

ROTONDA WEST ASSOCIATION, INC
646 Rotonda Circle, Rotonda West, FL 33947
COMMUNITY OUTREACH COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES

September 3, 2025 **CORRECTED**

Present: Deb Orchard, Chair, Gwen Grace, Vice Chair, Annemarie D'Abrosca, Secretary,

Absent: Maureen Laderer, Rita Lopienski, Andy van Sycoc, Karen Harvey, Donna Stogstill,

Attending on Zoom: Merrill Horswill, Chrissy Royce, Stephen Langford, Office Staff

Guests: Nadine Clough, Sam Besase

Staff in Attendance: Denise Huffman, Joe Harris, IT Technician

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The August minutes were approved with correction.

2. RESIDENT/ MEMBER INPUT

Nadine spoke about the ongoing concerns about how to publicize events. The At-A-Glance notices were created to cut down on the numbers of flyers sent out for each event due to the added work it creates for Nadine. People still prefer flyers. Cutting down on the number of flyers sent and creating less detailed, plainer designs would help with her workload. It was discussed that perhaps similar activities i.e fitness classes. nature presentations and "fun and games" could be grouped in different flyers. Chrissy volunteered to take over At-A-Glance flyers.

Amanda in the office is now the person who will be printing flyers that are in the office.

Sam reported that the Gazebo Island work is in progress along with preparation for the Statue of Liberty replica.

3. ACTION REPORTS

a. CONSTANT CONTACT/COMMUNITY OUTREACH FACEBOOK SITE

Westways had over 2600 views in August. Constant Contact had 5828, At-A-Glance had 2,500 and Facebook has 880 members.

b. BINGO Annemarie D'Abrosca Lead

- Chrissy Royse volunteered to learn how to do the accounting function of Bingo. Gwen will teach her at the 9/21 Bingo.

c. MUSIC IN THE PARK Deb Orchard Lead

Schedule is as follows:

- Wednesday 9/24 6:30-8pm - Open Mic indoors.
- Monday 10/13 4:30-6pm "Classical Guitar from Around the World" with Edwin Culver (indoors) \$250 fee.
- Wednesday November 5, 4:00-5:30pm Lemon Bay High School Jazz Band (indoors) .
- December music will be part of the Christmas Parade.
- **Rotonda Has Talent:** No report

d. CHRISTMAS PARADE Pam Pierce Lead and Janet Mamon.

- **Parade: Pam** needs someone to coordinate volunteer parking monitors. Judge coordinator for parade floats is Tammy Birdsong, and Logistics lead is Carl Williams There will be a new prize category for best decorated golf cart.
Applications for parade participants are available at the office.

- **Gazebo Lighting and Boat Parade Karen Harvey ad Andy VanSycoc.** No report . Date is 11/29
- **Decorations Grace Chetcuti Lead** 10 people attended the first meeting of this interest group.
- **e. TRIVIA NIGHT TIM** and **Music Bingo Deb Orchard lead** Trivia 3rd Wednesday of each month @ 6:30pm. Music Bingo 1st Thursday of the month beginning in August.

f. LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS Donna Stogsdill and Merrill Horswill leads

- **Rotonda Presentations**
- **Fauna Merrill** Donna is working on a presentation entitled “Shore Birds” by May Lundeberg scheduled for 1/28/26 at 2 pm.
Donna is also working on a Presentation about Sea Turtles for March 2026
- **Flora** 11/29 9:00- 11:00 am Nature Walk with Bill Dunson.

Gardening for Wildlife is in January February Butterfly Garden March Invasive Plant project.

g. HEALTH AND WELLNESS Rita Lopienski Lead

- National Walk Your Dog Day Sunday, February 22, 2026 send your photos to West Ways.

h. MIX AND MINGLE Maureen Laderer Lead

- Happy Hour 1st Wednesday of the month at Community Park
- Lunch Resume in October (place marker)
- Potluck 4th Tuesday of each month beginning in October.

i. VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION BANQUET Gwen Grace Lead

The date has been set for March 22, 2026 at The Hills. Potential favors are being reviewed.

j. COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE Rita Lopienski Lead

- The dates for the Fall Garage Sale are November 7 & 8. Rain date is 11/9
- Dates for Spring March 13 & 14 Rain Date March 15.

k. RWA Open House Gwen Grace Lead

- The Open House will be held on November 6, 2025. "You're Invited" postcards are ready to be ordered to send out to new residents of RWA. Extras will be printed to leave in the office lobby. Gwen will be contacting potential presenters for the event.

4. NEW BUSINESS

There will be no Halloween Party due to lack of planning time.

Emergency Response Training - AED, CPR and CERT training will be held in January.

- **Presentations for Approval**

Fitness – Rita Yin Yoga Oct. 29 @ 2pm Motion by Gwen, 2nd Annemarie
Passed

Fauna Merrill "All About Alligators" Oct 22 @ 2pm Motion By Deb 2nd Gwen
Passed

Flora Merrill "How to Florida" Charlotte Lands Manager Nov 12 @ 2pm Motion by Merrill 2nd Annemarie **Passed**

Flora Merrill "A Day in the Life of a Lands Manager" Feb 25 @ 2 pm Motion by Gwen 2nd by Annemarie **Passed**

Flora Merrill “A Walk in the Park” is scheduled for April 4 Motion by Deb 2nd
Annemarie **Passed**

Open House Gwen Lead Gwen moved that we accept the date of November 6th
in the evening for the 2025 Open House **Annemarie 2nd Passed**

Meeting Adjourned at 10:20 AM Next meeting is on October 1st at 9:30 am.