

16 September 2021

**Rotary Club of  
Punta Gorda**  
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**THE COG**  
**ROTARY CLUB OF PUNTA GORDA, FL**  
**ZOOM & IN PERSON MTGS: Thursday at 12 Noon**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday – 10 AM Club Board Meetings**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday - 8 AM PG Rotary Charity &  
Education Foundation Board meetings**



Now that 99 percent of the world's population lives in regions certified polio-free, the goal of eradication is closer than ever. [Endpolio.org](http://Endpolio.org)

**September 16 – Rotary Powered Energy Security Club Challenge**  
**September 23 -Pamela Davis -Punta Gorda Chief of Police**  
**September 30 – Ray Briggs – Punta Gorda Fire Chief**

**Club Goals: Support the Global Grants, Community Grants!**

Club meetings are back in person at the Isles Yacht Club. **We welcome walk-ins, but to eat, sign up in advance at the meeting or email Alyson in advance of the meeting, so that she can give the IYC an accurate meal count.**

Please remember to wear a mask when you come to our meetings at the Isles Yacht Club. It's another example of Service Above Self.

The cutoff date for donation requests to our Foundation Board for the first quarter is **Monday, September 20, 2021 at 5 PM**. Please fill out a request form from our Club's website, get another Rotarian to cosign the request, and either email it to [johndzurak@hotmail.com](mailto:johndzurak@hotmail.com) or give it to John Dzurak at a Club meeting. The Grant Review Committee will meet later that week, and make recommendations to the Foundation Board at its September 29 meeting.

There are sign up sheets at the front desk for:

Our Club social at the Tiki Hut on October 21.

The Punta Gorda Air Show on October 16 and 17. We will be working the President's Tent. This is the best job in the whole Air Show.

President Alyson announced that our Club's bank account has a surplus of funds. So, the Club Board agreed to give \$5,000 to our Club's Foundation with half going to the Disaster Contingency Fund (i.e., earthquake, hurricane relief) and half towards our Foundation's Youth programs.

The "Under the Stars" benefit for Wreaths for America will be held at the Military Heritage Museum on Thursday, October 14. Tickets are presale only for \$30 each.



# The Four Way Test

of the things we think, say and do

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

One of more than 33,000 Rotary Clubs Worldwide. All are welcome!

### CLUB OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

|                    |                    |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| President          | Alyson Burch       |
| President Elect    | Donna Calderon     |
| Past President     | Darcy Hanley       |
| Vice President     | Peter Wilkins      |
| Secretary          | Rosa Benghtht-Pena |
| Treasurer          | Craig Esterly      |
| Assist. Treasurer  |                    |
| Sergeant at Arms   | John Houser        |
| International      | John Antona        |
| Youth Services     | Darcy Hanley       |
| Club Service       | Robin Adair        |
| Community Service  | Karla Gerner       |
| Vocational Service | Frank Bell         |

### Committees:

|              |                |
|--------------|----------------|
| Membership   | Breven Baima   |
| Public Image | James Williams |
| Newsletter   | John Dzurak    |
| TRF Liaison  | John Dzurak    |

### PG ROTARY FOUNDATION BOARD

|                  |                    |
|------------------|--------------------|
| President        | Laura Knutson      |
| Vice President   | John Dzurak        |
| Treasurer        | Steve Goettler     |
| Secretary        | Paul Blaine        |
| Trustee          | Robin Adair        |
| Trustee          | George Miller      |
| Trustee          | Rex Koch           |
| Trustee          | Rosa Benghtht-Pena |
| Standing Trustee | Alyson Burch       |
| Standing Trustee | Darcy Hanley       |
| Standing Trustee | Karla Gerner       |

District Governor Andy Lyman

RI President Shekhar Mehta

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