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**Rotary Club of
Punta Gorda**



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Zoom Meetings: Thursday at 12 NOON

2nd Wed – 10 A.M. Club Board ZOOM Meetings

4th Wed – Punta Gorda Rotary Charity & Education Foundation Board (T.B.A.)

UPCOMING PROGRAMS & EVENTS

May 7 – **Justin Brand**, Charlotte Community Foundation

May 14 – **Mike Mansfield**, Habitat for Humanity

May 21 – **Adriana Quinones**, Peace River Botanical Gardens

May 28 – **Joseph Berninger**, Executive Director, Founder, Guatemala Literacy Project (GLP), www.guatemalaliteracy.org.

May 30 – **Rotary Leadership Institute** – **Canceled**. To be rescheduled in August or September.

Jun 4 – **Darcy Hanley**, Search and Rescue

If you missed last week's meeting, you missed a great one! Eight past, present, and future Rotary Exchange students participated, and we were joined by Tom Norton who chairs the District RE program as well as by a past member of our club Judy Bosworth, who was our exchange student counselor. But you can see the meeting online via Google Drive, the link to which you'll receive in a separate email.

This week we are joined by Justin Brand, the Director of Community Engagement for the Charlotte County Community Foundation since 2018. Justin has been in Charlotte County for 4 years and has worked with many nonprofits, serving on the United Way board for 2 years, the Charlotte County Chamber of Commerce Board member for 3 years, as well as the class of 2017 Leadership Charlotte Event Chair.

Thank you all who participated in the Giving Challenge. We had 36 individual donors contributing \$3,555, of which 9 donations were designated for charitable projects our Foundation supports and 7 to the Rotary Foundation for ERE. The remainder was designated for our club's Foundation and the Patterson Foundation match of \$3,422 also goes to our Foundation.

The Board is still looking to members for ideas for projects to serve our community. All ideas will be welcomed!

Our virtual tip jar remains open to support our laid-off Isles YC servers. Please don't forget to put birthday, anniversary, and happy/sad dollars there, and give a tip as well. Go to: <https://squareup.com/store/punta-gorda-rotary-club-2>.

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?

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