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Rotary Club of Punta Gorda #4337 District 6960 Chartered April 22,1925 P.O. Box 511132

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IN PERSON & ZOOM MEETINGS: Thursday at 12 Noon 2nd Wednesday - 8 AM Club Board Meetings 4th 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)

February 16 – Dr. Scott Brown – Alzheimer's Prevention February 23 - TBD March 2- TBD

Our Club Social at Ponce DeLeon Park has been rescheduled for March 16. Therefore, we will meet for lunch at noon on February 23, 2023 at the IYC.

Please note that if you sign up for lunch for the Club's following meeting, and you do not show up at that meeting, you will be billed for the lunch UNLESS you either email or text Alyson Burch prior to the meeting (even the morning of the meeting). The Club has to pay for the lunches when we give the IYC our lunch order. So, let Alyson know ASAP if you find out that you can't make the meeting.

Remember, the Taste of Punta Gorda is coming up quick. It is Sunday March 5 at Laishley Park. Each Rotarian will be billed for ten (10) tickets at \$5 each. Please make your check payable to Punta Gorda Rotary Foundation, and give it to Foundation Treasurer James Williams.

AND please sign up with the Volunteer Sheet. We need "all hands on deck." The Taste Is one of our Club's two major fund raisers. Last count, we have 18 restaurants signed up. Peter Wilkins says we could use some more. See his email on Monday for the list.

This month's Happy/Sad /Birthday/Anniversary Dollars will go to Jesus Loves You Ministries.

And, as of this printing, the 50-50 Jackpot is \$654.

The money that our Club makes from the Pub Crawl Raffle will be given back to the the Harry Chapin Food Bank. See Robin Adair to purchase raffle tickets. The prize is a \$1,500 gift card from Home Depot.

Nancy Johnson says that District 6960 has a project to donate children's pajamas and story books to the Children's Network of Southwest Florida.

James Williams says that an anonymous donor will match us with \$5,000 if we can raise \$5,000 over the next few months for Ukrainian Relief. So, if you can help, make your Check payable to the Punta Gorda Rotary Foundation and give it to James.



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?

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