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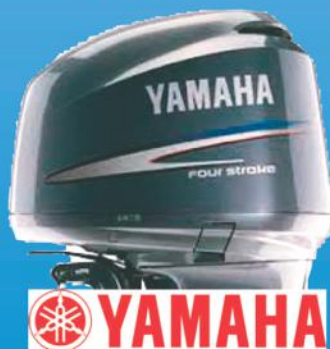
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**Soul Collage: Begins Saturday, September 27, 8 to 10 a.m. \$20 per class.** This once monthly new class is an expressive arts practice done individually or in community. The method develops creativity and intuition, encourages self-discovery, and provides personal guidance. Soul Collage meets you wherever you are on this journey called life. You don't have to be an artist to make Soul Collage cards. Create your own deck of cards with deep personal meaning to help you with life's questions. Class supplies will be provided. Your Instructor, Olga Sereda will recite poetry during class. Anyone can create and enjoy this powerful practice. All PGICA classes are open to the public. Walk-ins are welcome.



## WORKSHOPS



**Let's Go Fishing! Sessions will begin again in October 2025.** This class will introduce you to both fresh and saltwater fishing in SW Florida. While geared toward beginners, even the most experienced angler will pick up useful tips. Topics include techniques, equipment, knot tying, lures and bait, and fishing regulations. Instructor: Captain Josh Olive. Advance registration required. Students can register online at [PGICA.org](http://PGICA.org) or at PGICA office: 2001 Shreve Street, Punta Gorda. 941-637-1655. All PGICA classes are open to the public.



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Club Express, the afore-mentioned operating platform, allows for so much more membership involvement with access to everything literally at your fingertips. Member contact information, calendars, club and group details, upcoming events, and more. Everything is at [pgica.org](http://pgica.org) just waiting for your clicks. We haven't even begun to access everything our computer system can do for us.

Now, with this September 2025 edition, *The Commentator* has now gone fully digital.

Full confession, and please don't tell anyone, but I still use my original AOL email account. My vinyl records still enjoy taking a spin around the turntable, there are paper books on my shelves, and I haven't quite figured out how to sync all of my so-called smart devices with my smart phone. However, time isn't waiting for me to catch up. It never has.

The PGICA computer software allows for text messaging, social networking, blogs, business directories, interest groups, and more. I will actually be starting a fun PGICA blog soon, hopefully before the end of the year if time allows. If you don't know what a blog is, the Google AI (artificial intelligence) overview will tell you anything you want to know. In a nutshell, blogs are sort of like old fashioned diaries.

Speaking of AI, I have been commiserating with fellow writers about the public's newly found thinking tool. We used to have encyclopedias. Ours was the white World Book Encyclopedia set with the gold gilt top edges. It may have been real gold, or maybe not. The good thing is I don't need or want AI assistance to write. Research, yes, like asking Google AI about the gold on book pages. But create and write? No. That's still called plagiarism in my plain ol' book.

Sort of like the 1964 song, "In the Year 2525," I don't want our brains to become mush.

Back to our digitalization. With the new digital magazine, along with the weekly email blast and a soon-to-be new option, our loyal and respected advertisers continue to recognize the importance of our partnership. Please support them as well as the PGICA. The July/August 2025 edition of *The Commentator* printed magazine is now a collector's item. Who knows, maybe it will end up in the Smithsonian Museum of American History someday or be featured on Antique Roadshow. As we have all seen, anything is possible!

"So very far away ... maybe it's only yesterday."

Please feel free to drop in any time. You can also contact me at [teriashley@pgica.org](mailto:teriashley@pgica.org) or 941-637-1655.

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Social media pages of the PGICA will prominently display the publication each month. This includes Facebook, Instagram, and Next Door.

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For the remainder of 2025, ads will also be included in the weekly In the Know email blast each Thursday.

Both Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day fall on Thursdays this year. This will be an excellent opportunity to target holiday shoppers via the email blast.

Recipients of PGICA materials are encouraged to share and/or forward the information to family, friends, and neighbors.

The classified ads and flyer ads will, of course, be included in the digital magazine.







Planning a PGIslanders boating event is a bit like herding cats. Except in this analogy (metaphor? simile?) the cats aren't the humans; the cats are the ever-shifting environment of Southwest Florida during hurricane season.



Bradenton Twin Dolphin Marina

Take, for example, the PGIslanders upcoming Halloween cruise to Bradenton. Before you say "ugh, Bradenton" let me tell you, there are some hidden gems there. Twin

Dolphin Marina is one of the nicest, most walkable marinas I've ever docked at. Nice as in the bathrooms look like they're in a spa rather than a horror movie, and the creepy geezer who never leaves his boat coefficient is surprisingly low. It's a friendly, buzzy place.

The Islanders are aiming for arrival just before the weekend Farmer's Market, because if you love cheese, you stock up at the Stamper Cheese tent early. Since the marina is right around the corner, it's easy to be the early bird and get your worm. Which is not one of my favorite kinds of cheese. By the way, if you haven't tried their Violet Bella cheese, you haven't lived - yum!

So yes, Bradenton is a great destination (I'm not going to give away all of our secrets, you'll have to join our club to see what else we have planned for this trip), but the actual scheduling has been a huge challenge.

We have fast boats (yours truly just switched from 60 hp and sails to 600 hp and a foil, wheel!), slow boats, trawlers and center consoles all on the roster. Since we never leave a man behind, the itinerary is designed around what a sailboat can reach in around four to six hours each day, and schedule some fun activities at each marina (if you anchor out, we make sure the marina is dinghy-friendly). For those of us with fast boats, we get to the marina early, check in, and do some lunchtime exploring. We also set up for docktails and snacks for the evening crew.

Usually there's a cruise captain and a co-cruise captain, and for this Halloween cruise I volunteered to be the co-cruise captain. Mostly because I love Halloween and I'm champing at the bit to take our new boat on her first adventures with us. Here's where the herding comes in. I have a window of travel that opens up after October 16, and the cruise captain's window of travel closes November 1. That leaves about one week in the middle for the weather to really cooperate, and no wiggle room. We all know that the most dangerous item on a boat is a schedule, so we had a group brainstorming session at the last social, and when we nudged the trip backwards into September, we all got a little anxious because it's



Halloween decor on catamaran

literally the peak of potential nasty weather (we don't use the H word in this house). Plus, September is still hot, our snowbirds aren't back yet, and I don't want to be those people decorating for Halloween when



PGIslanders on the move

the summer decor is still up. I'm looking at you, Costco.

So then we nudged it to the middle of November, and we ran into issues with our commodore and his admiral having scheduling issues and not being able to attend. Which is a bummer since he brings the fun and she brings amazing food. Then we start nudging into Thanksgiving, which is a no-go for most of us since a LOT of us have family in town for that week. Or, sadly, we have to venture up to the frozen north to eat dried-out turkey and reconnect with relatives that make us remember why we moved far, far away. Plus, I legitimately can't dress up in a costume in November without looking even weirder than I usually do.

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Welcome to the first digital-only copy of The Commentator. For those of you like me, who were used to reading the print version, I hope you will take the time to peruse all of the articles, etc. that are in this as well. The various clubs and groups take the time to provide those articles. In them you may find areas that interest you.

If so, please contact that club to get more information. I am sure they would welcome new members. In many cases it is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about the area and the PGICA. Don't forget to look at all of the classes offered and the events that will be occurring.

I am sure all of us are relieved that Hurricane Erin is well away from us. This is just an indicator that we are definitely in hurricane season and should be preparing if not already prepared. The hope is that this season will not be as eventful as those in the most recent past. For those of you who are beginning the trek back south, we look forward to seeing you and hope for safe travels.

Please look for Uncle Sam in this edition. He is providing information on the positions that are currently available for the board of directors. This also contains a very brief description of the areas of responsibility. What a great way to volunteer and serve the PGICA.

## SEASONAL FLOCKERS

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Seasonal Flockers

Seasonal Flockers are snowbirds that gather to socialize, meet new people, share stories of our seasonal travels and perhaps share in some adult beverages and fun times. We will meet once a month at the

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If you wish to play and are not signed up, please contact Sharon Biernat at 941-286-3062 or 941-833-4441 and leave a message, or email [biefla3@gmail.com](mailto:biefla3@gmail.com).

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 6 - Nicky Harris & Patti Linn

We meet on the first and third Monday of every month. Since we start the game at 2, we request everyone to arrive between 1:30 and 2.

All players are required to be members of the PGI Civic Association. To join the association, please call the front desk at 941-637-1655 or visit the association's website at [www.pgica.org](http://www.pgica.org) and select Membership. We only compete for prizes if we have at least two tables (eight players). We collect \$1 from each player when you check in.

If you wish to play and want additional information, please contact Debbie Meyer. Contact information is shown above.

**MEN'S SOCIAL BRIDGE**

Please join us for Men's Social Bridge Monday morning 9 a.m. to noon. It is a wonderful opportunity to meet some

**Bob Pandolfo, 941-505-0123, [rt pandolfo@hotmail.com](mailto:rt pandolfo@hotmail.com)**

great guys, play bridge, and talk. We look forward to having you join us.

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## COUPLES BRIDGE

Our fun and friendly group usually meets on the first and third Wednesdays of the month. Contrary to the name, you do not have to be a married or committed couple. All that is necessary is that there are two of you; yourself and your partner. We play at the PGICA at 1. If you get there on time, you will receive 500 bonus points toward your score for the day. We happily welcome players of all skill levels. Whether you are new to bridge, have played forever, or are a little rusty since you have not played in years, we would love to have you join us.

If you have questions and/or would like to sign up to play, please contact either one of us, by email or by phone. We are always looking for new players. Summer months are a great time to give us a try.

Below are the results for the last two months. Attendance has been very low with no more than six couples; usually less. We cancelled August 6 because of poor attendance.

**Melissa Brown, 734-769-3138, [melbrown@umich.edu](mailto:melbrown@umich.edu)**  
**Jeanne Hogan, 317-431-5948, [jeanno383@gmail.com](mailto:jeanno383@gmail.com)**

June 18, 2025

1st - Cathy & Charlie Eliason: 4,820 pts

2nd - John Iredale & Frans Van Hekken: 3,090 pts

3rd - Bonnie Smith & Steve Tennis: 2,210 pts

July 2, 2025

1st - Bonnie Smith & Steve Tennis: - 3,350 pts

2nd - Melissa Brown & Polly Engebrecht - 2,700 pts

3rd - Cathy & Charlie Eliason: - 2,600 pts

July 16, 2025

1st - Sherry Lane & Chris Taylor: - 4,525 pts. Also bid and made a small slam.

2nd - Melissa Brown & Polly Engebrecht - 3,575 pts

3rd - Bonnie Smith & Steve Tennis - 3,050 pts

## CANASTA/HAND AND FOOT GROUP

**Janet Lynn, [jlynnpji@hotmail.com](mailto:jlynnpji@hotmail.com)**

We play canasta/hand & foot every Thursday at noon. We draw cards for our partners at 11:55 and play until around 4. This is a fun group we play for laughs. No signup required.

We play year-round unless the building is closed.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

## MONDAY MORNING MAH JONGG

**Donna Bernhardtson, 732-713-3723**

We play on Mondays from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Call Donna if you have any questions.

## PGICA PINOCHLE GROUP

**Mary Ann Kot, 941-347-8582, [mamkot@aol.com](mailto:mamkot@aol.com)**



We are playing as usual. Getting together to play pinochle is enjoyable and an easy way to have fun. We welcome returning and new players. If you are new or want to learn more,

you are welcome to observe. The time is every Tuesday at 12:30.

Current High Score: 690 Janet Lynn

## EUCHRE CARD GROUP

**Marcia Ellis, 269-760-2582, [marcia.ellis@wmich.edu](mailto:marcia.ellis@wmich.edu)**



We will be starting back up again in November. Anyone interested in playing for fun is welcome. Bring a snack to share and

the beverage of your choice for yourself. We begin at 6:30 and play eight games of eight rounds each. See you all next fall.



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Allen-Redfish

members eager to share their knowledge, you'll find every outing more exciting and rewarding.

Our club is made up of anglers who know the ins and outs of fishing for everything from snook to tarpon. Many of our

There's no better way to cool off than spending time on the water - and here in PGI, every trip is a new adventure. With a wide variety of species to target, and experienced

members have boats and are more than happy to help newcomers learn the ropes. When you join PGI Fishing Club, you're not just gaining access to great fishing, you're



Elaine-File Fish

becoming part of a supportive and passionate community.



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only on the water. We host monthly meetings, a Fish of the Month contest, and plenty of social events like holiday parties, picnics, friendly competitions and weekly happy hours. Some of us even organize group trips to fish outside our local waters.

Join us. We meet on the second Tuesday of each month (except July and December) at 6 at the PGI Civic Association. Or drop by our weekly happy hour currently held Wednesdays at 5 at The Ice House Pub, and hear the latest fish stories (true or tall tales, we don't judge).

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Our group was founded to bring together people who love the outdoors - whether you're an experienced angler, an avid hiker, a shooting sports enthusiast, or someone who just enjoys fresh air and good company. We'll be organizing a variety of excursions, including fishing trips, hiking outings, wildlife explorations, visits to local sporting clubs and social gatherings, all designed to embrace the natural beauty of Southwest Florida.

In addition to fishing Charlotte Harbor and offshore and exploring local trails, we'll also plan trips to sporting clubs like the Sarasota Trap, Skeet & Sporting Clays Club for those who enjoy shooting sports. Whether you're a seasoned marksman or just interested in trying something new, these outings will be a great way to connect and enjoy some friendly competition.

We also want your input. What types of outdoor adventures interest you most? Are there specific fishing spots, hiking trails or sporting clubs you'd love to explore with the group? Let us know - we're excited to shape this club around the interests of our members.

Stay tuned for upcoming events, and don't hesitate to reach out with your ideas. We look forward to seeing you out there.



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# September Activities

| SUNDAY    | MONDAY   | TUESDAY  | WEDNESDAY   |
|-----------|--|--|---|
|           | <b>1</b><br><br>HOLIDAY- PGICA CLOSED<br>8:45a Monday Morning<br>9:30a Men's Social Bridge<br>10:00a Monday Morning Mahjongg<br>2:00p Tag Team - Artists Duplicate Bridge | <b>2</b><br>8:30a Zumba<br>9:00a Car Club - Board meeting<br>9:00a Chair-a-Cise<br>12:00p Finance/Endowment/Investment Committee<br>12:15p Pinochle<br>6:30p Bunco Buddies<br>7:00p Acoustic Music Group | 9:30a In Stitch<br>10:00a Landsb<br>12:30p Women<br>1:00p Couples<br>PGIslan<br>Mahjong   |
| <b>7</b>  | <b>8</b><br>8:45a Monday Morning<br>9:30a Men's Social Bridge<br>10:00a Monday Morning Mahjongg<br>7:00p Tag Team - Artists<br>7:00p Aardvarks Outdoors Group<br>7:00p Texas Hold'em   | <b>9</b><br>8:30a Fishing Club Board Mtg<br>8:30a Zumba<br>9:00a Chair-a-Cise<br>12:15p Pinochle<br>5:00p Fishing Club<br>7:00p Acoustic Music Group   | 9:00a PGICA<br>9:30a In Stitch<br>10:00a Landsb<br>12:30p Women<br>1:00p Duplica<br>PGIslan<br>Mahjong<br>4:30p Social            |
| <b>14</b> | <b>15</b><br>8:45a Monday Morning<br>9:30a Men's Social Bridge<br>10:00a Monday Morning Mahjongg<br>2:00p Tag Team - Artists<br>3:00p Duplicate Bridge<br>3:00p Friends, Fun, & Community<br>4:00p Friends, Fun, & Community Board Meeting                   | <b>16</b><br>8:30a Zumba<br>9:00a Chair-a-Cise<br>12:15p Pinochle<br>5:00p Newcomers<br>7:00p Acoustic Music Group   | 9:00a Beyond<br>9:30a In Stitch<br>10:00a Landsb<br>12:30p Women<br>1:00p Duplica<br>PGIslan<br>Mahjong<br>4:00p Just Fo          |
| <b>21</b> | <b>22</b><br>8:45a Monday Morning<br>9:30a Men's Social Bridge<br>9:30a Mariners Board Mtg<br>9:30a Monday Morning Mahjongg<br>10:00a Tag Team - Artists<br>5:30p Mariners Meeting<br>7:00p Texas Hold'em  | <b>23</b><br>8:30a Zumba<br>9:00a Chair-a-Cise<br>12:15p Pinochle<br>5:00p Seafarers<br>7:00p Acoustic Music   | 9:30a In Stitch<br>10:00a Landsb<br>12:30p Women<br>1:00p Duplica<br>PGIslan<br>Mahjong<br>4:30p Friends<br>6:30p Commu<br>Game N |
| <b>28</b> | <b>29</b><br>8:45a Monday Morning<br>9:30a Men's Social Bridge<br>10:00a Monday Morning Mahjongg<br>10:00a Tag Team - Artists  | <b>30</b><br>8:30a Zumba<br>9:00a Chair-a-Cise<br>12:15p Pinochle<br>7:00p Acoustic Music  |   |



| WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY  | FRIDAY  | SATURDAY  |
|---|---|---|-----------|
| <b>3</b><br>nes<br>erg Bennett<br>'s Seminar<br>'s Bridge<br>ders-<br>gg  | <b>4</b><br>9:00a Chair-a-Cise<br>9:30a Just For Fun Club<br>Mah Jongg<br>12:00p Hand & Foot Card/<br>Canasta Game<br>12:30p Mariners Club Mah<br>Jong<br>1:30p Beginner Ukulele<br>Lessons<br>6:30p Euchre Group<br>6:30p PGIslanders General<br>Mtg | <b>5</b><br>8:30a Blood Drive<br>8:30a Zumba<br>12:30p PGICA Friday Bridge                          | <b>6</b>  |
| <b>10</b><br>Board Mtg.<br>nes<br>erg Bennett<br>'s Seminar<br>'s Bridge<br>ders-<br>gg<br>ders Club                      | <b>11</b><br>9:00a Chair-a-Cise<br>9:30a Just For Fun Club<br>Mah Jongg<br>12:00p Hand & Foot Card/<br>Canasta Game<br>12:30p Mariners Club Mah<br>Jong<br>1:30p Beginner Ukulele<br>Lessons<br>6:30p Euchre Group                                    | <b>12</b><br>8:30a Zumba<br>12:30p PGICA Friday Bridge  | <b>13</b> |
| <b>17</b><br>Ourselfes<br>nes<br>erg Bennett<br>'s Seminar<br>'s Bridge<br>ders-<br>gg<br>r Fun                           | <b>18</b><br>9:00a Chair-a-Cise<br>9:30a Just For Fun<br>Mah Jongg<br>12:00p Hand & Foot Card/<br>Canasta Game<br>12:30p Mariners Mah Jong<br>1:30p Beginner Ukulele<br>Lessons<br>6:30p Euchre Group   | <b>19</b><br>8:30a Zumba<br>12:30p PGICA Friday Bridge  | <b>20</b> |
| <b>24</b><br>nes<br>erg Bennett<br>'s Seminar<br>'s Bridge<br>ders-<br>gg<br>ders- Social<br>/Fun/<br>nity Ladies<br>ight | <b>25</b><br>9:00a Chair-a-Cise<br>9:00a PGIslanders Board<br>Mtg<br>9:30a Just For Fun Club<br>Mah Jongg<br>12:00p Hand & Foot Card/<br>Canasta Game<br>12:30p Mariners Club Mah<br>Jong<br>6:30p Euchre Group                                       | <b>26</b><br>8:30a Zumba<br>10:00a Paper Quilling Work<br>Shop (Fish)<br>12:30p PGICA Friday Bridge | <b>27</b> |
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# CALENDAR

| SUNDAY   | MONDAY   | TUESDAY  | WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY  | FRIDAY  | SATURDAY |
|--|--|--|---|---|---|----------|
|  |  |  | <b>1</b><br>9:30a In Stitches<br>10:00a Landsberg Bennett<br>12:30p Women's Seminar<br>1:00p Couples Bridge<br>PGIslanders-Mahjongg   | <b>2</b><br>9:00a Chair-a-Cise<br>9:30a Just For Fun Mah<br>Jongg<br>12:00p Hand & Foot Card/<br>Canasta<br>12:30p Mariners Club Mah<br>Jong<br>6:30p Euchre Group<br>6:30p PGIslanders | <b>3</b><br>8:30a Zumba<br>12:30p PGICA Friday<br>Bridge                                    |          |
| <b>5</b><br>8:45a Monday Morning<br>9:30a Men's Social Bridge<br>10:00a Monday Morning<br>Mahjongg<br>2:00p Tag Team - Artists<br>Duplicate Bridge | <b>6</b><br>8:30a Zumba<br>9:00a Car Club - Board<br>meeting<br>9:00a Chair-a-Cise<br>12:15p Pinochle<br>6:30p Bunco Buddies<br>7:00p Acoustic Music | <b>7</b><br>8:30a Zumba<br>9:00a Car Club - Board<br>meeting<br>9:00a Chair-a-Cise<br>12:15p Pinochle<br>6:30p Bunco Buddies<br>7:00p Acoustic Music | <b>8</b><br>9:00a PGICA Board Mtg.<br>9:30a In Stitches<br>10:00a Landsberg Bennett<br>12:30p Women's Seminar<br>Duplicate Bridge<br>1:00p PGIslanders-<br>Mahjongg<br>4:30p PGIslanders Social | <b>9</b><br>9:00a Chair-a-Cise<br>9:30a Just For Fun<br>Mah Jongg<br>12:00p Hand & Foot Card/<br>Canasta Game<br>12:30p Mariners Club Mah<br>Jong<br>6:30p Euchre Group                 | <b>10</b><br>8:30a Zumba<br>10:00a Paper Quilling<br>WorkShop<br>12:30p PGICA Friday Bridge |          |

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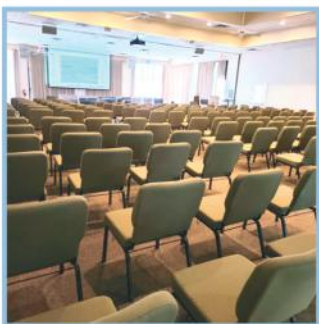
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- ◊ Graduation Parties
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It is hard to believe that I've lived in Florida eight years as of this issue of *The Commentator*. Early retirement blessed me with the opportunity to focus on family, friends and painting. Having time and space dedicated to painting is a blessing now and although I am slow, there is a zone where it all works and the result is pure satisfaction. I think it is true that we are our worst critics and art and design are subjective so the viewer has the final say. This is as true today as it was during a career in graphic design, primarily



in packaging. Today I paint windows for a few businesses and some freelance design too.

As I paint now, I'm starting to know that I prefer a subject



in my paintings and that perfection is my enemy. But the fact that I'm learning now and painting regularly along with discoveries on the way are making retirement happy (that and the boat). Talking with our group about our work has led to tips/tricks, sales on materials and differences in techniques that make me better. I'm so grateful to be part of it.



## TENNIS CLUB

Jackie Rahsaz, President, [jackiesemail@me.com](mailto:jackiesemail@me.com)



Hope you are enjoying your summer and watching some exciting tennis at the U.S. Open. Our men's league teams have been getting ready for the upcoming 25/26 tennis season. PGICA will have three men's teams in the upcoming season - An A2 team, a B3 team and a new B73 team.

Our women's teams are at the 3.0 and 3.5 levels. Reach out if you have an interest in joining a team next season, and we'll put you in touch with the respective captain. In addition to league play, there are open times when members can reserve to use the courts outside of already scheduled play.

If you are interested in playing tennis locally, then consider joining the PGICA Tennis Club. The purpose of our tennis club is to create and foster good fellowship among our members through the playing of tennis and other social activities. During our winter season, our club organizes tennis socials each month. After some social mixed doubles, lunch or dinner is provided by the club. Our club relies on members to actively maintain our court amenities, such as securing the net curtains between each court and collecting all the balls when done using the ball machine.

Most members join one of our organized league teams, which play from November through March. We have several men's and women's teams playing at different levels. If you

have never played an official league match but are interested, our teams can help you get ready with strategies for some competitive tennis. Our club also has a ball machine that members can use to practice their skills. Throughout the calendar year, we have weekly designated social times when members can show up to play with others. Additionally, there are many opportunities to reserve open court times for organized play by members.

Our tennis courts are on display next to the PGICA building. Dues from tennis club members fully support the upkeep of the courts. Our members pay \$75 for annual dues. There is an additional one-time \$100 fee for new memberships. All club members must also join the PGICA, as is the case with all the wonderful clubs the association offers. From the PGICA website, you can check out our Tennis Club website for more details.

Our 2025 slate of officers for the Tennis Club are: President Jackie Rahsaz, Vice President Tony Rahsaz, Treasurer Janet Lynn, Secretary Janelle Anthone, Social Director Mitzie Kohrman, Webmaster Bill Hogue, Immediate Past President Mitzie Kohrman and President Emeritus Dick Shelton.

Thank you to our members who help to keep our club going.





## Derelict Vessel Investigations

**R**esidents often have questions about derelict vessels in the waterways around Punta Gorda. The following information aims to educate citizens about the derelict vessel removal process. First and foremost, all derelict vessels currently in our City's waterways are accounted for. The Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission (FWC) has already investigated most of them. A link to the derelict vessel interactive map is also provided at the end of this segment. When an officer investigates a derelict vessel, that information must be added to the map. Punta Gorda Police Marine Corporal Russell is experienced in derelict vessel investigations and knows all the boats in the Gilchrist area. All marine officers in our region (FWC, CCSO and PGPD) work collaboratively and communicate regularly whenever a new at-risk or derelict vessel is identified. They conduct joint operations and often assist each other with calls for service.

The Charlotte County Marine Advisory Committee has approved funding for the police department, allowing us to remove a derelict vessel once the investigation is complete. However, these investigations can still take months to finish because of the many legal requirements officers must follow. Once the vessel is found, the owner has 21 days to bring it into compliance. If the boat is brought into compliance and then becomes derelict again, the 21-day period resets. If the owner is not nearby, officers must locate them and send a notice via certified mail. The owner needs time to respond

to this mailing, which adds to the overall length of the investigation.

When FWC conducts an investigation, it must wait for its funding to be released to the contractor, who then schedules the removal. Sometimes, the contractor waits until they have a batch of derelict vessels to remove them all at once, which slows down the process. FWC has carried out many derelict vessel investigations in our area for various reasons, such as storm-related issues, receiving notification first, or our marine officer being unavailable. This has allowed Marine Corporal Russell to focus on removing vessels from the park and Laishley Park. He was solely responsible for securing the owners' cooperation in all those boat removals to help speed up the process. Most of the Punta Gorda derelict vessels that FWC has investigated are now in the pending removal stage. The current stage of each investigation can be viewed on the interactive map, which also displays the officer handling the case, contact phone number and case number.

The police department is also pleased to announce the addition of a second marine officer to the Marine Unit sometime in early September 2025. With the added marine officer, there will be increased patrols and enforcement on Punta Gorda's waterways to keep our boating community safe.

Derelict Vessels Experience link: <https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/decfb6b7ca024ac98f6f900d86784d09?views=View-1>

## ISLES GIRLS & GUYS CLUB

Dave Little, [dblittle321@gmail.com](mailto:dblittle321@gmail.com)

**S**ummer has just flown by and here we are thinking about college football and the return of the NFL and more importantly, the return of the estate sales conducted by Isles Girls & Guys. Make sure you monitor our website, <https://islesgirlsandguys.com> for upcoming sales. Remember we will start sales after October 1. You can also go to <https://islesgirlsandguys.com/contact-us> and fill out the form and be added to our email alert list.

Also please keep in mind that there are a couple of things you can help us with in the future. One is to bring your excess plastic shopping bags to a future sale. We use these to wrap your purchases, and it seems we are always running out. The other thing is if you have any flat white twin size sheets that you are going to get rid of, please bring them to a future sales as we use sheets to cover the tables.

If you think you might want to have an estate sale, do not wait, please call Tom Teubert at 201-960-5340 or Karen Schwarck at 941-276-8593 so we can get you on the calendar. We will come out and preview your home. Also contact Tom or Karen if you are interested in joining our happy band of volunteers. We will let you know when there is an opening.

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Florida summers are a unique blend of vibrant beach days, sun-soaked adventures and a laid-back vibe. There is nothing like the feeling of warm sand between your toes, and the refreshing embrace of the ocean or pool. The bright, sunny days are perfect for outdoor or indoor gatherings and making memories with friends and family. Summer in Florida truly brings

out the best of the Sunshine State.

Are you interested in experiencing such pleasures in January? If so, consider booking a cabin for the JFF annual cruise departing from Fort Lauderdale aboard the Majestic Princess on Sunday, January 11, 2026. This six-night Caribbean cruise will visit ports at Amber Cove, San Juan and Grand Turk. Our Cruise Coordinator Deb Sulla plans to organize rotating dinner seating, activities on days at sea and group happy hours. Contact Deb at 941-286-6611 for additional information or refer to JFF's site on the PGICA



Easby-Smiths chatting

website.

Our appreciation is given to our gracious summer Bite Night hosts and hostesses including Kathy Leitsch, Tom & Kim Flynn and Frank and Karen Easby-Smith. They have opened their homes to JFF members for an evening of camaraderie, a buffet of appetizers and refreshing beverages at our monthly event. In August, the Easby-Smiths again went above and beyond by celebrating National Rum Day while hosting Bite Night by serving Pain Killers, Hurricanes, Mai Tais and sipping rums. Not surprisingly, there has been much speculation that Frank may be a direct descendant of an infamous rum runner.

Towards the end of each month a Host and Toast event



Tom & Kim Flynn



Men's Lunch

is coordinated by Janice Gorrell. It is an increasingly popular evening and a great opportunity to get to better know a few other JFF members while enjoying a nice dinner at the home of the host for that month.

Men's Lunch and Ladie's Lunch continue at various local restaurants including Pita & Puff, Ryan's Sub and Sports Grill and Mainely Seafood Cafe. Summer is such a great time to try new establishments while forging new friendships.

Local restaurants are also being enjoyed by those club members who take part in the JFF Dine Around dinners.

Social mah jongg is scheduled every Monday at 9:30 at PGICA and any PGICA member can sign up through Club Express on the website. Contact Donna Bernhardson with inquiries. On Thursdays at 9:30, JFF members can sign up for a game of mah jongg at PGICA. Contacts are Kay Abbs or Deb Sulla.

JFF has two book clubs that meet monthly year-around in the afternoon. Contact Maggie Swetkoff or Peggy Ensley if interested in more information.

Every Sunday morning the weekly Flamingo Express is delivered to your email address to ensure members are updated on club activities. Please register online via the PGICA website for events. Photos taken at events are often posted on our Facebook page and members are encouraged to join the site.

Contact Glenice Verhoff at [glenicev@gmail.com](mailto:glenicev@gmail.com) with your ideas for spur-of-the-moment events or group ideas so she can help coordinate the plan. Our Sunshine Lady Virginia McLewin has kind and supportive messages to share with any club member who can benefit.



Kathy Leitsch and pet Gracie





As our area marinas recover from past wind and floods, the Mariners are looking forward to the upcoming boating season. We've already reserved space at Safe Harbor Burnt Store for our 2026 annual regatta in April. The warm summer may have slowed us down a bit, but our club continues to stay active.



Linda Wiens swimming with pigs in Exumas

Six Mariners enjoyed a lunch cruise to Riviera Bar and Grill in July. Skies were clear and seas were calm. A few Mariners have been off to more adventurous locations. The Wiens took their boat to the Bahamas. See

the photo of Linda Wiens bravely feeding the swimming pigs of the Exumas. The Mankins and Towers chartered boats in the British Virgin Islands. Mike Mankin is seen with the burgee he left at Foxy's on Jost Van Dyke seven years ago. Some Mariners tried to evade the summer heat by traveling to more northern latitudes of the country, but they often found warm weather everywhere. The Scharpf's headed west in their land yacht. Our commodore, Carol Barkow is pictured enjoying High Falls in North Carolina.

Mariner monthly Lunch with the Ladies continues through the summer. In June, the ladies even invited the guys to lunch at the Chefs Thai & Sushi Bar & Grill in Port Charlotte. Six Mariners had a spicy time and great conversation. Thanks to Carol Barkow for hosting.



Mike Mankin with Mariner burgee at Foxy's

The July Ladies Lunch was held at The Perfect Caper, where eleven ladies enjoyed great food and fellowship. Thanks to Debby Dehmel for hosting. The August Ladies Lunch will be at Salty Tarpon hosted by Crystal Mankin.

Several of our weekly happy hours have been hosted at Mariner homes. These have been very well attended, perhaps due to access to air conditioning and the scrumptious appetizers.

The only problem is what to do with all the leftovers. Thanks to the Contes, Northrups, Franzinos, Gulers, Burgesses and Singleton/Flanders for hosting these events.

For the past couple of weeks, we've been back to regular Wednesday happy hours at the Village Brewhouse.

We're all looking forward to the upcoming fall events. In October the Mariners will be participating in the PGI Car Club's Trunk or Treat event. Also in October, we catch up with our snowbird friends at the annual Mariner Welcome Back Picnic. In November we join the PGIslanders for a Friendsgiving celebration at the St. Andrews South Golf Club.

We invite you to join in the Mariners fun and fellowship. Drop by and meet the crew at one of our happy hours, held every Wednesday from 5 to 7 at the Village Brewhouse. Check out our monthly newsletter (Nautical Notes) which can be viewed at <https://marinersofpgi.org/nautical-notes/>. For questions, give our Membership Director Joan Erickson a call at 512-789-1191. We look forward to meeting you.



High Falls in NC



Ladies lunch at Perfect Caper

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| HOUSES      |             |              |                             |            |             |
|-------------|-------------|--------------|-----------------------------|------------|-------------|
| List Price  | Sale Price  | % List Price | Address                     | Year Built | Sq. Footage |
| \$3,490,000 | \$3,200,000 | 92%          | 2102 Palm Tree Dr           | 2014       | 5,127       |
| \$1,950,000 | \$1,790,000 | 92%          | 1371 Grebe Dr               | 2015       | 2,585       |
| \$1,499,000 | \$1,499,000 | 100%         | 1492 Aqui Esta Dr           | 2015       | 2,548       |
| \$1,500,000 | \$1,350,000 | 90%          | 28 Colony Point Dr          | 1982       | 4,028       |
| \$1,025,000 | \$980,000   | 96%          | 1023 San Mateo Dr           | 1999       | 2,606       |
| \$759,000   | \$740,000   | 97%          | 1334 Via Milanese           | 1988       | 2,096       |
| \$700,000   | \$675,000   | 96%          | 240 Divinci Dr              | 1987       | 2,119       |
| \$699,900   | \$648,000   | 93%          | 2198 El Cerito Ct           | 1983       | 1,847       |
| \$645,000   | \$610,000   | 95%          | 1117 Treasure Cay Ct        | 1987       | 1,874       |
| \$610,000   | \$550,000   | 90%          | 2117 Deborah Dr             | 1997       | 2,347       |
| \$635,000   | \$550,000   | 87%          | 3621 Whippoorwill Blvd      | 1987       | 2,043       |
| \$537,975   | \$522,500   | 97%          | 2100 Cassino Ct             | 1992       | 2,020       |
| \$465,000   | \$450,000   | 97%          | 721 Brenda Ct               | 1978       | 1,772       |
| \$462,500   | \$446,000   | 96%          | 1118 Treasure Cay Ct        | 1979       | 1,395       |
| \$450,000   | \$425,000   | 94%          | 64 Sabal Dr                 | 1974       | 1,758       |
| \$399,900   | \$415,000   | 104%         | 1791 Belle Ct               | 1968       | 1,586       |
| \$430,000   | \$399,000   | 93%          | 1425 Appian Dr              | 1971       | 1,592       |
| \$399,000   | \$385,000   | 96%          | 88 Sabal Dr                 | 1977       | 1,388       |
| \$399,500   | \$361,000   | 90%          | 414 Norma Ct                | 1978       | 1,783       |
| \$399,500   | \$325,000   | 81%          | 1623 Redwing Ct             | 1984       | 1,753       |
| \$335,000   | \$312,500   | 93%          | 3114 Magdalena Dr           | 1978       | 1,289       |
| \$319,900   | \$245,000   | 77%          | 285 Bal Harbor Blvd         | 1961       | 1,329       |
| CONDOS      |             |              |                             |            |             |
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| \$499,000   | \$450,000   | 90%          | 89 Vivante Blvd #402        | 2006       | 2,338       |
| \$450,000   | \$420,000   | 93%          | 1620 Sea Haven Dr #405      | 2024       | 1,867       |
| \$375,000   | \$365,000   | 97%          | 1 Colony Point Dr #11A      | 1972       | 1,725       |
| \$328,500   | \$315,000   | 96%          | 3329 Purple Martin Dr #113  | 2007       | 1,467       |
| \$309,000   | \$287,500   | 93%          | 1500 Park Beach Cir #3C     | 1975       | 1,048       |
| \$285,000   | \$275,000   | 96%          | 4000 Bal Harbor Blvd #316   | 1989       | 1,110       |
| \$285,000   | \$285,000   | 100%         | 240 West End Dr #622        | 2006       | 1,519       |
| \$279,000   | \$235,000   | 84%          | 3920 Bal Harbor Blvd #D8    | 1988       | 1,183       |
| \$240,000   | \$190,000   | 79%          | 1500 Park Beach Cir #4A     | 1975       | 988         |
| \$220,000   | \$198,000   | 90%          | 101 N Marion Ct #114        | 1990       | 1,530       |
| \$210,000   | \$180,000   | 86%          | 3600 Bal Harbor Blvd #1A    | 1984       | 1,089       |
| \$179,000   | \$179,000   | 100%         | 3627 Bal Harbor Blvd #102   | 1991       | 1,105       |
| \$154,900   | \$154,900   | 100%         | 311 Garvin St #309D         | 1973       | 1,114       |
| \$150,000   | \$148,000   | 99%          | 1345 Mediterranean Dr #A203 | 1974       | 1,164       |

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| \$3,200,000 | \$2,870,000 | 90%          | 19 Sabal Dr             | 2022       | 3,910       |
| \$1,395,000 | \$1,280,000 | 92%          | 2850 Magdalena Dr       | 2018       | 2,496       |
| \$1,200,000 | \$1,050,000 | 88%          | 1450 Kiwi Ct            | 2021       | 2,599       |
| \$1,050,000 | \$1,015,000 | 97%          | 1932 Los Alamos Dr      | 2017       | 2,389       |
| \$995,000   | \$975,000   | 98%          | 3353 Sandpiper Dr       | 2016       | 2,472       |
| \$995,000   | \$935,000   | 94%          | 1341 Pine Siskin Dr     | 2021       | 2,321       |
| \$939,000   | \$900,000   | 96%          | 432 Gun Cay Ln          | 2023       | 3,018       |
| \$849,000   | \$840,000   | 99%          | 1105 Rum Cay Ct         | 1996       | 3,131       |
| \$799,900   | \$765,000   | 96%          | 1435 Pine Island Ct     | 1998       | 1,984       |
| \$799,900   | \$797,400   | 100%         | 159 Colony Point Dr     | 2024       | 2,224       |
| \$774,900   | \$750,000   | 97%          | 56 Colony Point Dr      | 1988       | 2,870       |
| \$765,000   | \$730,000   | 95%          | 5720 Almar Dr           | 1999       | 2,006       |
| \$749,999   | \$695,000   | 93%          | 3414 Sandpiper Dr       | 2013       | 1,886       |
| \$749,500   | \$737,500   | 98%          | 3906 Crooked Island Dr  | 1995       | 2,115       |
| \$730,000   | \$710,000   | 97%          | 3712 Carmichael Dr      | 2024       | 2,150       |
| \$725,000   | \$650,000   | 90%          | 1429 Blue Jay Ct        | 2004       | 2,354       |
| \$669,900   | \$630,000   | 94%          | 3977 La Costa Island Ct | 2006       | 2,481       |
| \$649,900   | \$570,000   | 88%          | 2575 Brazilia Ct        | 1990       | 2,116       |
| \$599,900   | \$585,000   | 98%          | 2100 Via Esplanade      | 1975       | 1,983       |
| \$554,000   | \$532,000   | 96%          | 441 Norma Ct            | 1973       | 1,329       |
| \$549,900   | \$545,000   | 99%          | 1374 Grebe Dr           | 1992       | 2,164       |
| \$524,000   | \$524,900   | 100%         | 1407 Waxwing Ct         | 1980       | 2,106       |
| \$519,000   | \$515,000   | 99%          | 2501 W Marion Ave       | 1974       | 1,550       |
| \$479,000   | \$450,000   | 94%          | 2821 Coral Way          | 1973       | 1,748       |
| \$475,000   | \$470,000   | 99%          | 310 Belvedere Ct        | 1970       | 1,723       |
| \$360,000   | \$310,000   | 86%          | 450 Capri Isles Ct      | 1965       | 1,501       |
| \$299,900   | \$265,000   | 88%          | 490 Via Esplanade       | 1975       | 1,953       |

## CONDOS

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|------------|------------|--------------|----------------------------|------------|-------------|
| \$699,000  | \$659,000  | 94%          | 1425 Park Beach Cir #122   | 2020       | 1,642       |
| \$399,900  | \$333,000  | 83%          | 1 Colony Point Dr #16B     | 1972       | 1,581       |
| \$389,900  | \$380,000  | 97%          | 3308 Purple Martin Dr #121 | 2006       | 1,905       |
| \$375,000  | \$375,050  | 100%         | 3233 Purple Martin Dr #121 | 2004       | 1,430       |
| \$350,000  | \$350,000  | 100%         | 97 Vivante Blvd #308       | 2006       | 1,915       |
| \$317,900  | \$305,000  | 96%          | 1349 Aqui Esta Dr #121     | 2007       | 1,838       |
| \$299,999  | \$299,000  | 100%         | 2601 W Marion Ave #45C     | 1986       | 1,180       |
| \$260,000  | \$239,000  | 92%          | 99 Vivante Blvd #310       | 2007       | 1,485       |
| \$199,500  | \$179,000  | 90%          | 2001 Bal Harbor Blvd #2312 | 2011       | 1,351       |
| \$165,000  | \$165,000  | 100%         | 1080 Bal Harbor Blvd #11C  | 1974       | 1,114       |

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We departed PGI in late April to return to our home up north in central Ohio. After three months of midwest landlubbing, we are certainly looking forward to our return to the Isles and organizing various boating activities with the Cruising Club again.

I do try to stay close to Southwest Florida boating news by perusing several marine social media sites on a daily basis.

It has been interesting to read about recent attempts by residents to close off access to beach goers and boaters on some of the nearby barrier islands. Although the hurricanes over the past three years have been devastating to many businesses and homeowners, the storms have also created some new natural wonders along the Southwest Florida coastline that beg to be explored and enjoyed by boat. A new cut from Ski Alley to the gulf nicknamed



Milton Pass has provided boaters with a new area to anchor or beach their watercraft and hang out for a few hours in crystal clear waters. Residents of Manasota Key are not thrilled with the new attraction and are trying their best to limit access to these popular beach locations. In addition, the residents of Boca Grande want to eliminate almost all beach parking on the island and dramatically raise bridge tolls to discourage off islanders from visiting. It will be interesting to see where this all ends up because federal and state tax dollars are used for beach replenishment after tropical storms and in my opinion should always remain open and easily accessible to the public.

I am also concerned about the number of marine vessel accidents occurring in our area. We all know that it only takes a checkbook to buy and operate a boat for leisure use.

COVID dramatically increased the number of boat owners nationwide and the unfortunate result was a new class of vessel operator who hit the water

without any prior boating experience. I can honestly say that every trip on the water I have taken in the past several years involved an encounter with a vessel operated by an individual who exhibited zero knowledge about right-of-way or overtaking another vessel. Boater education can be enjoyable and the knowledge that you gain can be applied in many other ways. The weather class I took from our local Power Squadron in Ohio contained information that can be used not only for boating, but for everyday life. After Basic Seamanship and Weather, I had to continue with Piloting and Navigation. Besides the knowledge I gained, the classes were attended by other people with a common interest...safe boating and enjoyment on the water regardless of whether the information learned was applied on an inland lake, the Great Lakes or the ocean.

I hope our club can continue to attract new members regardless of their prior boating experience. For many, retirement means buying that boat you have always wanted. However, boating in Southwest Florida including Charlotte Harbor and the Intracoastal Waterway can be intimidating to a person new to boating. Let's make sure our club is always welcoming of these newbies and we do everything possible to help them enjoy their new hobby. And above all, encourage boater education and promote safe boating at all times.

If you are new to the area and would like to learn more about our club and scheduled activities, please visit our website at [pgicruisingclub.org](http://pgicruisingclub.org) and click on the Events & Calendar tab.



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The Newcomers Club has enjoyed a summer filled with laughter, connection and plenty of shared memories, but now our eyes are turning toward the quickly approaching fall season. Autumn in Punta Gorda Isles brings fresh

opportunities to gather, explore and enjoy the company of friends, both new and familiar. If you are new to the area and hoping to discover everything your new hometown has to offer, the Newcomers Club is the perfect place to begin. Members join us from all across the United States, Canada, and even farther away, and soon find themselves surrounded by people who share the same excitement about building friendships and making the most of life in this beautiful corner of Florida.

At the heart of our group is a simple mission. We want every new member of the Punta Gorda Isles Civic Association to feel truly at home. Through lively activities, welcoming gatherings and a friendly atmosphere, the Newcomers Club makes it easy to find your place in the community while creating wonderful experiences along the way.

Each month, our calendar is full of events designed for fun and connection. Some are large and full of energy, others are smaller and more relaxed, but all are built around the joy of meeting new friends. A favorite tradition is our social hour, which takes place on the first and third Wednesday of each month. We meet at different spots around town, making it a fun way to sample Punta Gorda's best restaurants while enjoying good conversation. This summer, we spent time at Downtown Gatorz and The Library at the Four Points by Sheraton Hotel. With cooler



Our awesome, hard-working secretary, Carol



Morning group walk

weather on the horizon, we will be moving outdoors to TT's Tiki Bar, where the waterfront views are as inviting as the atmosphere.

Food and drink are only part of the story. Many of our members enjoy staying active together. Morning walks have become a regular highlight, offering a chance to explore the area while catching up with friends. During the summer months, water aerobics at the South County Regional Park pool kept us cool, fit and smiling. Discovering that hidden gem of a pool has been one of our favorite surprises of the year.



President & sous chef leader, Michele, with her talented appetizer team

As we head into fall, our calendar is brimming with new adventures. We have

planned an around-town scavenger hunt that will add a playful twist to exploring Punta Gorda, along with small group appetizer nights that promise good food and even better company. Our monthly luncheons and dine-arounds will continue to bring us together over delicious meals at new and familiar restaurants.

We would love for you to be part of it all. Membership forms are available in the PGICA lobby or online through the PGICA website. Once you join, you will also gain access to our private Facebook group, The Official PGICA Newcomers Club, where we share updates, photos and even more opportunities to connect.

Whether you are looking for activity, conversation, or simply a friendly face in your new neighborhood, the Newcomers Club is ready to welcome you. Fall is shaping up to be a season filled with discovery, laughter and friendships that will last well beyond your first year in Punta Gorda.



Social Hour shenanigans at The Library



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Greetings to everyone from the Seafarers Cruising Club. With a little bit of a lull after the cruises and social events in July and August, the Seafarers calendar will be getting busy again with multiple cruises and social activities scheduled in September and continuing into the following months.

During the summer months of July and August, the Seafarers enjoyed a multitude of events. On the weekend of

July 11 to 13 the Seafarers did the overnight cruise to 'Tween Waters Marina. As

usual for this cruise there was a wait list. Rick Bunnell was the cruise leader at this event where he

organized the social and dining activities that all the attendees enjoyed. Just after the 'Tween Waters cruise the Seafarers did a lunch cruise the following Friday, July 18 to Laishley Crab House that was organized by Carol Nieto. This is always a



'Tween Waters Cruise



Laishley's Lunch

popular cruise event that is very well attended. The last cruise event in July was led by Membership Director John Koch. It was a lunch cruise to the Riviera Bar and Grille. Seafarers came by boat and car to enjoy getting together with everyone for a great lunch and then listening to live music that started at 2. For a day cruise, Carol Nieto organized a Seafarers Beach Day at Pelican Bay on Saturday, August 30. This fun

event has always been well attended by the Seafarers and their friends that join them for the Pelican Bay Beach Day. Back by popular demand, Social Director Cheryle Gurk-Turner organized and scheduled the Dinner and Darts at

The Ice House Pub on August 21. This event has repeatedly been at full registration capacity and has been a great evening of fun enjoyed by all.

Membership Director John Koch invites you to join the fun - On water and land. Looking for adventure, camaraderie and unbeatable value? The Seafarers Boating Club has it all.

From relaxing lunch cruises to lively land-based gatherings throughout the year, there's never a dull moment. We're a community of friendly, fun-loving folks who share a passion for the water - whether you're a seasoned captain or just dipping your toes in. Come aboard and discover why joining our club is the most enjoyable (and economical) decision you'll make this season.

We would be happy to meet you and have you visit with our club members to learn more about our club. You have an open invitation to join us at one of our meet and greets at St. Andrews South Golf Club from 5 to 7 on the second and fourth Thursdays each month. As a friendly reminder please put September 11 and 25 at 5 on your calendar to try to schedule joining us for this social event. This is a great opportunity for you to come by and meet us with no obligation. Just stop at the 50/50 table and let the Seafarers greeters know that you are a new visitor interested in our boating club.

Looking forward to September, there is an overnight cruise being led by Mark Kalb and is scheduled from Friday, September 12 to Monday, September 15 to South Seas Marina and Resort on Captiva Island. This overnight cruise destination has been a favorite of the Seafarers. It is a beautiful venue that has rebounded twice from the previous damage sustained from hurricanes Ian, Helene and Milton.

At the end of September there is the land event that is scheduled for September 19. It is the annual Seafarers Rock the Dock Party which has been graciously hosted by Ron and Michele Olsen. This year the number of attendees will eclipse to 85. Participation in this event is starting to close in on the size of a Seafarers general meeting.

We are always inviting more new people to join the Seafarers to make new friends and enjoy new adventures. For more information, please contact our Membership Director John Koch at 540-903-2292 or [johnKoch101@gmail.com](mailto:johnKoch101@gmail.com) or Commodore Ron Olsen at [rolsen3514@icloud.com](mailto:rolsen3514@icloud.com).



Riviera Lunch Cruise





The PGI Car Club (PGICC) meets at Beef 'O' Brady's in Punta Gorda at 11:30 on the second Tuesday of each month. Our next general meeting is on September 9. Look for a reminder email a couple days before.

Cars and Coffee at Bal Harbor Plaza is open to all automobile enthusiasts and continues to meet on the third Tuesday of each month. Our next Cars and Coffee is on September 16 at 9. Join us as we do donuts in the parking lot.

As the fall season unfolds, we are planning cruises to the Bean Depot, The John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art, Walt's Fish Market Restaurant, Ford's Garage, Revs Institute, the Edison and Ford Holiday Nights tour, and much more. As always, we are looking for our members to suggest new and exciting destinations.



This month, we highlight Bob and Susan Engelhart's 1952 MGTD Mark II Roadster, Bumble Bee. Bob and Susan have owned this beautiful 1952 MGTD Mark II Roadster since February 1993 and have driven it more than 36,000 miles. Bumble Bee is car number 11953 and has a 1250-cubic-inch 4-cylinder engine, a 4-speed transmission rated at approximately 58 hp with dual 1 1/2 inch side draft carburetors, and a 12-volt positive ground electrical system.

Mark II TDs differ from standard MGs with some readily visible differences including larger (1 1/2" vs. 1 1/4") carbs (and a whopping 4hp boost) with a bubble on the passenger side of the bonnet (hood) to fit the forward larger carb, dual fuel pumps and additional adjustable shocks on the front. There are many other not-so-visible differences that include larger valves and heavier springs and different rearend ratio. Bob and Susan's car weighs approximately 1,800 lbs.

About 1,710 Mark II Roadsters were built between 1950 and 1953, with 1,593 built for North America with lefthand drive. MG exported about 20,000 standard roadsters to the United States between 1949 and 1953. MGs were a popular choice of returning WW II vets and the TD was designed for the American market with left hand steering and several inches more space in the cockpit for Americans who were generally larger than their British cousins. The TD body style is pre-World War II, beginning in 1932 with the TA and

continuing until 1955 with the MG TF. Bumble Bee's engine and transmission have been rebuilt and was repainted Honey Mellow Yellow and given a new

top, tonneau, interior side panels and carpets in 2015. Bumble Bee also sports a new distributor, solid-state fuel pumps, and rebuilt carbs and generator. Bob and Susan installed a new wiring harness in 2015 which was a labor of love.



Bumble Bee has participated in many tours throughout the Pacific west coast. The longest tour was to the West MG Nationals in 2013 in Carefree, Arizona, and there have been many other adventurous tours to Oregon, Yosemite National Park, Morrow Bay and San Diego. Bumble Bee is a regular driver around Punta Gorda. If you see her on the road, give a wave or toot of your horn.

We encourage new and current members to visit the club's Facebook page under PGI Car Club. It features members' postings, what's happening, photos of impressive automobiles, and more. Check it out and post your favorite vehicle images. For more information, contact Roland Ericsson at [roland.ericsson@yahoo.com](mailto:roland.ericsson@yahoo.com).

The purpose of the club is to create friendships among car enthusiasts through the fun and enjoyment of owning and operating special and/or antique vehicles. The club sponsors overnight and day trips, automobile maintenance and safety education, displays, shows, and related social events. Interested in finding out more about PGI Car Club? Check us out at <http://pgicarclub.com/> or contact Wayne and Joan Erickson at [mabax2@aol.com](mailto:mabax2@aol.com) for membership information.



September is a very busy month. School is beginning, teachers are very busy, and kids are all adjusting to getting up so early. Parents are cheering that their kids are back in school. Grandparents are also happy their grandchildren are back in school so they can go on a cruise. Beyond Ourselves members are starting to look at some wonderful activities and events to raise money in Charlotte County for helping our children's charities, the wildlife environment and the homeless. We will be starting our monthly meetings in September at the PGICA.

We are excited to announce a new Sip & Savor Series this fall. Treat your tastebuds to a lively evening, sampling chef-curated spirits and food with the proceeds supporting Peace River Wildlife Center and the Charlotte Care Center. This Sip & Savor Series includes two events: Beer & Bites: A Taste of Ireland at the Celtic Ray Public House on October 21 and Wines from Around the World at the Coastal Isles Wine Bar

on November 3. Both Sip & Savor events will be held from 6 to 8. Sip & Savor Series events will feature four tasting pours per person paired with thoughtfully selected small bites, an expert moderator to guide for tasting, raffle baskets, a 50/50 cash raffle and silent auction items. We will have live entertainment by the Jen-Erics, an acoustic duo, and an opportunity to purchase additional food and beverages (at your own expense) following the presentation. We hope you join us for one or both of these

A.N.A.'s Friends, The Back Pack Kidz, Crossroads Hope Academy, Drug Free Punta Gorda, Families in Transition, Healthy Start, Imagination Library, Society of St. Vincent de Paul and Valerie's House. All of these nine organizations meet our goals and are part of Charlotte County.

If you can help us out for next year's home tour, please contact Committee Chair Marlene Hofer. Marlene has been a wonderful asset to our organization, actually creating the home tour from its beginning. It takes a village to have a successful day, and it is because of our wonderful volunteers who provide a host of different duties. We generally host six homes, so you can easily manage to get to each beautiful home, and you could fit in lunch with your friends. Are you interested in showcasing a newly built or renovated home? We'd love to add you to our home tour 2026. Please contact Committee Chair Marlene Hofer at [BeyondOurselvesPuntaGorda@gmail.com](mailto:BeyondOurselvesPuntaGorda@gmail.com).

We have a great group of people who create the Thank You Party the night before and also create the party for the check presentation event to the charities we have selected. Pat Halloran is the chair of this group, which also includes Patrice Petrick, Mary Sebahar, Debbie Ford, Linda Taylor, Janet Creed and Sue Kelley. We always want more help, so this is a great group of people who are looking for new committee members. Please contact Pat Halloran at [phallo6449@aol.com](mailto:phallo6449@aol.com) if you would like to join our committee.

Beyond Ourselves members are serving dinner at the Charlotte CARE Center from 4:45 to 6 on September 6. Please email Lynn Rogers at [BeyondOurselvesPuntaGorda@gmail.com](mailto:BeyondOurselvesPuntaGorda@gmail.com) for more information or to help serve. In the lobby of PGICA, we have bins for Charlotte CARE Center, formerly the Homeless Coalition. Help donate either food, money for shelter or their facilities. You can also donate food and miscellaneous supplies for the Peace River Wildlife Center in the PGICA lobby. There are detailed lists of what types of food, etc. on our website and also in the lobby.

If you have never been a part of Beyond Ourselves, start thinking about joining our group. We meet on the third Wednesday of the month at 10 starting in September through May. Our meeting this month is on September 17 at the PGICA. We only charge \$10 per family per year to be a part of this group. You must be a member of the PGICA to join our membership. Our leadership includes our President Debra Griffith at [debraatc@aol.com](mailto:debraatc@aol.com), Vice President Ellen Jodway at [oligney@yahoo.com](mailto:oligney@yahoo.com), Secretary, to be determined, Treasurer Candice Wood at [cwood8238@gmail.com](mailto:cwood8238@gmail.com) and our Membership Director Jorie Kelly at [kelly.jorie@gmail.com](mailto:kelly.jorie@gmail.com).





Beyond Ourselves is excited to announce our new Fall fundraising events you will NOT want to miss!

Join us for ONE or BOTH of these interactive culinary evenings benefitting the Peace River Wildlife Center and the Charlotte CARE Center (formerly known as the Homeless Coalition).

**Beer & Bites: A Taste of Ireland**  
The Celtic Ray | October 21, 2025

**Wines from Around the World**  
Coastal Isles Wine Bar | November 3, 2025

Attendance is limited to 50 people per event.  
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unforgettable evenings. For ticket details, please go to [PGICA.org/Beyond\\_Ourselves](http://PGICA.org/Beyond_Ourselves). Tickets are limited to 50 people per event. Select sponsorship opportunities are also available. Please contact us for more details.

We must prepare for a very busy season from September through May. The first big decision we have made is to host the Share the Love for the Kids Home Tour 2026 on February 21 from 10 to 4, with the Thank You Party the evening before on February 20. We thank all of the homeowners who have offered their homes for this great day. We also thank our sponsors who generously give their money to us, along with all of the other people who donate their time and talent to make this day so wonderful. This past year's home tour 2025 raised \$82,100. We chose to give money to benefit





Butler has done an excellent job of filling in for Terry Dotson, our president, who has been away for part of the summer. It is important for someone to assume responsibility for keeping things moving along and knowing when it's time to turn the lights out and go home.

We were deeply saddened to hear of the passing of Bob Lumsden. Bob

The PGICA Acoustic Music Group is still in the game, with the sound of guitars, voices and the occasional mandolin and banjo filling the room. Numbers have dwindled for the summer months, as they often do, but we always seem to have a great evening of acoustic music. Dr. Joe



Bob Lumsden

was one of the original members of the PGICA Acoustic Music Group and had a love for music – especially songs by Johnny Cash and gospel music. Bob and his wife Sally opened up their home in PGI for small group ensembles (little subsets of the Acoustic Music Group) and this provided yet another fun venue for those of us who enjoy playing in the company of others. He was a very kind man who will be greatly missed.

If you are thinking of joining this group but have some questions, please email our president Terry Dotson at [terrywdotson@gmail.com](mailto:terrywdotson@gmail.com).



Sherry and Eric

## NEW MEMBER WELCOME

Please welcome these new members who have joined since the last publication:

### June

Susan Bierker  
Lisa & Rick Booth  
Mary Jo & Charles Frey  
Nancy & Darrin Hull  
Victoria Johnson  
Richard Moe  
Ana Morton  
Karen & Brian Murray  
Brenda & Gary Rader

### July

Magdalena Krupa  
Beatriz & Robert Lama  
Lara & Michael Smith



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- ✦ Receive the weekly **In The Know** email newsletter which includes PGICA news and announcements, city news, and reminders for upcoming classes and events.
- ✦ Attend special **Community Seminars, Presentations, and Events**.
- ✦ **Be quickly notified** of important issues, breaking news, and emergency weather tips and announcements.
- ✦ Access the **On-Line Member Directory** which allows you to keep in contact with your PGICA friends and neighbors.
- ✦ Utilize the drive-thru document **Shred Event** twice every year.
- ✦ Participate in the **Annual Arts & Crafts Fair, Annual Nautical Flea Markets, and the Second Saturday Flea Markets** at a discounted vendor rate.
- ✦ Attend the annual **Member Holiday Party** each December.
- ✦ Your dues **help the nonprofit PGICA** provide these many member benefits and additional events and opportunities for the entire Punta Gorda community.
- ✦ You are supporting a reputable and valuable community asset which, with **over 3,200 members**, has existed for more than 60 years ... the PGICA.



Even though summer ends and autumn officially begins on September 22, our mindset is - it's still summer. Fortunately, it's almost always summer in Punta Gorda. We'll still be enjoying barbeques, pool parties, fishing and boating. One thing we can look forward to in our so-called autumn is pumpkin spice everything. We also look forward to our Paradise Friends activities that we all know and love. Our events this month are all on Thursdays.

Starting on September 4, Judy and Dennis Krausman will be hosting Sips and Dips from 5 to 7:30. We all know the drill. When you see the email to sign up on the club website, do so if you plan to attend. Even during the summer months this event was filled. Our thanks go out to Vicki and Tom Britton for opening their home for socializing and mingling with friends over appetizers and refreshments at the last Sips and Dips.



Vicki & Tom Britton,  
our July Sips & Dips hosts

Ladies Lunch on September 11 will be at the Thai Café in Port Charlotte. An extensive selection of classic and exotic Thai dishes, such as frogs legs are served in a traditional and elaborate setting. Reserve your seat on the club calendar to join this lunch event.

Chowhounds Men's Lunch is planned for September 11 at 11:30 at Mission BBQ in Port Charlotte. Come enjoy authentic homemade BBQ and classic sides, plus memorabilia honoring soldiers and first responders. Mission



Ladies lunch at Plaza Mexico



River City Grill summer dinner

BBQ opened on September 11, 2011, ten years after the day our world changed forever. More information is available on the website or in an email being sent to Paradise Friends members.

Our last Choice event was held at the Grill at 1951. It was a delicious night out with 30 wonderful friends. On September 25 we will continue our Summer Dinner with



Choice dinner at the Grill at 1951

Friends at Italia in Punta Gorda from 5 to 8. Italia serves Italian food featuring the best ingredients from Worden Farms, fresh farm to table. Reservations can be made on the club calendar to secure your spot for this Choice event.

If you have anything you would like mentioned in a Paradise Friends article or if you have any interesting photos of our members, send them to Mare Carty at [marion.carty@yahoo.com](mailto:marion.carty@yahoo.com) for possible inclusion in The Commentator. Don't forget to send photos of your travels this summer. It'll be fun to see where our friends ended up and who they travelled with or met up with.

Membership in Paradise Friends is open to any PGICA member. We would love to have you join us. Dues are \$20 per person per year. Membership forms are available in the PGICA lobby and on our website under the Join the Club menu bar.





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|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------------------|-------|-------|---------|----|----|----|------|------------|----------|----------|
| \$299,900   | \$265,000   | 0.88        | 490 VIA ESPLANADE       | 1,953 | 1975  | Private | 3  | 2  | 0  | 54   | 07/15/2025 | \$153.56 | \$135.69 |
| \$360,000   | \$310,000   | 0.86        | 450 CAPRI ISLES CT      | 1,501 | 1965  | Private | 3  | 2  | 0  | 98   | 07/11/2025 | \$239.84 | \$206.53 |
| \$479,000   | \$450,000   | 0.94        | 2821 CORAL WAY          | 1,748 | 1973  | Private | 3  | 2  | 0  | 121  | 07/22/2025 | \$274.03 | \$257.44 |
| \$475,000   | \$470,000   | 0.99        | 310 BELVEDERE CT        | 1,723 | 1970  | Private | 3  | 2  | 0  | 158  | 07/18/2025 | \$275.68 | \$272.78 |
| \$519,000   | \$515,000   | 0.99        | 2501 W MARION AVE       | 1,550 | 1974  | Private | 3  | 2  | 0  | 97   | 07/25/2025 | \$334.84 | \$332.26 |
| \$524,000   | \$524,900   | 1.00        | 1407 WAXWING CT         | 2,106 | 1980  | Private | 3  | 3  | 0  | 88   | 07/08/2025 | \$248.81 | \$249.24 |
| \$554,000   | \$532,000   | 0.96        | 441 NORMA CT            | 1,329 | 1973  | Private | 2  | 2  | 0  | 81   | 07/24/2025 | \$416.85 | \$400.30 |
| \$549,900   | \$545,000   | 0.99        | 1374 GREBE DR           | 2,164 | 1992  | Private | 3  | 2  | 0  | 37   | 07/07/2025 | \$254.11 | \$251.85 |
| \$649,900   | \$570,000   | 0.88        | 2575 BRAZILIA CT        | 2,116 | 1990  | Private | 3  | 2  | 0  | 70   | 07/15/2025 | \$307.14 | \$269.38 |
| \$599,900   | \$585,000   | 0.98        | 2100 VIA ESPLANADE      | 1,983 | 1975  | Private | 3  | 2  | 0  | 26   | 07/09/2025 | \$302.52 | \$295.01 |
| \$669,900   | \$630,000   | 0.94        | 3977 LA COSTA ISLAND CT | 2,481 | 2006  | Private | 4  | 3  | 0  | 168  | 07/22/2025 | \$270.01 | \$253.93 |
| \$725,000   | \$650,000   | 0.90        | 1429 BLUE JAY CT        | 2,354 | 2004  | Private | 3  | 2  | 1  | 449  | 07/25/2025 | \$307.99 | \$276.13 |
| \$749,999   | \$695,000   | 0.93        | 3414 SANDPIPER DR       | 1,886 | 2013  | Private | 3  | 2  | 0  | 65   | 07/08/2025 | \$397.67 | \$368.50 |
| \$730,000   | \$710,000   | 0.97        | 3712 CARMICHAEL DR      | 2,150 | 2024  | Private | 3  | 3  | 0  | 222  | 07/14/2025 | \$339.53 | \$330.23 |
| \$765,000   | \$730,000   | 0.95        | 5720 ALMAR DR           | 2,006 | 1999  | Private | 3  | 2  | 1  | 48   | 07/30/2025 | \$381.36 | \$363.91 |
| \$749,500   | \$737,500   | 0.98        | 3906 CROOKED ISLAND DR  | 2,115 | 1995  | Private | 3  | 2  | 0  | 305  | 07/28/2025 | \$354.37 | \$348.70 |
| \$774,900   | \$750,000   | 0.97        | 56 COLONY POINT DR      | 2,870 | 1988  | Private | 4  | 3  | 0  | 297  | 07/14/2025 | \$270.00 | \$261.32 |
| \$799,900   | \$765,000   | 0.96        | 1435 PINE ISLAND CT     | 1,984 | 1998  | Private | 3  | 2  | 1  | 57   | 07/28/2025 | \$403.18 | \$385.58 |
| \$799,900   | \$797,400   | 1.00        | 159 COLONY POINT DR     | 2,224 | 2024  | Private | 3  | 3  | 0  | 111  | 07/01/2025 | \$359.67 | \$358.54 |
| \$849,000   | \$840,000   | 0.99        | 1105 RUM CAY CT         | 3,131 | 1996  | Private | 4  | 2  | 1  | 102  | 07/25/2025 | \$271.16 | \$268.28 |
| \$939,000   | \$900,000   | 0.96        | 432 GUN CAY LN          | 3,018 | 2023  | Private | 4  | 3  | 0  | 473  | 07/24/2025 | \$311.13 | \$298.21 |
| \$995,000   | \$935,000   | 0.94        | 1341 PINE STICKIN DR    | 2,321 | 2021  | Private | 3  | 2  | 0  | 66   | 07/10/2025 | \$428.69 | \$402.84 |
| \$995,000   | \$975,000   | 0.98        | 3353 SANDPIPER DR       | 2,472 | 2016  | Private | 3  | 3  | 0  | 176  | 07/21/2025 | \$402.51 | \$394.42 |
| \$1,050,000 | \$1,015,000 | 0.97        | 1932 LOS ALAMOS DR      | 2,389 | 2017  | Private | 3  | 2  | 0  | 183  | 07/31/2025 | \$439.51 | \$424.86 |
| \$1,200,000 | \$1,050,000 | 0.88        | 1450 KIWI CT            | 2,599 | 2021  | Private | 3  | 3  | 1  | 229  | 07/25/2025 | \$461.72 | \$404.00 |
| \$1,395,000 | \$1,280,000 | 0.92        | 2850 MAGDALINA DR       | 2,496 | 2018  | Private | 3  | 3  | 0  | 66   | 07/28/2025 | \$558.89 | \$512.82 |
| \$3,200,000 | \$2,870,000 | 0.90        | 19 SABAL DR             | 3,910 | 2022  | Private | 4  | 4  | 2  | 66   | 07/18/2025 | \$818.41 | \$734.02 |

### CONDOS

| List Price | Sold Price | SP/LP Ratio | Address                        | HTD   | Built | Pool      | BE | FB | HB | CDOM | Sold Date  | LP/SqFt  | SP/SqFt  |
|------------|------------|-------------|--------------------------------|-------|-------|-----------|----|----|----|------|------------|----------|----------|
| \$165,000  | \$165,000  | 1.00        | 1080 BAL HARBOR BLVD Unit#11C  | 1,114 | 1974  | Community | 2  | 2  | 0  | 51   | 07/22/2025 | \$148.11 | \$148.11 |
| \$199,500  | \$179,000  | 0.90        | 2001 BAL HARBOR BLVD Unit#2312 | 1,351 | 2011  | Community | 2  | 2  | 0  | 196  | 07/21/2025 | \$147.67 | \$132.49 |
| \$260,000  | \$239,000  | 0.92        | 99 VIVANTE BLVD Unit#310       | 1,485 | 2007  | Community | 2  | 2  | 0  | 41   | 07/31/2025 | \$175.08 | \$160.94 |
| \$299,999  | \$299,000  | 1.00        | 2601 W MARION AVE Unit#45C     | 1,180 | 1986  | Community | 2  | 2  | 0  | 98   | 07/23/2025 | \$254.24 | \$253.39 |
| \$317,900  | \$305,000  | 0.96        | 1349 AQUA ESTA DR Unit#121     | 1,838 | 2007  | Community | 3  | 2  | 0  | 79   | 07/29/2025 | \$172.96 | \$165.94 |
| \$399,900  | \$333,000  | 0.83        | 1 COLONY POINT DR Unit#16B     | 1,581 | 1972  | Community | 2  | 2  | 0  | 224  | 07/03/2025 | \$252.94 | \$210.63 |
| \$350,000  | \$350,000  | 1.00        | 97 VIVANTE BLVD Unit#308       | 1,915 | 2006  | None      | 3  | 2  | 0  | 0    | 07/08/2025 | \$182.77 | \$182.77 |
| \$375,000  | \$375,050  | 1.00        | 3233 PURPLE MARTIN DR Unit#121 | 1,430 | 2004  | Community | 2  | 2  | 0  | 128  | 07/01/2025 | \$262.24 | \$262.27 |
| \$389,900  | \$380,000  | 0.97        | 3308 PURPLE MARTIN DR Unit#121 | 1,905 | 2006  | Community | 3  | 2  | 0  | 1    | 07/31/2025 | \$204.67 | \$199.48 |
| \$699,000  | \$659,000  | 0.94        | 1425 PARK BEACH CIR Unit#122   | 1,642 | 2020  | None      | 2  | 2  | 1  | 391  | 07/24/2025 | \$425.70 | \$401.34 |

### LOTS

| List Price | Sold Price | SP/LP | Address            | Lot Size SqFt | Lot Size Acres | Water Access Y/N | CDOM | Sold Date  |
|------------|------------|-------|--------------------|---------------|----------------|------------------|------|------------|
| \$350,000  | \$340,000  | 0.97  | 3531 CAYA LARGO CT | 9,320         | 0.21           | Yes              | 11   | 07/25/2025 |



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September has arrived! As the days become shorter and we look forward to cooler temperatures soon, we also need to remember that this month is typically the peak of hurricane season. Be sure to stay on top of weather forecasts and have your storm plan in place.

July and August in review:

In July, members got together for the evening meal at the Thai Cafe, then folks enjoyed cocktails at the Coastal Isles Wine Bar for Out and About. The men and women attended

their respective lunches at the Perfect Caper. General meeting was all about honoring our military veterans and partaking in an ice cream bar. A lively group for Friday Night Bites was hosted by the Clarks, and



Friday Night Bites

finally the month was topped off with happy hour at the Four Points by Sheraton Hotel.

August provided plenty to do, starting off with a Dine

Around at the Riviera Bar and Grill. Members enjoyed a lovely brunch at F.M. Don's the following week. The general meeting featured a presentation on the Red



Dine Around at the Riviera Grill

Dot program, which allows participating residents to share any medical information with first responders in advance, in the event of an emergency. The evening followed up with a game of Bunco. Men's lunch was slated for Tamiami Tavern and the women followed up with lunch at Utamaro Sushi Bar. Friday Night Bites and happy hour at the Four Points by

Sheraton Hotel rounded out August.

September events planned

September 3 - Dine Around happens at Jay's Smokin' BBQ.

September 15 - Membership meeting, enjoy a Mexican feast at the PGICA.

September 17 - The guys get together at the Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club for their noon meal.

September 18 - Ladies will be lunching at Rossini By Chef Rocco.

September 23 - Happy hour takes place at the Four Points by Sheraton Hotel.

September 24 - Ladies enjoy a night out for games at the PGICA.

September 26 - Friday Night Bites is a small cocktail party, hosted at various members' homes.

The membership team reports the club has 228 members at the time of this writing. Welcome to our minty-freshest new member, Vicki Menefee.



Brunch at F.M. Don's

There is always something to see and/or do for FF&C members. Pay attention to the email reminders and be sure to use the website calendar to sign up.

Remember, the reservation slots fill up quickly. Reservation cancellations are available up to 24 hours in advance directly on the calendar. For cancels inside the 24-hour window, please reach out to Social Director Barb Endrey at [bendrey@comcast.net](mailto:bendrey@comcast.net) or 610-420-1685, so others on the waitlist can be accommodated. As always, if you have a recommendation for a new restaurant to try or venue to check out, please contact Barb.

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Giving back and staying connected with fellow PGICA

members

Friendship - Building strong, meaningful connections among neighbors

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What we have been up to:

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- \* A happy hour at Chubbyz with a record-breaking crowd
- \* Pineapple Fest at Peace River Botanical Gardens



Chubbyz Happy Hour



Elks Happy Hour



First fishing trip

- \* Trivia Night at The Celtic Ray
- \* A deep sea fishing adventure
- \* A social hour at Ponce de leon Park with food truck dining, music and sunset views.

Looking ahead, we have more planned, including a visit to the Military Heritage Museum, a trip to the Bourbon Trail in Kentucky, breakfast meetups, Oktoberfest, and our first holiday celebration.

No membership fee for now:

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