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Rotary Club of Punta Gorda #4337 District 6960 Chartered April 22,1925 P.O. Box 511132 Punta Gorda, FL. 33951-1132

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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)

November 17 - Club Assembly

November 24 - No Meeting. Happy Thanksgiving

December 1 - TBD

Please sign up to purchase a Thanksgiving Turkey Basket for a needy family. The price of a basket this year is \$65. These are so many families this year who are suffering from the effects of Hurricane Ian. Thank you for your generosity.

Our Club's Foundation Board has decided to give the following emergency grants for Hurricane relief: \$2,000 to St. Vincent dePaul Society, \$2,000 to the Charlotte County Homeless Coalition, and \$2,000 to Meals on Wheels.

Happy/Birthday/anniversary dollars through the end of this year will be given to the Harry Chapin Food Bank.

Our Club's Foundation Board approved the following grants for the first quarter of the Rotary Year:

\$500 to Heal the Harbor \$1,000 for flood relief in Kentucky \$1,000 to the Punta Gorda Historical Society \$2,000 to Crossroads Hope Academy \$500 to Charlotte Environmental Center

The deadline for submitting a grant application for the second quarter is Friday, **December 16, 2022.** Please submit a Grant Application Form signed by two Club Members to Darcy Hanley in person or by email to darcyrhanley@gmail.com.

As you know, our November 10 meeting was cancelled due to concerns over Hurricane Nicole. Our speaker that day was scheduled to be Charlotte Community Foundation CEO Ashley Maher. She was to speak about our community's recent Response to Hurricane Ian.

Sergeant of Arms Bob reminds us that we are playing "The Rotary Game" at our meetings. It works like this: If Bob catches you talking while he is doing his birthday/ anniversary/happy dollar thing, he will ask you a Rotary question. If you get the answer wrong, it will cost everyone at your table a fine.

And, Happy Thanksgiving to all Rotarians and their friends and families!



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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