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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 2 – Roger Williams – Florida Weekly
- February 9 – Derek Knuffke – Military Heritage Museum
- February 16 – Dr. Scott Brown – Alzheimer's Prevention

Last week, we welcomed Robin Weinstoerffer, our Rotary Youth Exchange Student from France. Robin is staying with Rotarian Randy Francis and his wife Cindy for the second phase of his stay. Robin initially stayed with Charlotte Harbor Sunset Rotarian Andrea Numerick and her husband Jayson.

Robin is from Parentis-en-Born, in southwest France.

Randy and Cindy say that former RYE Student Aryn will be graduating this spring from the Anglo-American University in Prague.

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.

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.

The 50-50 pot this week is \$615 as of this printing.

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.

Michael Bednar wore his "Support Ukraine" shirt and received comments not only about Ukraine, but also about our Club. Our name is on the back of the shirt. Way to go, Michael!



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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