

21 November 2019

# COG Rotary

Club of Punta Gorda FL



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[endpolio.org](http://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

- November 21 -- **Gary Igman** – Ingman Marine
- November 28 – **Thanksgiving. No noon meeting.**
- December 5 – **Annual Election of Club Officers and Directors**
- December 12 – **Charlotte Harbor School Christmas Party**

Today, we will present the slate of candidate for our Club's '20 -'21 Officers and Directors.

Did you see President James's email about signing up for building a Habitat for Humanity house? Our Club and a matching D6960 grant are contributing \$8,000 for purchasing the lumber and trusses. See his email for work dates and how to sign up.

Congratulations to the Testimonial Dinner Committee and MC Alyson Burch for the hugely successful dinner this year. The film tribute to Mike Riley was a reel classic. And we had a full house at IYC. Thanks to all who attended, including our fellow Rotarians from across the river.

Coastal Behavioral Healthcare is planning to install the picnic tables which our Foundation has purchased.

Craig Esterly is initiating a "Jobs for Life" mentoring program. See Craig if you are interested.

The Salvation Army is looking for bell ringers. See President James if you are interested.

Rosa is asking for gift baskets for the silent auction for our upcoming Taste of Punta Gorda. Rosa will also be collecting items again this year to take to the orphanage in Honduras.. She is leaving for Honduras on December 14.

Upcoming events: our Christmas party with the Charlotte Harbor School, (Dec 12), our Club Christmas party at IYC (Dec. 19), and a Club Social at Brad Gamblin's house to watch the Lighted Boat Parade (Dec 22).

A blessed and bountiful Thanksgiving Dinner to all next week

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### CLUB OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

- President: James Williams
- Vice Pres.: Alyson Burch
- Past President: J. Bradford Gambin
- Pres. Elect: Darcy Hanley
- Secretary: Carol Knutson
- Treasurer: Alice Rose
- Sergeant at Arms: John Tiller
- International: George Miller
- Vocational: David Smith
- Community Service: Donna Calderon
- Club Service: Rosa Benght
- Youth Services: Paul Blaine/Charles Marsee

### COMMITTEES

- Rotary International Foundation: John Dzurak
- Membership: Rex Koch
- Newsletter: John Dzurak

### PUNTA GORDA FOUNDATION PRESIDENT

Craig Esterly

### DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Richard Kirschner

### RI PRESIDENT

Mark Daniel Maloney

### MEETING DUTY ROSTER

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



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## What Punta Gorda Rotary Is Doing!

**Paint Your Heart Out** was a great success on Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>. Kudos to all the club members who showed up to paint and make a family truly happy!



**ROTARY:  
MAKING A  
DIFFERENCE**



**Testimonial Dinner.** This year's Testimonial Dinner on November 12<sup>th</sup> honoring Mike Riley was a smashing success. Thank you to all the Rotarians who were able to attend! Your support of this important fundraiser is gratefully acknowledged.

