



Rotary Club of Punta Gorda



Update on Ukraine Relief



After the Russian invasion of Ukraine on February 24, 2022, our club partnered with the Czestochowa Rotary Club in Poland to help provide humanitarian and medical aid to refugees and to hospitals in Ukraine. James Williams led the effort on behalf of Punta Gorda Rotary while Wojtek Jankowski, immediate past president of the Czestochowa club, led the effort in Poland, closely working with his fellow Rotarian Vitale Yerkovich and the Hegelmann transport company, which delivered the relief aid into Ukraine. Punta Gorda Rotary has solicited and delivered \$80,000 in cash assistance to the Czestochowa Rotary Club, funds that have entirely been used to purchase foodstuffs, clothing, medical supplies and equipment, and other items for Ukrainian relief.



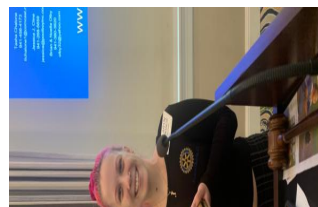
Most recently, our donated monies are supporting the "Dobre Misto" orphanage in Chernivtsi and the "Harmonia" orphanage in Kharkiv, purchasing strollers, clothing, food, and appliances such as washing machines. Both orphanages are taking care of and supplying around 400 children from all over the country. The photos above are of the Chernivtsi orphanage, and Rotarian Vitale Yerkovich is shown on the far right with some of the kids.

Today, our partner, the Czestochowa Rotary Club, continues its efforts to support Ukrainian refugees, orphans, and others in need. We still accept donations, and hope to be able to make another contribution later this year. Donations can be made to the Punta Gorda Rotary Foundation, Ukraine Relief, P.O. Box 511132, Punta Gorda FL 33951-1132.

New Members Run Meetings

During the month of March, President Peter Wilkins invited four new members to take turns running our club meetings while he was out of town. Betty Kedziora, Aryn Francis, Sean Harris, and Alicia Oates each did a great job running their meetings, introducing speakers and making sure that club business got done and lunch went smoothly.

Great thanks to our vibrant class of new members this year! They have stepped up in so many ways to make our club better and bring exciting energy to meetings and activities.



Club Meeting Place & Time

Punta Gorda
Meets at ISLES YACHT CLUB, 1780 W
Marion Ave, Punta Gorda, FL 33950
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Punta Gorda, FL 33950
Time: Thursday at 12:00 PM

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Club Foundation Grants

The Punta Gorda Rotary Club Foundation gives grants throughout the year on a quarterly basis. Members recommend grant projects from organizations that they know of and work with in the community, and groups come to the Foundation with proposals as well. Our Rotary Club worked with Charlotte High School's Project Graduation for many years, and our support of this night of safe fun and celebration has been ongoing. In the photo below (L-R), Aryn Francis and Darcy Hanley represent the club giving a donation check to Jessica Cline and Geoff Lorah of Project Graduation, with Paul Lion, our club's sponsor of the project, standing by.



Grants given in March include:

\$100.00 to TEAM Punta Gorda for a sponsorship at their annual golf scramble and \$200.00 for TEAM's Peddle and Play project. Proposed by Nancy Johnson.

\$1,500.00 to the Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center for its Oyster bed rejuvenation project. Sponsored by Michael Bednar.

\$500.00 to sponsor a "White Shirt" attendee to S4TL (Seminar for Tomorrow's Leaders). Sponsored by Charles Marsee and the Youth Committee.

\$1,500.00 for a vocational project in cooperation with the Charlotte Technical College. Sponsored by Ed Davis.



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Events

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Pizza & Beer Club Social



Don't miss our Club Social at Brooklyn Joe's Pizza on **MONDAY, APRIL 22, 6-8 PM.** Owner, Jay Ryan is opening up Brooklyn Joe's just for our club for a special pizza & beer social gathering at his restaurant at 1133 Bal Harbour Blvd, Suite

#1115 in Punta Gorda Isles. Just \$20 per person. Bring your spouse, partner, a friend, a prospective member.

Sign up at our next club meeting, and please pay ahead if you can. Lots of fun and a great chance to relax with fellow club members.



