

19 September 2019

Rotary Club of Punta Gorda

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# COG Rotary

## Club of Punta Gorda FL



Meetings: Thursday at 12 NOON  
Isles Yacht Club - Marion Ave & Bal Harbour  
Blvd Punta Gorda, FL

2nd Wed - 8A.M. Club Board Meetings @  
Isles Yacht Club

4th Wed - Punta Gorda Rotary Charity &  
Education Foundation Board

**THE FOUR WAY TEST**  
*Of the things we think, say or do -*  
**FIRST - Is it the TRUTH?**  
**SECOND - Is it FAIR to all concerned?**  
**THIRD - Will it build GOODWILL and better friendships?**  
**FOURTH - Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?**

### UPCOMING PROGRAMS & EVENTS

- September 19 – **Jan Hoven** -Elastec (canal cleaning)
- September 26 – **Marlene Hauck and Jeremiah Radle**- Compass Center
- October 3 – **Sally Senitz**- Wings of Shelter International
- October 10 – **District Governor Rich Kirschner**

Coastal Cleanup is this weekend at Laishley Park.

Dave Smith sent us all an email on September 9. He is looking for volunteers to assemble playground equipment at the Homeless Coalition at a future date. If you are interested, (1) contact Smitty at [smithfarms1976@gmail.com](mailto:smithfarms1976@gmail.com) and (2) fill out the Homeless Coalition Volunteer form attached to the email and forward it to the H. C.

Rosa is looking for members to join her Club Service committee. See her or email her at [bright.rose@live.com](mailto:bright.rose@live.com).

Carol Knutson and Terry Molitor will be heading up our Club's "Josh the Otter" program. If you would like to take part in this great elementary school water safety service project, please contact them.

Members Chuck Marlowe, Alyson Burch, Vielka Wambold, Darcy Hanley, and President James are working on a "Human Trafficking Awareness" project. They are working with DGE Darryl Keys and AG Sherry Penfield, representatives from C.A.R.E., TEAM Punta Gorda, local law enforcement, and trafficking safe havens. They are working with DGE Darryl Keys and AG Sherry Penfield, representatives from C.A.R.E., TEAM Punta Gorda, local law enforcement, and trafficking safe havens. The aim is to assist with two public forums which C.A.R.E. is organizing early in 2020 as well as carry out some other ideas. Please let Chuck know if you are interested.

Alyson is asking for Members to each attend a 7 AM Murdock Rotary Club and a 7 AM Harbor Heights Rotary Club meeting in the future to promote our Testimonial Dinner in November. See Alyson if you are interested.

Tomorrow at noon is the cutoff for submitting grant applications to our Foundation's Grant Review Committee.

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#### **CLUB OFFICERS & DIRECTORS**

*President: James Williams  
Vice Pres.: Alyson Burch  
Past President: J. Bradford Gambin  
Pres. Elect: Darcy Hanley  
Secretary: Carol Knutson  
Treasurer: Alice Rose  
Sergeant at Arms: John Tiller  
International: George Miller  
Vocational: David Smith  
Community Service:  
Donna Calderon  
Club Service: Rosa Benght  
Youth Services: Paul Blaine/Charles Marsee*

#### **COMMITTEES**

*Rotary International Foundation:  
John Dzurak  
Membership: Rex Koch  
Newsletter: John Dzurak*

#### **PUNTA GORDA FOUNDATION PRESIDENT**

*Craig Esterly*

#### **DISTRICT GOVERNOR**

*Richard Kirschner*

#### **RI PRESIDENT**

*Mark Daniel Maloney*

#### **MEETING DUTY ROSTER**

Please sign up for Greeter, Invocation, and Pledge!!  
Thank you!



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## **Punta Gorda Rotary Club Projects, Programs, and Fundraisers**

### **Youth Programs:**

Student of the Month Program  
Scholarship Program  
International Student Exchange Program  
RYLA, S4TL, and sponsorship of Charlotte HS Interact Club  
Xmas Lunch for Disabled Students  
Josh the Otter Program (water safety for very young children)

### **Club Member Leading:**

Bob Stock  
Darcy Hanley  
Charles Marsee/Paul Blaine  
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Donna Calderon  
Carol Knutson/Terry Molitor

### **Local Service Projects:**

International Coastal Cleanup  
Homeless Coalition playground equipment assembly  
Paint Your Heart Out (with Habitat for Humanity and TEAM Punta Gorda)  
Framing the Future for a Family - A home building project (with Habitat for Humanity and TEAM Punta Gorda)  
The Last Straw - eliminating single-use plastics & styrofoam in PG (with TEAM Punta Gorda, PGI Civic Association, Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center, Peace River Wildlife Center, Smart Growth Punta Gorda, Charlotte Community Foundation, Coastal & Heartland National Estuary Partnership)  
End Human Trafficking - an awareness and support project (with C.A.R.E., TEAM Punta Gorda, Charlotte Harbor Sunset Rotary Club, Whispering Woods Safe Haven, Punta Gorda Police Department)

James Williams  
David Smith  
Robin Adair  
James Williams  
James Williams  
Chuck Marlowe/James Williams

### **International and Multi-Club Projects:**

Feeding the Hungry Refrigerated Truck (project nearing completion)  
Water4Life Mozambique – drilling water wells (developing a global grant project)

Brad Gamblin  
George Miller/Arnie Eastburn

### **Fundraising Projects:**

Testimonial Dinner – honoring a community member for contributions to our community  
Taste of Punta Gorda – annual major fundraiser  
Punta Gorda Block Party – volunteer work  
International Air Show – volunteer work

Alyson Burch  
Darcy Hanley  
John Dzurak  
Brad Gamblin