has an unpaid toll invoice. To avoid additional charges of \$\$75.90 please settle your balance \$7.59 at <https://sunpasstollbill.com>"* This is a scam, do not click on the link. Notice the typos in that text; an outward sign of it being fraud. If you need to check your balance always do it through your computer OR a new web browser on your phone...

#### Beware of Skimmers at Gas Pumps

A few tips to avoid a skimmer scam; (1) make sure the gas pump panel is closed, (2) wiggle the card reader to check if it is loose, and (3) THEN insert your card.

-If you are concerned about being scammed at the pumps, you can always pay inside.

-Monitor your credit card statements regularly for unwanted charges and report those immediately. Don't forget to request a new credit card.



Have you considered being a Base Station? Do you know of anyone that doesn't like to drive at night, but would be willing to be a Base Station? Please let us know, as we are seven bases short of a full schedule and I know many doing more than one night a month, which I greatly appreciate! If you do, contact me.

See you at our next meeting on August 20th, at 10:00 am in the Community Center. Best Regards, David Perry.

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## **ATTENTION 2024 VOLUNTEERS**

**You are responsible for filling out your own JOB LOG**

# **NEW VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER GUIDELINES**

**Dear Members,**

**In an effort to reach a compromise on the often controversial topic of who is invited to the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner held each spring, and the confusion on whose dinner will be paid for, the BOD approved new guidelines at their May meeting.**

**These guidelines will begin this year, 2024, and will be implemented at the March 2025 Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. It is important that you read and understand these guidelines so that you can begin to keep track of your volunteering for 2024. The Guidelines and the Job Log are on the following pages.**

**The Rotonda West Association values its volunteers and wants to properly and fairly acknowledge them all.**

**Thank you.**

# RWA VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER



WHO IS INVITED? ALL RWA MEMBERS WHO HAVE VOLUNTEERED FOR RWA EVENTS IN 2024 (JAN.-DEC)

WHOSE DINNER IS PAID FOR? DEPENDENT ON NUMBER OF VOLUNTEER ASSIGNMENTS (see below)

WHAT TYPE OF EVENT WILL IT BE? SIT-DOWN DINNER

WHERE WILL IT BE HELD? THE HILLS, ROTONDA WEST

WHEN WILL IT BE HELD? MARCH 16, 2025; Time: 5 pm Social Hour, 6 pm Dinner

**There will be two categories that RWA volunteers would fall into:**

## RED GROUP

- Any Rotonda resident who volunteered in the year 2024 for an official RWA event will be invited to the RWA Volunteer Appreciation Event.
- Any Rotonda resident who volunteered for 1-4 RWA events will have their dinner paid for, BUT will be required to pay for their spouses/guests dinner.
- All RWA volunteers will be required to track their own volunteer jobs on a provided VOLUNTEER JOB LOG form.
- All RWA volunteers must turn in VOLUNTEER JOB LOG to the Community Outreach Committee or the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner event coordinator at the end of the calendar year.

## BLUE GROUP

- Any Rotonda resident who volunteered in the year 2024 for an official RWA event will be invited to the RWA Volunteer Appreciation Event.
- Any Rotonda resident who volunteered for 5 or more RWA events will have their dinner AND their spouse/guest dinner paid for.
- All RWA volunteers will be required to track their volunteer jobs on a provided VOLUNTEER JOB LOG form.
- All RWA volunteers must turn in VOLUNTEER JOB LOG to the Community Outreach Committee or the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner event coordinator at the end of the calendar year.
- Any person serving on the one of the RWA standing committees will not be required to fill out the VOLUNTEER JOB LOG form.

Possible RWA volunteer opportunities: Committees, Christmas parade, holiday decorating, Aquatic sub-committee water sampling, butterfly garden weeding, event welcome tables, volunteer appreciation event, photography at RWA events, event write-ups for WEST WAYS, Shred Day assistance, Celebrate the Circle, RWA Open House, serving ice cream at special events, Meet & Greet help, BINGO help, and many more.

- Proposal accepted by BOD at May 9, 2024 meeting
- Proposal accepted by Community Outreach Committee at May 2024 meeting





# RWA VOLUNTEER JOB LOG (Jan.-Dec. 2024)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

**RED GROUP**

**BLUE GROUP**

RWA EVENT/JOB	DATE	COMMITTEE NAME
1.	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____
6.	_____	_____
7.	_____	_____
8.	_____	_____

At the end of the calendar year, hand in this sheet in to the Community Outreach Committee, or to the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner Coordinator.

**THANK YOU!**

**IT IS THE VOLUNTEER'S RESPONSIBILITY TO FILL OUT THIS FORM!**

RED GROUP

BLUE GROUP

Coordinator will check box

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