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HAPPY NEW YEAR ROTONDA WEST!

West Ways

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### Kelly, Perkins Win Seats On Board At RWA's 19th Annual Meeting

By Don Mahon

Newcomers Patricia Kelly and Glynn Perkins won the two open seats on the Board of Directors and will serve three-year terms. The results of the election were announced to a near-capacity crowd at the Association's Nineteenth Annual Meeting on the evening of December 3 at the Tringali Center.



Photo by: Dave Pulaski

**Results of the Voting:** Pat Kelly...1,551 votes; Glynn Perkins...1,396; Claudette Romano...751; and George Krabbe...had 92 write-in-votes.

To open the meeting before more than 120 residents, RWA President Nick Gizzi praised the work of the two out-going directors, George Burger and George Krabbe. Both decided not to seek re-election. However, John Forster nominated Krabbe from the floor, noting that "George earned the right for his outstanding efforts as a director over the past three years."

Mrs. Kelly serves on the Budget & Finance Committee and three sub-committees. Perkins joined the Beautification Committee last January.

Principal speaker was the Association's attorney Joseph E. Adams of the Fort Myers law firm of Becker & Poliakoff, PA. A graduate of the University of Pittsburgh School of Law, he was instrumental in getting new homeowners legislation passed in Tallahassee in 2004 on owners rights and responsibilities. In his presentation, he summarized the 10 covenants of the bill, from rights of members to speak at Board meetings to the request to see records of the Association.

Each of the seven directors gave reports on projects undertaken by their committees during the past year. Of particular note was the announcement of no increase in the assessment for 2010. Hank Artz, chairman of the Budget & Finance Committee, indicated that the Board

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### Bidding Process Leads to Substantial Cost-Savings

By Don Mahon

All RWA committees, Board of Directors and staff are always looking for ways to keep Association costs at a minimum. The newest cost-savings involves the printing of this newsletter.

At the invitation of the Community Relations Committee, commercial printers were invited through a newspaper ad to submit bids for the printing production and mailing of the six annual issues of *West Ways*.

A mandatory pre-bid meeting conducted by RWA Manager Jay Lyons was held on October 28 attended by representatives of three printing companies. Their presence at the meeting entitled them to submit bids. Any expenditure over \$2,500.00 as contained in the RWA By-Laws requires the bid process.

Three bids were opened at the regular monthly meeting of the Community Relations Committee on November 4 and the low bidder was accepted unanimously by the committee. The Board then approved the selection at its November 11 meeting.

The winning bid was about one-third less than the previous cost per issue that included just printing production, not the mailing process.

Chosen is a unique printing operation of the State of Florida Department of Corrections that is represented by a marketing group called PRIDE Enterprises. PRIDE is an acronym for Prison Rehabilitative Industries and Diversified Enterprises. The firm operates a full scale, state-of-the-art printing operation in a State

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## President's Message

By Nick Gizzi

For years our volunteers have been instrumental in assisting our staff with the mailing of the West Ways newsletter. The newsletters had to be folded, address labels affixed and in the case of out-of-country owners envelopes had to be stuffed.

The RWA has now contracted with a printing company that will provide this service at a cost that is less than what we were previously paying for the printing alone. Needless to say we will not be handling the mailing any longer.

I have helped with the mailing on many occasions and will miss the camaraderie of ten to fifteen people sitting together for the good of the Association. My deepest thanks to all of the volunteers that gave their time willingly to get the newsletter out; your help is greatly appreciated.

Our present circulation is 7,072 pieces. We mail West Ways to owners in every state of the Union including Puerto Rico,

Washington DC and to Military installations. West Ways is also mailed to owners in thirty three countries. In the US, the largest groups of owners outside of Florida are from New York with 197, New Jersey with 160, Massachusetts with 139, Michigan with 133 and Ohio with 126.

Many of our Florida residents are from these states and as you know the Ohioans have formed a Buckeye club. I wonder how long before there will be clubs from the other states as well?



Nick Gizzi

**Nick Gizzi, President  
Rotonda West Association, Inc.**

## Election of New Officers and Committee Chairpersons for 2010

By John Forster

At 3 p.m. on December 8, 2009 the Board of Directors met at the community center to decide who the officers and committee chairs are for the New Year. There were about 60 people in attendance and the 2009 President Nick Gizzi suggested that each board member would voice their interest in the positions available.

The nomination and vote began by naming Nick Gizzi the President and followed with Earl Haas as the 1<sup>st</sup>. Vice President, Hank Artz as the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Patricia Kelly as the Secretary, Gerry Townsend as the Treasurer. The Administrative Committee following the guidelines in place are Nick, Earl and Hank.

The committee chairs named were: Deed Restrictions by Patricia Kelly, Beautification by Glynn Perkins, Aquatic Canal by Nick Gizzi, Budget and Finance by Gerry Townsend, Community Relations by Earl Haas, Modifications by Peter Traverso and Hank Artz by Properties. The Election Committee will be chaired by Sue Artz until clarification of the bylaws relative to a chairman appointment.



New Board of Directors. Photo by Dave Pulaski

## Cape Haze Bridge Closing or is it the Amberjack Bridge?

It seems there is always a little snafu. On Placida Road there is a large construction sign indicating that the Amberjack Bridge is closed.

Apparently the bridge that we all call the Cape Haze Bridge is really the Amberjack Bridge. Go figure. There is another bridge over in Cape Haze called the Cape Haze Bridge which has not closed. In any event, to keep everyone on the same page we'll just refer to it as *Our Cape Haze/Amberjack Bridge*, should keep all satisfied.



Bridge Work. Photo by Sue Killion

Work is progressing according to schedule, March 31, 2010 is the projected date for completion. We will keep you posted.

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had approved an assessment of \$156.00 per lot, the same amount as for 2009. Artz said the uncertainty of the economy was factored into the decision.

The question on the ballot about carrying over excess funds for the 2010 operating budget and Reserve expenditures was approved by a large margin.

The voting process was coordinated by the Election Committee chaired by Sue Artz, in collaboration with Geoff Lorah of the accounting firm of Webb, Lorah Company PL. Webb, Lorah has audited the books of the Association since 1990. The firm assembled and mailed the election package and tabulated the votes in their Punta Gorda offices.



## Christmas Parade

By Cathy Moseley

Despite the rain that drenched Rotonda West we were able to enjoy the start of the holiday season with a very colorful Christmas parade hosted by the Rotonda Elks. A special note of thanks goes out to all the men, women and children who worked so hard to make this parade a success.

It was estimated that close to 1,000 people participated on the side lines with parties and gatherings along the route. We were fortunate enough to have collected 300 lbs. of food, 68 toys and \$200 in cash for the Elks Children's Charity and the Englewood Helping Hand Food Pantry. Thank you to all who were kind enough to contribute to these wonderful causes.

The 2010 parade obligations will now become part of the Rotonda West Community Relations Committee and planning will most likely begin this spring. If you have an interest in becoming a part of this committee please watch for our future postings in the Volunteer section of this newsletter.

Right: Theresa Proffitt and daughter Rachel enjoying parade. Photo by Dave Pulaski



Below: Ginny Anderson, President, Englewood Helping Hands Float. Photo by Cathy Moseley



Above: Lillian Brow (left) & Desirae Simon (right) with Santa. Photos by Dave Pulaski Below: Boats get ready for the lighting. Photo by Cathy Moseley



## Gazebo Lighting

By John Forster

At approximately 5:30 on December 6<sup>th</sup> an animated crowd of approximately 150 residents began gathering at the Oakland Hills Marina waiting for the arrival of Santa Clause and the lighting of the gazebo.

The Rotonda West Woman's Club cookie fairies Charlotte Arcadia, Germaine Meilach, Linda Muir, Sandy Rahwan, Roberta Sullivan and Shirley Kastner, served a table full of great homemade cookies. The Rotonda Hills Golf and Country Club furnished coffee and hot chocolate which was served by two of Santa's brownies, Reggie and Joanne Baker.

A short time later several lighted boats moved into the marina area, delighting the crowd. Suddenly a fire truck with the siren screaming and lights flashing arrived with Santa Claus. Santa, along with Mrs. Claus waited with approximately 35 children watching the lighted boats until suddenly the island gazebo decorations lit up and resounding applause came from the crowd.

Once the beautiful island lights were on, Santa and Mrs. Claus sat on chairs with the children sitting on Santa's lap. They told Santa what they would like for Christmas, while cameras flashed with parents taking pictures of their excited children. Little Lillian Brow said very little to this reporter but when I asked what she liked best about Santa she replied "Doesn't it seem neat for me to talk to Santa?"

Another child, Desirae Simon, age 5, replied when asked what she liked about Santa, "He brings toys at Christmas".

This event was chaired by Earl Haas with George and Donna Krabbe starring as Santa and Mrs. Claus.

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prison in Cross City in the Florida Panhandle. Inmates are trained to become apprentice printers and receive a modest hourly stipend for their work.

The prison will handle the complete production of *West Ways* from printing and the mailing process through to delivery to the Placida Post Office. Previously, a group of RWA volunteers handled the mailing requirements of each

issue in the Community Center. "This system seemed archaic in today's automated world so we sought a source to handle the entire job at a competitive price and free our members to do other things," said Earl Haas, Chairman of the Community Relations Committee.

*You are reading the first issue produced by inmates at the State prison.*



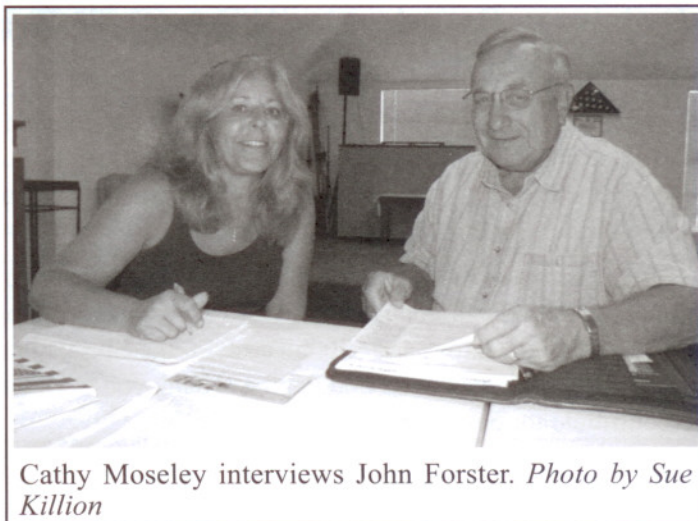
## John Forster Honored As Volunteer Of The Year

By Cathy Moseley

The dictionary says a volunteer is someone who works without being paid or someone who performs a task no one else wants. Our Association has approximately 160 residents who volunteer their time and perform services which otherwise would not exist. Some not only volunteer for us they volunteer for organizations within Charlotte County, one such person is our own Staff Writer, John Forster.

When John returned from his summer hideaway in Wisconsin we discovered that he was honored in Orlando at the Guardian Conference last August as "Volunteer of the Year". Appearing before 2,000 people John was honored for his dedication to children through the Florida's Guardian Ad Litem program. For anyone unfamiliar with the role of a Guardian Ad Litem this is a volunteer who works as part of the court system to represent the best interests of abused and neglected children who are the subject of court proceedings.

John became a Guardian in 2005 and has since worked with over 20 children from birth to 18 years of age. John serves the 20<sup>th</sup> Circuit which includes Charlotte, Glades, Hendry, Lee and Collier Counties. These Counties host 451 volunteers serving 1,145 children. Presently in Charlotte County there are 76 volunteers providing assistance to 169 children. An individual case can last up to 2 years and John becomes such an essential part of each of his cases that the courts actually look to him for his guidance and suggestions when weighing their outcome. In one specific case he felt in his heart that a parent required additional testing to prove she was using drugs, several agencies did not agree with him. It was only because of his perseverance in demanding more testing that the judge finally agreed and ordered additional testing. She was indeed taking narcotics and thankfully because of John's determination her young children were



Cathy Moseley interviews John Forster. Photo by Sue Killion

sent to the safety of their grandparents.

John is so well respected by the Guardian ad Litem program because of his undying commitment and virtue that they have asked him to mentor other new Guardians.

Heartbreaking, frustrating, emotional, yet extremely rewarding; what a rollercoaster ride each case must be. When I inquired if there were any regrets he answered "Yes, I wish I had started years ago, I love helping children".

The dictionary may say the definition of a volunteer is someone who works without being paid which is true. After talking with John I can assure you that there are 451 Guardians in this judicial circuit who will tell you it is more than "someone who performs a task no one else wants". How unfortunate that it is necessary to have the Guardian Ad Litem program but how fortunate for us that we have caring and devoted people like John who take that step forward and make a difference for these children.

If you would like more information please call 850-606-1200 or visit [www.guardianadlitem.org](http://www.guardianadlitem.org).

## CONTRACTOR SELECTED FOR PHASE II COMMUNITY CENTER REPAIRS

By George Krabbe

Phase I of the repairs which consisted of repairing the trusses, replacing the Mansard and shed roofs, replacing the soffit and outside lighting on the rear and west side of the building was completed in November by Porter Contracting Inc.

The Board of Directors voted at the December 9<sup>th</sup> Board of Directors meeting to accept the low bid of \$113,293.00 from RB & ASSOC./WEILER BACH & ASSOC. to do Phase II.

Phase II of the repairs consists of: installing new doors and windows, backer board and stucco on the exterior, a new handicap ramp, stairs and landing in the front of the building, new exterior on support columns, new stairs in the rear of the building, an additional sliding insulated room divider, and attic insulation; relocating the handicap parking; removing the old BBQ grill; repairing the floor and installing new carpet; updating the lighting and electric; removing

the stage and adding a partition wall to create a file/storage room; and replacing the vanities, sinks and mirrors in the restrooms. Work will begin as soon as the permits are issued.

Once this work is completed we will be in compliance with our insurance requirements and will not be in jeopardy of losing our coverage.

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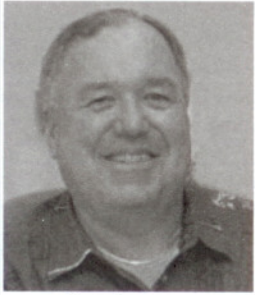
Rear view of work being completed. Photo by Sue Killion

Work being performed. Photo by Dave Pulaski





**From The  
Manager's Desk**



Jay Lyons

## Signs, Signs, Everywhere a Sign Clogging Up the Scenery....

By Jay Lyons

One of the things that can really junk up an area are signs. As an example, just look at the intersection of Sunnybrook and Gulfstream. What a mess, not to mention a distraction if the person in the car in front of you feels they need to read every sign before proceeding through the intersection.

Some of our intersections in Rotonda West are starting to look just like that intersection due to the sign clutter. I'm talking specifically about yard sale and garage sale signs.

**You may not be aware:**

1. Any yard sale sign, garage sale sign, etc. must have written approval from the RWA prior to being posted. Any non approved sign or a sign in a non approved area will be removed by the RWA.
2. Only two yard sales, garage sales are allowed per year for no more than 3 days each.

3. Two signs may be placed off the property advertising the sale. Location of these signs must be given to the RWA at time of application.
4. Signs can be no larger than 12 x 18 inches.
5. Signs for the sale shall be removed at the conclusion of the sale.
6. Signs are not to be placed on any median strip, tree, road sign or utility pole.

Applications for yard sales and garage sales are available at the Rotonda West Community Center.

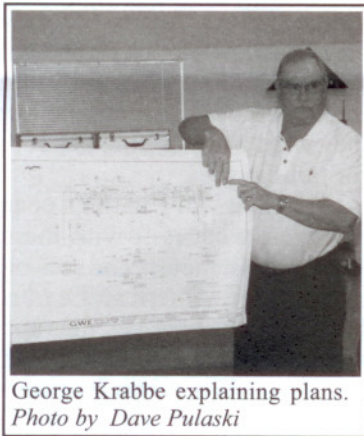
If you have any questions regarding these signs or any other signs, please call Deed Restrictions at 941-697-1780.



## Zoning Issue Delays Oakland Hills Marina Project

By George Krabbe

The bid opening for the repairs and renovation of the Oakland Hills Marina & Memorial Park was scheduled for December 2<sup>nd</sup>. The meeting had to be cancelled due to a zoning issue. Charlotte County Zoning Department informed the RWA the pavement at the marina, which has been used by residents for years as a parking lot, is not zoned for parking. It is considered a paved apron. Therefore, we can't stripe the pavement to make parking stalls or do any other improvements to the paved area.



George Krabbe explaining plans.  
Photo by Dave Pulaski

Jay Lyons RWA Manager, Jonathan Cole and Ben Coomes engineers from Giffels-Webster had a meeting with the Zoning Department on December 9<sup>th</sup> to discuss this issue. At this time, we can proceed with the removal of the damaged stairs and sidewalk; install the filter cloth, back fill, grade and sod. We can also install a handicap ramp, stairs, lighting and landscaping.

The plans and specifications will be modified so the bidding process can proceed and a contractor can be selected as soon as possible.

If the zoning issue is changed or if we receive a variance we will consider doing the work in the paved area at that time.

## Canals and Watering

By Olga Durham

Rotonda West residents are again faced with an upcoming problem that has been with us for several years. We did not receive the amount of rain this summer that we usually get so we will undoubtedly have a return of low water levels in the near future. The current dryness counts for Charlotte County are above the number for last year. WATER RESTRICTIONS are still in place. ONCE PER WEEK on the day designated according to your mailing address. Hours are before 8:00 a.m. or after 6:00 p.m. Penalties are heavy if you are reported. Check your timers to make certain they are operating on the correct day and at the proper time.

Our canals are an integral part of the Rotonda West Community, providing storm water retention, flood control, and a place for recreation such as fishing, boating and observing wildlife.

Residents are asked to limit their irrigation intake pipe to a distance no greater than 10 feet from the shore line in order to avoid damage from boats or other equipment used to maintain our canals and for residents who use our waterways. Residents who draw water from the canals to irrigate their lawns and landscapes are **TOTALLY RESPONSIBLE** for any damage done to their intake equipment.

We suggest that residents who draw water from the canals place their intake pipes on a tripod or standpipe to keep the intake off of the bottom. Please do not use bottles or other floatation devices to keep your intake line close to the surface. This will allow our aquatics provider to be able to rake in floating grasses. Please cooperate and help keep the Rotonda Canals in good condition.





Charles Falzone  
Photo by Sue Killion

## Everything Happens For A Reason

By Cathy Moseley

Most times you can't figure it out. I don't know why the first story I ever wrote was on Elkan but it has created a ripple affect in my life. Following that issue I received several emails, some positive some not and then nothing. A few months since the issue and then before me was an email address I've never seen, my stomach does a little turn,

this can go either way.

It is my pleasure to introduce you to another Rotonda West neighbor Charles V. Falzone, retired Chief Warrant Officer/M-SGT. Charlie loves to write and composed a poem from Elkan's story and inquired if I would deliver it to Elkan. We met soon after and this is where the story becomes very interesting.

Sitting, chatting and taking notes Charlie hands me a copy of his book "So Proudly We Served" and tells me to read it and all my questions will be answered. His book is part autobiography part poetry with historical pictures and lyrics to songs he has composed. I read the entire book in one morning....great for the beach!

In 2010 it's difficult to imagine not having a GPS let alone the chaos of landing at Ellis Island. If you ever have the opportunity to visit the museum you will see pictures everywhere telling stories of scared but brave people who made a long and dangerous journey. "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free."

In 1905 Charlie's father Vincent left Italy to set off for a better life for his family, the following year his mother, Josephine, arrived bringing with her their 9 children. Imagine how difficult for a family of 11 to relocate a half a world away. Vincent opened a barber shop and they lived a simple life. In 1920 Charles was born, now there are 12. His family survived because they held a strong bond to each other, through many hardships the family always came first. His mother loving and caring, his dad stern, they overcame all obstacles and were devoted to each other.

In September 1942 Charlie received greetings from Uncle Sam and he reported to Ft. Dix. Upon completion of basic training he was placed in the medical unit. In 1945 he was asked to learn a new machine, this new technology that was able to scan brains for tumors was called the Electroencephalography (EEG). After a month of training he deployed to Munich, Germany to be instructed by the inventor, Col. Lowenbach. Munich is where he met Cathy; she was the Captain of nurses and the head surgical nurse. Cathy originally planned on becoming a Nun but instead enlisted in 1939; she left from Ft. Bragg to the Philippine Islands and Corregidor, and just barely missed the infamous "Death March". She was ordered off the island and went to the East Indies, New Guinea, Corregidor, Asiatic Pacific Theatre and then in 1949 Germany. Charlie and Cathy married in 1951. Soon after on a Sunday afternoon they decided to visit the German concentration camp, Dachau. Charles writes "this trip had such a profound effect on Cathy

that she never spoke more than 2 or 3 words at a time after". Reading this chapter I can feel her anguish, especially for Cathy who devoted her life to healing and prayer.

In 1952 their first son was born and Cathy was discharged. In 1953 they came back to the USA and their second son was born. In 1955 Charles was shipped to Korea where he served as Personnel Officer and Adjutant. If you remember the TV show M.A.S.H. I need go no further about their living conditions. May 1956 brought his return to the USA again to join his family. Then in 1959 he received "USAREUR" which means anywhere in Europe, luckily this trip took Charlie and his family back to Germany. There he had several important assignments which needed attention and because of the values he learned earlier in life he dedicated himself to the task at hand and received flying colors on his inspections. A few weeks after the inspections he was called to the Commander's Office of the 24<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division with the news that he was to be interviewed for a position in the Office of the Surgeon General at 7<sup>th</sup> Army Headquarters, General Staff, European Command. He was offered the new position of Chief Administrative Officer and quickly accepted. The Army offered him advancement but his retirement date was fast approaching and he felt it was time to leave. In 1962 after serving 20 years in the military Charlie and his family relocated to Chicago and became civilians.

Charlie and Cathy moved to Florida some 40 years ago. Cathy passed away in 1999 and Charlie relocated to Rotonda in 2001. Charlie's sons remain in Florida, Vincent is a retired Police Officer, Joe served in the Army and now is a stock broker and Mark is a Fireman. They have blessed him with 7 grandchildren. I asked Charlie what he likes most about living in Rotonda West and he said his neighbors are great; they watch out for him, deliver meals and decorate his house for holidays.

I read a few of Charlie's poems and some brought tears to my eyes, what is it with these interviews? He writes his poetry about pictures he sees or people he meets. He belongs to the VFW, American Legion, and Elks Clubs in Rotonda West, the Disabled Veterans and the Moose Lodge. His latest work "Lyrics of Life" holds many poems about Rotonda West residents. You might be surprised to recognize yourself in one.

*Editors Note: I hope you enjoy these stories. If you have a suggestion for a story please email me at westways@rotondawest.org or snail mail a letter to the RWA Community Center attention Editor.*

### Volunteer Corner

**Clean-Up Committee** is always looking for help. If you are interested please contact Donna Gleason 941-697-8141.

**Do You Want To Get Involved?** Please check the Rotonda West Forum page for more information on clubs, organizations and ways to support our community.

**Gazebo Tree Lighting:** Thank you to everyone who turned out to help with the setting up of the Gazebo. Especially on the coldest day of the year!



## Newcomers Welcomed at Rotonda West Reception

By Don Mahon

The Rotonda West Community Center was the busy scene for the 3rd "Welcome to Rotonda West Reception" for new residents on Tuesday evening, November 17.

Forty-four newcomers and other interested residents were greeted by more than a dozen RWA committees and social and community service organizations. A master gardener was on hand to give tips on Florida plants, and representatives of Waste Management explained the cost-savings and use of the new containers.

Many new residents signed up for memberships in the Neighborhood Watch along with the Fiesta Club and the Buckeye Club, two of the community's social organizations. The Rotonda West Woman's Club distributed 25 "Welcome to Rotonda" information packets.

The on-going event is sponsored by the RWA's Community Relations Committee, chaired by Earl Haas. Committee member Sue Artz is the chairlady for the series of Receptions.

The next Reception is scheduled for Tuesday, March 16, 2010. All interested residents are invited to attend.



Rotonda Historian Jack Alexander with newcomer Martin Moeller. Photo by Sue Killion

## Thank You Rotonda West Residents!

The 13 young men of Boy Scout Troop 198 who meet at the Rotonda Elks Club and the 16 boys from Cub Pack 301 of the Lutheran Church on Rotonda West contacted us with a special request. They asked if we would pass along this message: "Thank You Rotonda West! We collected over 5,000 pounds of food on our drive in November. We shared the collection equally between St. Francis of Assisi Church Food Bank and Helping Hands of Englewood."

## Mark Your Calendar

**Calendar of Events:** If you need a meeting date, want to meet new people, join a club an exercise class or even learn how to Zumba all of this information can be found on our Rotonda West web site <http://www.rotondawest.org>.

**Boating Safety Course:** The Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 99 is offering two classes. The first is a two day **About Boating Safely Class** at Rotonda West on Friday, January 15, (6:00-9:30 pm) and Saturday, January 16 (8:30 am - 4:00 pm). Registration fee is \$20 for an individual and \$10 for each additional family member, to cover the cost of materials. Upon successful completion of the program which includes a test, the student will receive a certificate from the Coast Guard Auxiliary and a Boating Safety Education ID Card from the state of Florida.

Our second class is **Basic Navigation/GPS:** This is a one day class on Saturday January 30, 2010 (8:00 am-4:00 pm). Registration fee is \$35 to cover the cost of materials. The class will cover basic charting, plotting and GPS navigation.

Both classes are held at the Rotonda West Community Center, 3754 Cape Haze Drive, Rotonda West, FL. Our instructors are Coast Guard Certified and have years of boating experience including local waters. For registration or additional information on either of these classes contact Dick Robert, FSO-PE, 484-350-1420 or email [boatersafety99@yahoo.com](mailto:boatersafety99@yahoo.com)

**Fiesta Club:** Upcoming dinner dances: January 16, February 20 and March 20. Call Joyce Neidlinger 941-697-8665 or Jackie Schweitz 941-697-3658 for details.

**Rotonda West Woman's Club:** will hold a fundraiser on January 21 at Visani's Comedy Club. Tickets are \$10 everyone welcome. Call Susan Suparak at 697-5564 for details.

**The Wounded Warrior Project:** January 23<sup>rd</sup> The Wounded Warrior Project will be holding their Annual Golf tournament at the Palms and Long Meadow golf courses. At approximately 10:30 am there will be 40 to 50 vintage military planes flying over Rotonda West and skydivers parachuting onto the courses.

**RWA Volunteer Appreciation Dinner:** Oakland Hills Country Club, February 13, 2010, Cocktails at 5:00, and dinner at 6:00. Invitations will be mailed in early January.

**Newcomers Reception:** March 16, 2010, 7:00 to 8:30 pm. Community Center. All committees and organizations will be present to answer questions and pass out goodies. There will be dessert, coffee, soft drinks, etc. We look forward to meeting our new residents. All residents are welcome.

## PCH Comes to Rotonda West

By Cathy Moseley

On November 10, 2009 long time Rotonda West Resident Mickey Neville answered a knock at her front door and stood there in total disbelief as 7 Publisher's Clearing House representatives and a news crew smiled at her through her door.

It was exactly like you see on TV with balloons; roses and a huge cardboard check. Mickey said "it is hard to realize the moment and it sure takes a while to sink in". She is still smiling at the memory.



Mickey greets PCH. Photo by Sue Killion

Asked if she had ever won anything before she tells me back in school she won a jar of candy once but other than that she doesn't remember ever winning a thing. The question on everyone's mind...did you purchase anything? Her response was about 1.5 years ago she purchased some WWII records and after that a pair of sunglasses but nothing since. She receives the paperwork in the mail and if she has the time she sends it back. So, it is as simple as they say on TV!

Mickey states she is eternally grateful for this turn of fate. Her winnings have enabled her to pay some bills which have given her a sense of security so she can now enjoy the holiday season without stress. Congratulations Mickey!



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**Mission Statement**

The role of Rotonda West Association, Inc. is multi-faceted: To protect the property interests of its members; to enhance living in the community; to plan for the future in its role as a community association. (Approved November 13, 2002)

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- Important Dates**
- Board of Directors 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday @ 3 p.m.,
  - Aquatics Committee 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday @ 3 p.m.
  - Beautification 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday @ 2 p.m.
  - Budget & Finance See Website Calendar
  - Community Relations 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday @ 3 p.m.
  - Deed Restrictions 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday @ 9 a.m.
  - Properties 4<sup>th</sup> Monday @ 10 a.m.
  - Residential Modification 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday @ 3 p.m.

All committee meetings are open to RWA members and meet monthly on the days listed at the RWA Community Center.

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