



GFWC ROTONDA WEST WOMAN'S CLUB
GFWC-FL DISTRICT 12
A Proud Member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs

CHATTER

April, 2024

GFWC FLORIDA - DISTRICT 12
WHERE VOLUNTEER SERVICE
AND FRIENDSHIP MEET



NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

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It's April already and the Rotonda West Woman's Club is heading for our 50th Anniversary Celebration on May 1st. I hope you will be there to help celebrate fifty years of being GFWC RWWC! We've come a long way and I am so honored to be the Club President for this milestone

year. But of course, it couldn't happen without all the hardworking women who have given their time and leadership skills to serve our community now and in the past. The commitment and dedication of our members is very much appreciated by the organizations and the people (and animals) that we serve.

We follow in the proud traditions of our founding sisters and, I for one am grateful for the organization they have built.

April is also National Volunteer Month when we celebrate the hundreds of volunteer hours that our club members have worked. It's a time to celebrate not only our 50th anniversary but to celebrate you!! Thank you all for your time, talent, and treasure you give to the club and the community.

Keep busy, keep healthy and "Bee" all you can "Bee"!

Gwen





FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

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It is officially spring with brighter sunshine, longer days, and more young visitors to the area. I hope everyone has a wonderful time exploring our shops, restaurants, and beaches. What a beautiful place to live.

At the February General Meeting, I asked the 73 participants to fill out a short ten-question satisfaction survey. This is a way to gauge whether the club is meeting members’ expectations and to determine ways we can improve. It was also a follow-up on a similar survey done in 2021. 48 attendees answered the survey and 44% provided some recommendation or issue.

Question	Yes*	No	% Yes	2021 Survey % Yes**
I am proud to be a member of the Rotonda West Woman’s Club	48	0	100	98
I feel that our club members take seriously what our club is doing to make a difference in the community.	48	0	100	95
I feel comfortable bringing questions or problems to the President and/or the Board	43	3	70	89
I like to participate in most club activities	43	2	96	95
I enjoy going to club meetings	45	3	85	95
Communication is easy to understand and appropriate.	47	1	98	90
I am interested in the bigger picture of our GFWC organization.	32	14	69	60
I would recommend our club to others.	48	0	100	98

*Not all questions were answered by every participant, the percentages are based only on answered questions.
**The 2021 Member Satisfaction Survey was conducted using a different format and similar questions. The comparison is not absolute but provides a fair comparison of the two time periods.

Overall themes of comments were boring or lengthy speakers, a need for new fundraising ideas, less expensive activities, better integration of new members, and more hands-on activities at meetings. These were discussed at the March Board meeting and will continue to be considered as we plan meetings. Some activity or fundraising ideas presented via the survey include Wine Tasting, Home Tours, Singing Concert, Talent Show, Shopping Night, and Chocolate Fest. Anyone interested in chairing a committee to investigate any of these ideas is encouraged to talk to a Board member which includes CSP chairs.

Thank you to all who participated in this survey. It really is valuable to your club officers in planning future meetings and activities.



SECOND VICE PRESIDENT

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MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

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I hope you are enjoying our beautiful Spring! It’s a great time to take a walk, have lunch outside, or invite a neighbor to the April meeting! Many of our new members heard about the club from a friend.

Orientation will be held April 23 at 10 at the RWA clubhouse. At the May meeting, we will have an induction ceremony to formally welcome new members. Look for an email from me if you have joined but have not been inducted.



GFWC FL DISTRICT 12 DIRECTOR

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GFWC FLORIDA - DISTRICT 12 WHERE VOLUNTEER SERVICE AND FRIENDSHIP MEET District 12 Director's Report

Looking ahead! GFWC FL Convention will take place at the Rosen Hotel in Orlando the weekend of Friday, April 12th to Monday, the 14th. At the Sunday evening banquet, Sara Dessureau will be installed as the new GFWC Florida President as well as her elected board, including Terry Reese as President Elect, and Laura Connelly as 1st VP. The new District Directors will also be installed and as you know, our new District 12 Director will be Joyce Powell of GFWC Woman's Club of Port Charlotte.

The District 12 Spring Workshop will be held at the Naples Woman's Club on Saturday, May 18th. I will open the meeting, introduce Joyce, present her with her new District Director Pin and the Director's Gavel. Following that, Joyce will conduct the meeting.

Please watch for the announcement to register for the May 18th meeting at which Joyce will introduce her new District Board and announce the new District Project. Let's get things off to a great start for 2024-2026!

A celebratory poster for the 50th Anniversary of GFWC Rotonda West Woman's Club. The background is light purple with a bokeh effect and scattered gold confetti. On the right side, there are several balloons in shades of gold and white. The text is centered and reads: "50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION" in large, bold, brown serif font. Below this, a circular logo contains the text "GFWC Rotonda West Woman's Club". To the left of the logo, it says "Save the Date". Below the logo, the date "MAY 1, 2024" is written in a bold, brown serif font. At the bottom, the event details are listed: "Open House 1:00 to 3:00 pm" and the address "646 Rotonda Circle Rotonda West, FL 33947".



ARTS & CULTURE

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ARTS & CULTURE/CREATIVE CRAFTERS

Ladies we have had a busy month. Our district art competition winners will be going to State! Congratulations to Annette Carruthers, Norma Wood, Rosemary Collins, Kathy Altenburg, Glenda Sammet, and Jane Tumanic.

The convention is April 12 thru April 14 and, maybe, we will all come back with ribbons!

Ladies if you didn't make the trip to the Sea Grape Gallery in Punta Gorda, we will do it again. It has many local artists' work for viewing and many items for sale. Our own member Nancy Van Tassel has a beautiful showing of her jewelry that you don't want to miss. We also went to the Punta Gorda Visual Arts Center that had just finished having the 14th National Art Competition. There was artwork from New England, Alaska, the mid-west, and many from our Florida artists. It is a wonderful place to visit, and they offer many hands-on classes like glass fusing and sculpting.

Our crafters have been busy working on some new project ideas for our November craft sale. We will work throughout the summer and fall and will have many new projects for our sale.

If any new members are interested in joining or seeing what we are doing, you are always welcome to join us on Fridays at the community center at 9:30 am. If you have any ideas of items you think we can make, bring a sample or picture.

Thank you, Kathy Altenburg





Lunch at Laisley's Crab House

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Helping Hands Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon

Helping Hands has extended an invitation to its volunteers to attend a luncheon to be held Wednesday, April 24th; and Thursday, April 25th at 1 PM after pantry. Grilled hamburgers and chicken will be served along with sides.

Also, we will pick up again Wednesday May 1st and Thursday May 2nd sending volunteers to the Pantry. You can choose 8 am to 10:30 am or 10:30 am to 1 pm

Other dates are:

Wednesday	Thursday
07-03-24	07-04-24
09-04-24	09-05-24
11-06-24	11-07-24

Please contact Bev Dobbins if you would like to help out.
Be sure to keep track of your hours for our yearly report.

Helping Hands address is 700 East Dearborn St. where the Englewood United Methodist Church is located.



Our next **Plarn Workshop** will be held in the piano room Monday, May 6th from 10 am to 12 noon. Linda Jameson will be instructing on how to make a plastic grocery bag mat for our homeless campers.

We will then cut, tie, and roll plastic to make Plarn. It's a great time to visit with each other and contribute balls of Plarn to the ladies that crochet these useful mats that are so in demand.



COME WALK WITH US

TO HONOR AND REMEMBER

**ALL THOSE VETERANS WHO HAVE GONE
BEFORE SO THAT WE MAY LIVE IN**

PEACE AND FREEDOM

IN THE MEMORIAL MONTH OF MAY

GFWC ROTONDA WEST WOMAN'S CLUB

INVITES YOU

TO WALK AND REMEMBER

REKINDLE THE ORIGINAL SPIRIT OF MEMORIAL DAY

BY WALKING ANY OR ALL DAYS IN MAY

This is not an organized walk, but a personal, quiet tribute by you at any time. Sign-up sheets will be provided at Broadmoor Park in the RWA Activity Building Library. Sign your name (your choice) but add the Veteran's name for whom you are walking. Distance does not matter, it's the memory that counts.

On Sunday, May 26th, we will count the number of Veteran's names recorded and quietly plant a memorial garden of American Flags, that will be seen at the driveway to Broadmoor Park on the morning of Memorial Day, Monday, May 27th.

Please join your neighbors and GFWC Rotonda West Woman's Club at 9:00 am on Memorial Day Morning for a brief gathering to Read your Veteran's Name, Salute the flag, and Offer prayers for

Peace on Earth.



WATER WORLD DAY RAFFLE

GFWC Florida and the Rotonda West Woman’s Club are celebrating Water World Day by buying water purification tablets for people with water insecurity. A box of tablets costs \$40 and will purify 10,000 gallons.

Raffle tickets will still be for sale at the April General Membership Meeting. \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Basket includes a water themed picture by Laura Todd, 4 tickets to Waterfest Boat Races, a Rabbit wine/champagne sealer, Yeti Rambler cup, 2 tickets for Two on the Aisle (4/17-28/2024) at Charlotte Players, a notepad, a crocheted flamingo, two bath bombs, and an Echo Dot. Winner will be drawn at April 18th General Membership Meeting. Look for Linda Hall or Claire Imrie.



One CAN Makes a Difference

Collection boxes will be set up between March 21 and May 13, 2024, at the Rotonda West Community Center, 646 Rotonda Circle; or the South Gulf Cove Clubhouse, 14859 Ingraham Blvd. for non-perishable items to help feed our Veterans, and the women and children housed in the C.A.R.E. shelter.

If you can, please donate even just one can. Items for the Veterans should include soup, chili, tuna, vegetables, spaghetti sauce, Manwich, beef stew; and for C.A.R.E. focusing on the children housed is cereal, Pop Tarts, peanut butter, jelly, Spaghetti O’s, ravioli, soup, and beef stew.

Sponsored by the GFWC Rotonda West Woman’s Club Civic Engagement and Outreach. Contact Linda at Lindashall53@gmail.com for additional information or to request a pickup.

EDUCATION & LIBRARIES

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Three Lemon Bay High Sophomores will be attending HOBY Leadership Seminar this June, thanks to the support of our club! The Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Foundation (hoby.org) is an organization dedicated "to inspiring and developing our global community of youth and volunteers to a life dedicated to leadership, service, and innovation." Our gift of \$1,275 covers the expenses for the selected future leaders: Autumn O’Brien, Jameson Dufur, and Mariemilia Artigas.

On May 6th at the LBHS Class of 2024 Awards Night, our President Gwen Grace and I will be handing out four RWWC college scholarships of \$1,500. The Scholarship Committee was again blown away by the personal stories, academic excellence, and community involvement of the candidates. Our selected awardees each accumulated over 270 hours of service. We wanted to adopt them all!

There will be more to report in May, as we will be convening soon to select Bella Williams Continuing Education Scholarship winners. We offer two awards annually, \$1,500 each.

This year for Teacher Appreciation Week, May 6-10, we will be gifting our RWWC pens along with sweet cookie treats. Volunteers will be delivering these tokens of our support for educators to all four of our local schools. Contact Debra if you want to help.

"I touch the future. I teach." –Christa McAuliffe



ESO – BOOK CLUBS

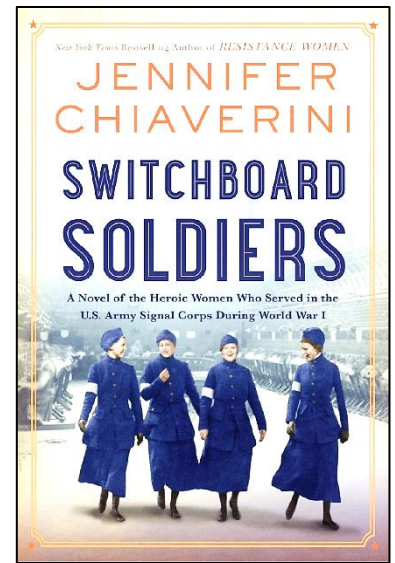
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SUGGESTED BOOK FOR APRIL, 2024

Switchboard Soldiers

Author: Jennifer Chiaverini



In 1917 during WWI, General John Pershing found he was unable to communicate with his troops in the field. Pershing needed telephone operators who could quickly connect calls, and speak fluent French and English. He began recruiting American telephone operators. These women signed up to become the U.S. Signal Corps. They broke down gender barriers in the military and battled a pandemic as they helped lead the Allies to Victory.

Submitted by Doris Walker – ESO Happy Bookers

Cruising into Literacy - ESO Spring Luncheon - hosted by the Chapter Chicks



Chapter Chicks





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ENVIRONMENT     

Water Treatment Plant Tour

Here is another opportunity for those who might be interested in touring a water treatment plant on Wednesday, April 17th. We had to make a reservation to participate but there is one spot left. This is mainly an outdoor, walking event and if anyone is interested please email Janet Rojas at Linc322@gmail.com.

Great American Cleanup

April 20 is the Great American Clean-up day at Stump Pass. This is the first year we have been a sponsor so that is exciting. While you may not be able to get a t-shirt at this point, you can still participate if you wish by emailing Glenda at Sammet@verizon.net. She has graciously agreed to take lead on this. Times, parking situations or carpool opportunities will be decided as we get closer.



ROAD CLEANUP



Photo from February 19 clean-up.



Tip of the Month

**From the World Wildlife Fund:
Green tips for a cleaner environment**

7 Ways to Reduce Your Carbon Footprint

Want to save some dollars while conserving the environment? Even few simple changes around your home can reduce your carbon footprint. From opting for a shower instead of a bath, to supplying your own reusable bags at the grocery store, you can prevent waste and pollution. Take a look at some fixes that will have you living greener in no time.

1. **Dial it down.** Moving your thermostat down just two degrees in winter and up two degrees in summer could save about 2,000 pounds of carbon dioxide per year.
2. **Turn it off.** Artificial lighting accounts for 44% of electricity used in office buildings. Make it a habit to turn off the lights when you're leaving any room for 15 minutes or more. Same goes for electronics; switch off power strips and unplug electrical devices when you're not using them.
3. **Use cold water.** Using cold water can save up to 80 % of the energy required to wash clothes. Choosing a low setting on the washing machine will also help save water.
4. **Switch to e-billing.** In the United States, paper products make up the largest percentage of municipal solid waste, and hard copy bills alone generate almost 2 million tons of CO2. Save paper by signing up for e-billing.
5. **Buy local.** In North America, fruits and vegetables travel an average of 1,500 miles before reaching your plate. Buy fresh, local food to eliminate the long distances traveled and preserve nutrients and flavor.
6. **Recycle.** You can recycle plastic bottles, paper, electronics and batteries, among other items. Learn how to properly dispose of or recycle these products and reduce consumer waste.
7. **Go solar.** Powering your home with solar panels can reduce your electric bills, shrink your carbon footprint, and increase your home's value. Let us show you how easy it is.

Pledge to help our planet and the wildlife we share it with by powering more of your life with renewable energy.

Our next committee meeting will be April 11th at 10 a.m. at the RWA Community Center. We will be discussing turtle nest sponsorships.

If you are interested in joining our committee, please feel free to contact Rachele or Janet

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RUMMAGE SALE UPDATE =Despite having fewer donations than in prior years, we still made \$2,000 in profit from this year's rummage sale. We will be making donations to the Peace River K9 Search and Rescue, and the Sonrisa Culinary Arts School and Bakery.

Peace River K9 Search and Rescue will be attending our April 18th meeting and giving us a demonstration of their K9's abilities.







FASHION SHOW LUNCHEON

Karen Lambert, Chairman, 231 357 1167 kmlambert168@outlook.com

The Fashion Show/Luncheon is scheduled for:
October 10, 2024, at Heron Creek Country Club in North Port.
The cost is \$50 per person.

The meal will be a choice of Chicken Cordon Bleu or Atlantic Salmon Doria. It includes: rolls, coffee, tea or soft drinks, with carrot cake for dessert. There will be a cash bar if you wish something alcoholic.

Tickets will be on sale at the April & May club meetings. We will be offering a \$50 cash prize to one person who is one of the first 50 women to buy a ticket!

We are looking for club members to join our committee. We need help getting prizes donated, finding sponsors, and inviting other women to the event! PLEASE see me at the next meeting. I will have a sign-up sheet if you would like to help! This will be a big event that we hope to make money for Kids Needs & Scholarships!

Karen Lambert - 231 357-1167



PENNY HARVEST COLLECTION

This year's Penny Harvest donations will again be going to Canine Companions for Independence (CCI). Please remember to keep saving those pennies or any change and turn them in to the blue and yellow dog house each month. Every little penny helps, thank you.



HEALTH & WELLNESS

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Ellen Lang, Co-chairman, 917 579 7770 grammylang@gmail.com



Hi Ladies,

Hope everyone had a good Easter and are enjoying spending time outdoors with this lovely weather, before it gets too hot!

Please join me on Saturday April 27th at 8.30am for PanCAN.org PurpleStride Walk to end pancreatic cancer, wear purple if you wish. The walk will be held in Broadmoor Park, walk as far or as little as you'd like. Everyone is invited to walk - husbands, partners, pets, friends, neighbors, etc. Learn the symptoms of pancreatic cancer and spend time enjoying beautiful Broadmoor Park with your fellow club members, neighbors, etc.

Anyone who registers at: http://support.pancan.org/goto/Rotonda_West and raises \$50, receives an official 2024 PanCAN PurpleStride T-shirt! If you'd like to walk, no registration is required, but all donations

Pancreatic Cancer Action Network
PanCAN.org PurpleStride Walk USA 2024
 GFWC Rotonda West Woman's Club & Rotonda West Association (RWA) invite you to **WALK** to help end pancreatic cancer

Date: Saturday 27th April 2024
Time: 9am
Location: Broadmoor Park (RWA)
 646 Rotonda Circle
 Rotonda West, FL 33497

Team Name: Rotonda West
Register at: http://support.pancan.org/goto/Rotonda_West
Further info: Clare Imrie, 713-825-2154
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 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

are gratefully received. The 5-year survival rate for pancreatic cancer has increased to 13% - this walk will help fund vital research to improve that number.



As some of you know, this walk is very personal to me as my lovely Mum, Gwynneth Wright, died of pancreatic cancer in May 2022, less than 4 months after she was diagnosed. The enclosed picture was taken in Edinburgh in August, 2021. Thanks for your support to help end pancreatic cancer. Please visit <https://pancan.org>, the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network website, for more information about pancreatic cancer & for general Q&A about PurpleStride.

Also please save the date of Saturday, November 2, 2024 for the Walk to End Alzheimer's - again to be held in Broadmoor Park.



The GFWC Rotonda West Women's Club is sponsoring a One Blood Drive on Tuesday, April 23, 2024, from 9 am to 3 pm. The Big Red Bus will be at the marina across from The Hills Golf and Country club, 100 Rotonda Circle, Rotonda West. Please register online at oneblood.org or contact Ellen Lang at 917 579 7770

To make an appointment to donate, please visit:

https://donor.oneblood.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/1313093

DONATE BLOOD

GFWC Rotonda West Woman's Club
Tuesday, April 23
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

All donors receive*:
 - **\$20 eGift Card**
 - **Insulated Tote Bag**
 - **Chick-fil-A Coupon**
 - **Wellness Checkup** including blood pressure, pulse, temperature, iron count, and cholesterol screening.

Location: 100 Rotonda Circle, Rotonda West, FL 33947

Appointments are encouraged, please visit oneblood.org/donate-now and use **sponsor code 39275**

ID REQUIRED

*One offer per donor per donation. No cash value. Not redeemable. Gifts may vary for more information please visit oneblood.org/oneblood

Donors Receive:
 \$20 eGiftCARD
 Amazon
 ...and more!

— PLUS —

Chick-fil-A COUPON

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

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INSPIRATIONAL THOUGHTS FOR MARCH

*If you want something you never had, you have to do something you've never done.
 If you want to get ahead, get noticed.
 If you want to get noticed, GET A HAT.*

AN IRISH BLESSING FOR MARCH

*May Love and laughter light your days,
and warm your heart and home,
May good and faithful friends be yours
wherever you may roam,
May peace and plenty bless your world
with joy that long endures,
May all life's passing seasons bring
the best to you and yours.*

AMEN

March, 2024



BEDTIME BAGS PROJECT

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Happy Spring!

The Bedtime Bags Project continues to receive sooooo much support! Thank you to the anonymous donor(s) who left fleece blankets etc. in the closet at the RWA! All items needed for the next donation to take place at the end of May have been received and are ready for distribution.

The following quarterly donation will take place at the end of August/beginning of September. I may be unavailable at that time and, therefore, am looking for a volunteer to coordinate this delivery. Please contact me if you are interested.



Want to be a GAL? Who can be a GAL?

Anyone who cares about the well-being of children and meets the following criteria:

- Florida Resident
- At least 21-year-old with common sense and good judgment
- Provide favorable references and consent to a background check.
- Has computer access and basic user skills
- Complete the screening and training process

Time Required? 8-10 volunteer hours monthly for one year. Volunteers usually can schedule the monthly visit to the child, phone calls and emails to key individuals according to the individual volunteer's work and leisure schedule. Only participation in court hearings must occur according to a schedule determined by the court. We have several members who are GALs. Ask them for information or call [\(239\) 533-1435](tel:2395331435) or go to <https://voicesforkids.org/gal-program/> for more info.

Let's keep this project moving forward!!

KNIT AND CHAT

Lois LeVasseur, Chairman, 1 941 698 9116

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In the past 3 weeks we have had the pleasure of meeting three new members, two of which have already gone through one orientation and one in the process. Welcome to: Linda, Nancy, and Lois H!!!



Work continues on items for the Fall Bazaar and other worthy projects that come up! Think Pumpkins!! Think Puppets!! Think fun and wonderful projects!!

If you would like to create an item for donation but don't have time to attend our get togethers, contact me! We'd love to see what you can do! Patterns are also available – I have included a car seat blanket which is in demand for the pregnancy center.

The Knit n Chat group meets weekly on Tuesdays at the RWA Community Center from 9:30 am to 11:30 am or so. If you would like to see what the fuss is all about, stop by! We'd love to hear from you and have you join our group.

As always, yarn donations are gratefully accepted. Let's keep the enthusiasm and creativity going!

Mock Cable Stitch Car Seat Banket

Mock Cable Stitch Pattern Instructions

Multiple of 5 + 2 stitches. For example, you can cast on (5 x 4) + 2 stitches = 22 stitches to knit a sample swatch.

Row 1: (RS): p2, * sl 1, k2, pss0, p2; re from * to end.

Row 2: k2, * p1, yo, p1, k2; rep from * to end.

Row 3: p2, * k3, p2; rep from * to end.

Row 4: k2, * p3, k2; rep from * to end.

Repeat these knitting pattern instructions (4 rows)

BLANKET INSTRUCTIOINS

Needles Size: 8 Worsted Weight Yarn

Cast on 112 stitches.

BORDER: K5 rows



When the mock cable pattern is started, K5 at the beginning and end of each row for border

Row 6: K5, **Row 3** of the Mock Cable Stitch for 102 stitches, K5

Row 7: K5, **Row 4** of the Mock Cable Stitch for 102 stitches, K5

Row 8-: Follow Rows 1-4 of the Mock Cable Stitch until **12"** from cast on/beginning, ending with Row 2 of the pattern.

NEXT ROWS CREATE THE SEAT BELT SLOT

Next Row: K50 stitches in pattern, bind off 12 stitches, K50 stitches in pattern

Next Row: K50 stitches in pattern, cast on 12 stitches, K50 stitches in pattern

Follow Rows 1-4 of the Mock Cable Stitch until **19"** from cast on/beginning, ending with Row 2 of the pattern.

NEXT ROWS CREATE THE SHOULDER STRAP SLOT

Next Row: K50 stitches in pattern, bind off 12stitches, K50 stitches in pattern

Next Row: K50 stitches in pattern, cast on 12 stitches, K50 stitches in pattern

Follow Rows 1-4 of the Mock Cable Stitch until **27"** from cast on/beginning

BORDER: K 5 rows

Bind off all stitches. Crochet a row around the slots, if desired. Weave in ends as needed.

Be kind whenever possible. It is always possible." His Holiness Dalai Lama



RECEPTION

Diane Oglesby, Cochairman, 941 828 0119 btoglesby@comcast.net

Kathy Messick, Cochairman, 609 828 8821 khmessick@embarqmail.com

Please remember to check-in at the Reception Desk, so we will have the correct count for attendance.

Please wear your name tags. If you forget, we have temporary tags you can have.

Thank you, Diane



SEW N SEWS

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We are on an ongoing sewing request for the Pregnancy Center. Burp cloths and bibs are being crafted: p.js. are being made for the teen set at ANA (foster care children), and lap robes (9) so far, and port protectors (18 donated to date) for the cancer centers. We are also in the process of creating hats for cancer patients.

I might add, we are available to do minor alterations for a donation to help us cover costs related to our civic projects.

Help us help others....thanks, Jackie Miller.



SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

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Please call or send an email to me when a member needs some get well cheer, encouragement or condolences. An appropriate card will be sent to them right away to let them know their sister members are thinking about them.



TONETTES

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Sweet Caroline? Country Roads? Hallelujah?

Come on and join us---do you sing in the car, feel like you might be holding that voice back around others? Would you like to sing like you are belting it out on stage in Nashville! Then, your stage is our stage!. You don't have to be a classically trained vocalist!! You don't have to know how to read music. All genres, all skill levels.

For those who play other musical instruments, we can also use that talent, come join our group....the stage is open, open your door! Your voice will make a difference in people's lives.

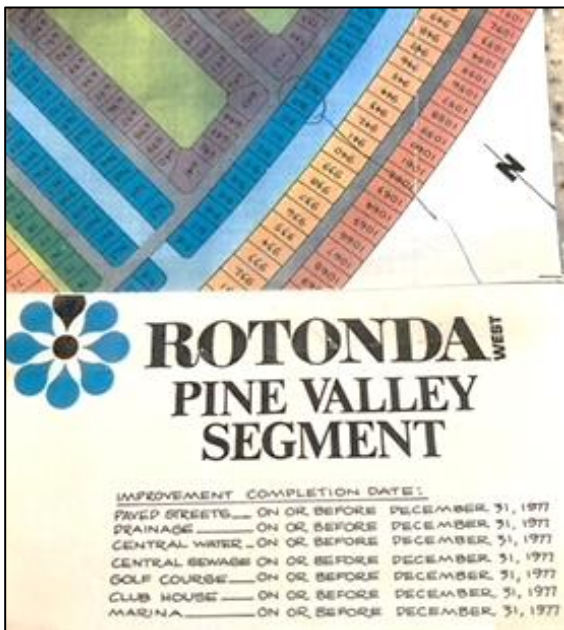
We meet on Tuesdays from 1-3 pm, at the Rotonda Community Center. All music is provided. Questions or concerns--feel free to contact me. 912-398-7047



As our GFWC RWCC looks forward to our celebrating its 50th anniversary of our Charter, May 1, 2024, I'm reminded of my own 54 memorable years with my husband John finding our forever home in paradise called Rotonda West, Florida.



Our journey began just before we married in June 13, 1970. We won a free vacation trip to Florida at a Home Show. John was a graduate student at Ohio State University, and money was tight. It fit the bill as our honeymoon destination, not realizing it was also a land deal sponsored by Cape Cave Corporation.



We were flown down from Ohio to a hotel in St. Pete and then took a prop plane to an airstrip on Gasparilla Road. Then we were driven to the presentation site which had a huge model of Rotonda West. Our salesman showed us his home with his dog enjoying their pool, and the rest is history. We bought Lot 909 in Pine Valley segment, sight unseen, June 14, 1970. We built our new forever home in 2006.

After moving into our house in 2007, I immediately connected with our Women's Club where I found wonderful friendships and dedicated volunteers who help with many of our community charities.

Happy 50th Anniversary

Many Years More. Love You All!!
Jo Ann House

Maundy Thursday

By Debra Ann Sigismondo

Will you pick up a towel?

Bend to lift up,
Walk alongside,
See the lonely?

Embrace the lost-
Share a song -
Speak softly-
Listen to a reply,
Actually listen?

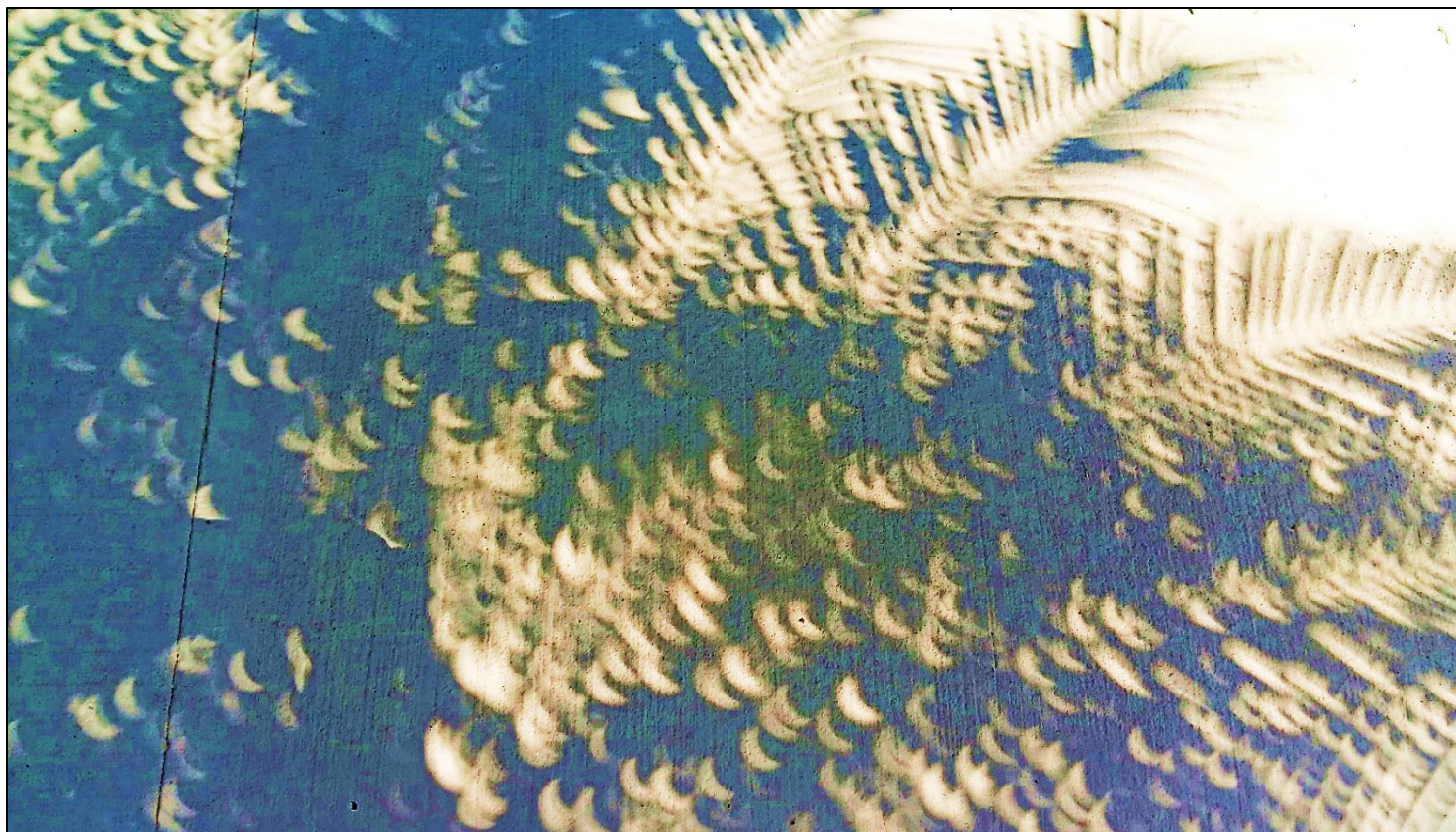
Go forth.

Feel the sun set.
Offer your arm,
Hold a hand.
Pour cool water.
Pick up your towel.

Love One Another.

SOLAR ECLIPSE

Submitted by Donna Krabbe, Chatter Editor



My Son went to Mazatlan, Mexico, to see the solar eclipse and my daughter lives in Cincinnati, which was in the Indianapolis “cone” – so they had front row seats for the big event. However, I was on the fringe at about 50% in Englewood - so this is the best picture I got – shadows through my palm tree.

Please note that the light splashes coming between the palm fronds are shaped like the crescent sun. Actually, a pretty cool idiosyncratic phenomenon of eclipses.



NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

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Thanks to everyone who submitted articles and photos – great job! Special thank you to Jo Ann House for submitting her story about finding paradise and congratulating our club on our 50th Anniversary. Also, thanks to Debra Sigismondo for her very interesting poem.

I'm asking all members submitting articles/photos to the Chatter to please use my Chatter dedicated email = wwwchatter2020@gmail.com. My system for keeping things in order and making sure I enter everything sent to me, requires the emails to be in this one. It will save me from forwarding your emails to the Chatter email. Also, if possible, please send photos and flyers as jpeg files (photos).

I thought I'd change things up a bit and use a photo taken at the ESO Luncheon – it was a great time and the Chapter Chicks did a wonderful job of putting it together. As you can see, I had a good time!

Of course, I'm always looking for Letters to the Editor, information on pertinent subjects, and vacation/trip information/photos. What's the Buzz – Tell me what's happening!!



LOOKING AHEAD ??

- April 17 -Rotonda Water Reclamation Facility
- April 18 - General Meeting 10:00am (9am Social Hour) at RWA Building
- April 20 – Great American Clean Up Day at Stump Pass
- April 23 – OneBlood Blood Drive 9am – 3pm at the Oakland Hills Marina
- April 27 – Pancreatic Cancer Walk 9am at Broadmoor Park

May 1 – GFWC RWWC 50th Anniversary Celebration

May 3 – Board Meeting 1:00pm at RWA Building

May 16 – General Meeting 10:00am (9am Social Hour) at RWA Building



COMMITTEE SCHEDULED MEETINGS

- RWWC Board Meeting – 1st Friday 1:00pm – except summer
- Creative Crafters – Fridays 9:30am – beginning January 12 at 9:30am
- Knit and Chat – Tuesdays 9:30-11:30am – RWA Building
- Sew n Sews – 1st & 3rd Tuesday 9am-noon – RWA Building
- Tonettes – Tuesdays 2-3pm – RWA Building

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Marianne Kelly 4/2

Mary Jo Swenson 4/6

Jennifer Cope 4/12

Doris Walker 4/14

Deb Orchard 4/16

Nancy Hoppe 4/17

Jean Loughman 4/22

Kathy Kean 4/24

Pat Guillerm 4/25

Connie Shatzer 4/27

Shirley Kastner 4/30

Joyce Crumpton 5 1

Ellen Lang 5/3

Ellen Scott 5/3

Diana Roman 5/5

Margery Sandness 5/5

Jo Ann House 5/7

Diane Oglesby 5/10

Joanne Murphy 5/13

Danica Harris 5/15

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RWA Activity Building.

9:00 am Social Hour – 10:00 am General Meeting.

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