

LOVE, LAUGHTER AND LIP GLOSS

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The rooms in the Village Greens of Laguna Woods Village were filled with smiles and sparkles this Valentine's season as a local vendor supported the newly formed Springboks Club's DIY lip gloss event.

The afternoon began with delightful entertainment from four charming clowns—Whimsy, Lollipops, Tootsie and Poodles—who set a festive mood for the creative workshop ahead.

Under the guidance of Springboks President Rachel Barnes, club members navigated through four carefully organized stations to create their own personalized lip glosses.

1. The first station featured precise measuring of organic ingredients, with Barnes providing expert instruction to ensure each mixture achieved the perfect consistency.

2. Moving to the second station, members watched as their carefully measured ingredients melted together in sanitized glass jars, transforming into the base for their custom lip glosses.

3. While waiting for their mixtures to prepare, participants channeled

their creativity at the third station, which offered an abundance of crafting materials including stickers, lace and decorative accessories. Here, members designed beautiful Valentine's cards and created glueless envelopes, proudly sharing their heartfelt creations with fellow club members.

4. The grand finale took place at station four, where members selected their preferred mica colors and flavorings to complete their handmade lip glosses.

The combination of beauty, creativity and companionship made for a memorable Valentine's celebration that exemplified the community spirit of Laguna Woods Village.

"This type of event perfectly captures what our Springboks Club is all about," Barnes said. "We're bringing together neighbors to learn new skills, create beautiful things and, most importantly, share joy with one another."

The success of this Valentine's event demonstrates how local business leaders can play a vital role in supporting and enriching our community's social activities. Through such partnerships, Laguna Woods Village continues to foster engaging opportunities for its residents to connect and create together.

