

23 March 2023

**Rotary Club of
Punta Gorda #4337**
District 6960
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THE COG
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)

- March 23 - Barb Western – Virginia B. Andes Community Clinic
- March 30 - Bill Prummel – Charlotte County Sheriff
- April 6 – Naomi Campbell – Honor Flight

While President-Elect Peter Wilkins was hard at work at the Taste of Punta Gorda, Area 6 Assistant Governor-Elect Chuck Marlowe attended PETS (President Elect Training Seminar) in Orlando. Chuck says that Rotary International's Theme for '23-'24 is "Hope In The World." RI's focus will be directed toward mental health.

District 6960 has given our Club a Certificate of Appreciation for our efforts in the "End Polio Now" campaign.

We welcome the newest member to our Club, Carl Rehling. Carl is a Past President of the Charlotte Harbor Rotary Club. Welcome aboard, Carl!

President Donna wanted to recognize our Club members who volunteered at The Taste of Punta Gorda. She picked the following three names out of a hat. These volunteers will each receive a Paul Harris Fellowship, courtesy of a transfer of PHF points held by our Club: Rosa Benghtt-Pena, John Dzurak, and Bob Clendenin.

This month's Happy/Sad /Birthday/Anniversary Dollars will go to Team Punta Gorda.

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 Jame, and he will donate a matching number of PHF points to your account with RI.

If you make your EREY donation on RI's website, you designate your EREY donation for Ukrainian Relief, you will get PHF credit automatically.

Lotsa good food last Thursday at our Club Social at Rotary Beach at Ponce Deleon Park. I can personally vouch that "A way to a man's heart is through his stomach."

George Miller has boo coo cans of beer, cups of merlot, and cans of margaritas for sale from the Taste which are available at a bargain price. See George.

Nancy Johnson reminds us that District 6960 is collecting children's pajamas and story books for the Children's Network of Southwest Florida.



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?

ROTARY – Where community and business leaders meet, exchange ideas, and take action!

President	Donna Calderon
President-Elect	Peter Wilkins
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Secretary	Rosa Benghtt-Pena
Treasurer	Craig Esterly
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International	James Williams
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Club Service	Robin Adair
Community Service	Nancy Silvers & Nancy Johnson
Vocational Service	Frank Bell

Committees:

Membership	Breven Baima
Public Image	James Williams
Newsletter	John Dzurak
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PG ROTARY FOUNDATION BOARD

President	Laura Knutson
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Trustee	George Miller
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District Governor Neil Snyder

RI President Jennifer Jones

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