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Club of Punta Gorda FL



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endpolio.org. Now that 99 percent of the world's population lives in regions certified polio-free, the goal of eradication is closer than ever.

Meetings: Thursday at 12 NOON
Isles Yacht Club - Marion Ave & Bal Harbour
Blvd Punta Gorda, FL

2nd Wed - 8A.M. Club Board Meetings @
Isles Yacht Club

4th Wed - Punta Gorda Rotary Charity &
Education Foundation Board

THE FOUR WAY TEST
Of the things we think, say or do -
FIRST - Is it the TRUTH?
SECOND - Is it FAIR to all concerned?
THIRD - Will it build GOODWILL and better friendships?
FOURTH - Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

UPCOMING PROGRAMS & EVENTS

- October 10 – **District Governor Rich Kirschner**
- October 17 – **Club social on The Charlotte Lady.**
- October 24 – **World Polio Day - J. J. Hummon, District Polio Chair; Nancy Prafke, Punta Gorda Mayor**

DG Rich Kirschner visits us next week. Be there!

No Noon Meeting October 17. Sunset Cruise on The Charlotte Lady 5:15PM to 7:30PM. Sign up at the front desk. \$25 per person.

Enter into the “Polio Plus Pool” for a Paul Harris Fellowship. \$10 per square. Winner will be drawn at our October 24 meeting. Don’t forget to wear your End Polio Now shirt that day!

Thank you, Rotarians for filling up the sign up sheet for the Air Show. Working the Flight Deck Tent is the best job at the Air Show. Rob and Brad will fill you in about t-shirts, parking, and wristbands before the Air Show.

Rosa has invited us all to a “Business After Hours” at Grannie Nannies, 4045-A Tamiami Trail, Port Charlotte on Tuesday October 15, 2019 from 5:30 PM until 7:00 PM. Bring a gift to showcase and promote your business. Please rsvp to reception@puntagordachamber.com or call 941-639-3720.

Sign up with Robin for Paint Your Heart Out on November 9.

November 14 is District 6960’s The Rotary Foundation Banquet at the Cultural Center in Port Charlotte. 5:30 PM Cocktail Hour. 6:30 PM. Dinner. \$45 per person . register by clicking “Calendar” on the District’s website and scroll to November 14.

If a Paul Harris Fellow brings a non-PHF Rotarian or a potential Rotarian to the dinner, a drawing will be held to award a Paul Harris Fellowship to the non-PHFer, and another drawing will award a PHF to a PHF Rotarian who brought such a non-PHF guest. Also, the top four clubs with the highest percentage in attendance will be entered in a drawing to also receive 1000 PHF points. So, D6960 will be giving away three Paul Harris Fellowships that night.

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MEETING DUTY ROSTER

Please sign up for Greeter, Invocation, and Pledge!!
Thank you!



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Human Trafficking Project

Chuck Marlowe and President James returned from Rotary International in Hamburg with the idea of addressing human trafficking in our community. At one of our June meetings, our DGE Darryl Keys said he was very interested in such a project, and on July 7 the first ad hoc committee meeting was held at Charlotte State Bank with Pres. James, Alyson Burch, and Shari Smith from Whispering Woods Safe Haven.

Since our first meeting, met three more times and expanded to a committee of 14 members, 5 from our club, 1 from TEAM Punta Gorda, 2 from the Charlotte Harbor Sunset Rotary Club, 2 from Whispering Woods Safe Haven, 1 from C.A.R.E., 2 from the Compass Center, and 1 from the Punta Gorda Police Department. And we're reaching out to the Charlotte Schools and other organizations. This has turned into a coalition!

As we move forward, we're joining with C.A.R.E. in sponsoring a Human Trafficking Awareness forum at Charlotte Technical College on January 22, working toward an even larger Exploitation and Trafficking of Minors forum in April, and hosting one or more film events.

At our last meeting, October 4, we crafted our mission statement and gave our selves a name.



The Citizen's' Coalition to end HT is a collaborative initiative to raise community awareness, advocate for justice, and empower survivors.