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CONSERVATION COLLIER DONE-IN-A-DAY PROJECT COMPLETED

(Naples, Fla.) – March 22, 2022 – Greater Naples Leadership (GNL) members recently completed a comprehensive exploration day, organized in conjunction with Conservation Collier, of some of the lesser-known preserves that exist within Collier County, as part of the annual GNL “Done in a Day” series of volunteer efforts. In order to educate themselves about our local environs then share the experience with others, 34 GNL Masters Class graduates set off on a series of investigative visits to nine local preserve areas located throughout Collier County on January 22, 2022. A cool, overcast day provided an optimal atmosphere in which to explore and document their visits through a series of photos.

Besides the better-known Gordon River Greenway and Freedom Park Preserve

located across the street, GNL members also traversed several sanctuaries located east of Collier Boulevard in the Golden Gate Estates area, including the Panther Walk Preserve, Dr. Robert H. Gore II Preserve, Rivers Road Preserve and Nancy Payton Preserve. Some also visited the town of Immokalee, Fla to experience the CaraCara Prairie Preserve. Photos and summaries of members' experiences can be viewed at Gnlwebsite.org.

GNL member (and Masters Class XXIII graduate) Mark Schwab organized the effort, "We were pleased to work with Conservation Collier to learn more about the 21 preserves the County maintains to permanently protect environmentally sensitive areas. We immensely enjoyed our experiences and are committed to increasing awareness of these important conservation efforts."

GNL President Jerry Godshaw added, "This effort reflects the core values of GNL, and I'm proud that our members continue to dedicate their time and talent to making the community a better place for all."

For more information about Greater Naples Leadership and Done in a Day efforts, please visit GNLwebsite.org, contact Communications Chair Caren Arnstein at 239-300-7055 or email Carenarnstein@gmail.com.

[*Dropbox link to photos.](#)

Photo IDs are in captions and listed here:

1. Cara Cara Preserve – (L-R) John Johnson, Jinny Johnson, Maria Winkler, Kitty Keane, Gunther Winkler and in second row Jack Keane
2. Nancy Payton Preserve (L-R) - Julie Wade, Kevlin Cross, Caren Arnstein
3. Cranes at Cara Cara Preserve (photo credit John Johnson)
4. Pink lichen on tree at Gordon River Greenway

ABOUT GREATER NAPLES LEADERSHIP

The mission of Greater Naples Leadership is to provide proven leaders with a unique opportunity to learn firsthand about the issues and needs in Collier County, and to encourage the use of their skills individually and collectively to better the community.

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