

7 November 2019

# COG Rotary

Club of Punta Gorda FL



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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 7 – **Aryn Francis** – Rotary Youth Exchange

November 12 – **27<sup>th</sup> Annual Testimonial Dinner**

November 21 -- **Gary Ingman**, Ignman Marine, & presentation of 2020 officer slate

November 28 – **Thanksgiving. No noon meeting.**

Next Tuesday, November 12 is our 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Testimonial Dinner. We will be honoring Boogie Man Mike Riley. Please pay for your ticket(s) if you have not done so already. **There will be no noon meeting on Thursday.**

Congratulations to our new Member Terry Cole. Terry won the Paul Harris Fellowship raffle. She will be awarded the PHF at an upcoming Club meeting.

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.

Pat Tyler told us last week about “Wreaths Across America” and their efforts to place wreaths at military cemeteries.

This week is Parte Duo of Aryn Francis’s “La Mia Vita in Un Anno.” Everything you wanted to know about Crema, Italy, but were afraid to ask. Parte Duo should be as informative and entertaining as Parte Uno.

Did you see the email about Meal of Hope on December 21, 2019, 9 -11 AM, at the Lee County Center in North Fort Myers.? The email asked for individual sign-up by e-mail. Perhaps a number of us can sign up, then meet there as a group? Just a thought.

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## CLUB OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

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Youth Services: Paul Blaine/Charles Marsee

## COMMITTEES

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Membership: Rex Koch

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## PUNTA GORDA FOUNDATION PRESIDENT

Craig Esterly

## DISTRICT GOVERNOR

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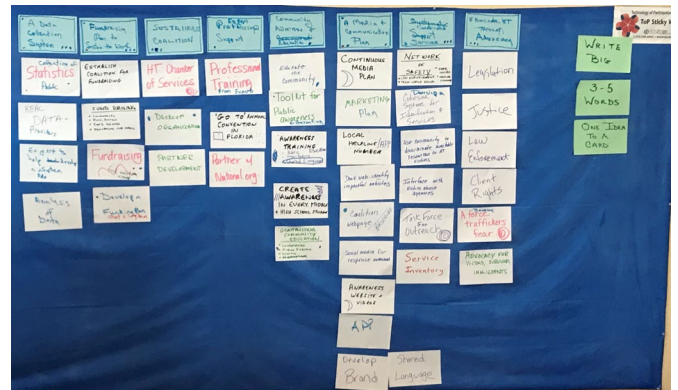
# News About Our Rotary Club's Projects

**Homeless Shelter Playground.** Thanks to Vocation Director David Smith for putting together a team including himself, Laura Knutson, Frank Bell, Tim Doty, and Alan Hitchcock to install the children's playground equipment the Charlotte County Homeless Coalition on Friday, October 25.



**Youth Services.** Thanks to Paul Blaine, Alyson Burch, John Houser, President James, George Miller, and David Riley, who all came out to support our Charlotte High School Interact Club on Friday, October 25.

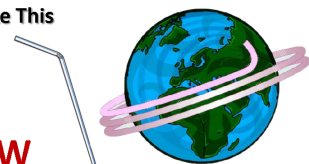
**Human Trafficking.** Our Citizens Coalition to End Human Trafficking had a great "vision" setting workshop at the offices of TEAM Punta Gorda on Friday, November 1. Participants included Rotarians Chuck Marlowe, Darcy Hanley, Vielka Wambold, Alyson Burch, and President James. District Governor Elect Darryl Keys represented the Charlotte Harbor Sunset club. Community partners included Angela Hogan (Gulf Coast Partners), Amy Blakely and Shari Smith (Whispering Woods Safe Haven), and Justin Davoult (PG Police Department). Our Club member Nancy Johnson facilitated the group.



**The Last Straw.** The committee meets at 10 AM, Tuesday, November 12 at the PGI Civic Association. We're gearing up for a presence at the Saturday Farmer's Market and we'll be needing volunteers there.

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