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**Rotary Club of
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Rotary
Club of Punta Gorda FL



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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 9 – Derek Knuffke – Military Heritage Museum
- February 16 – Dr. Scott Brown – Alzheimer’s Prevention
- February 23 -No Noon Meeting – Club Social

Our condolences to the family of Rotarian Andrew Struk, who passed away. Please remember Andrew and his family in your prayers.

We will hold a “Potluck Social” event at Ponce De Leon Park on February 23 from 5 PM to 7PM. Please sign up and describe the dish that you will bring. BYOB. There will not be a noon meeting that day. But, we will hobnob at Rotary Beach that evening.

Remember, the Taste of Punta Gorda tis coming up quick. It is Sunday March 5 at Lashley Park. Each Rotarian will be billed for ten (10) tickets at \$5 each. You will be billed separately. Please make your check payable to Punta Gorda Rotary Foundation, and give it to Foundation Treasurer James Williams. Do you know any restaurant owners who we can contact to participate this year? We are waiving the fees for the restaurants this year.

AND pleas sign up with the Volunteer Sheet. We need **“all hands on deck”** as the Taste is one of our Club’s two major fund raisers. I can’t believe that this year marks the 15th Taste. Some of us remember how things went in Years 1, 2, and 3 ! Now, we get 6,000 people coming to our event!

Visiting Rotarian Mike Colgan says there will not be a “Pub Crawl” this year. But the Raffle for the Harry Chapin Food Bank will hold its annual raffle. The grand prize is a \$1,500 gift card to Home Depot. See Robin Adair to purchase raffle tickets. Our Club receives one-half of the ticket money that we sell. The raffle will occur at the free concert performed by the “Kids of Hurricane Ian” downtown on Virginia Street on Saturday, February 25. Please bring extra cans of food with you if you go.

It’s that time of year for President-Elect Peter Wilkins. “Pre-Pets” Training seminar is on February 9. The Pets (President Elect Training Seminar) is in Orlando on March 3-5. Peter is so involved in putting the Taste of Punta Gorda together...but he also has to be In Orlando that weekend. Good luck, Peter.



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?

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