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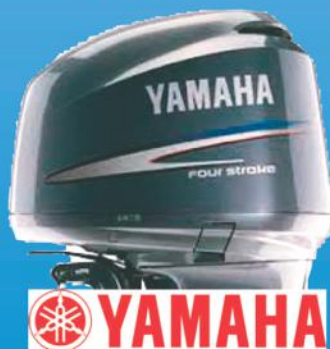
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FITNESS/DANCE



Zumba: Tuesdays and Fridays, 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. \$12 per class. Zumba is a fun, effective dance workout that is a good option for people who enjoy upbeat music and an energetic group exercise environment. Instructor: Gigi Caceda. Students will register and pay as they attend at the PGICA office. 2001 Shreve Street, Punta Gorda. 941-637-1655. All PGICA classes are open to the public. Walk-ins are welcome.



Chair-a-Cise Class: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9 to 10 a.m. \$10 per class. Chair-a-Cise is a low-impact, full-body workout designed to strengthen and tone muscles using a sturdy chair for support. This class targets: improving strength, flexibility and balance. It also targets muscle groups for toning and strengthening and promotes blood flow and circulation. Instructor: Cathy Wetzelberger. Students will register and pay as they attend at the PGICA office: 2001 Shreve Street, Punta Gorda. 941-637-1655. All PGICA classes are open to the public. Walk-ins are welcome.



Line Dancing: Basic Beginner, Wednesdays, 3 to 4 p.m. \$10 per class. Learn beginner choreographed line dancing with a repeating sequence of steps to a variety of musical rhythms. The dances are performed individually without a partner, in rows of other dancers. Dancing enhances physical and mental health as well as providing social interaction. A weekly email will be sent out listing dances taught with links to step sheets and videos. Instructor: Jutta Tropiano. Students will register and pay as they attend at the PGICA office: 2001 Shreve Street, Punta Gorda. 941-637-1655. All PGICA classes are open to the public. Walk-ins are welcome.



Love to Learn Tennis: Wednesdays, Noon to 2 p.m. \$90 per session. Six weeks, starting Wed., Oct. 15th. Tennis instruction geared toward people who have never played tennis, or those re-starting after a long layoff. Requirements: Athletic shoes, racquet preferred, loaners available. PTR Certified Instructor: Leigh Chak. Students 18+ can register. Advanced registration required. Students can register online at PGICA.org or at the PGICA office: 2001 Shreve Street, Punta Gorda. 941-637-1655. All PGICA classes are open to the public.

ART and MUSIC



Soul Collage: Saturdays, 10 a.m. \$20 per class. This once monthly 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.

Classes are held Sept. 27, Oct. 25, Nov. 29, Dec. 27. Advance registration is required. Students can register online at PGICA.org or at PGICA office: 2001 Shreve Street, Punta Gorda. 941-637-1655. All PGICA classes are open to the public.



Watercolor Painting: Fridays, 10 a.m. to noon, \$35 per class. Watercolor is a water-based medium applied by brush. Whether you are an accomplished artist or a beginner, your instructor, Kathy Peters, will help you create paintings for others to admire. Supplies are provided. **Oct. 10 - Harbor Sunset, Nov. 7 - Still Life, Dec. 5 - Winter Trees.** Advance registration required. Students can register at PGICA.org or at the PGICA office: 2001 Shreve Street, Punta Gorda. 941-637-1655. All PGICA classes are open to the public.



Paper Quilling: Fridays, 10 a.m. to noon, \$35 per class. Whether you are new to this beautiful art form or you're a seasoned quillist, please join us! Learn a few techniques, complete a project to take home, and keep the tools to pursue more creations at home. Instructor: Kathy Peters. **Oct. 24 - Turtle, Nov. 21 - Ornaments, Dec. 19 - Snowmen.** Advance registration is required. Students can register online at PGICA.org or at the PGICA office: 2001 Shreve Street, Punta Gorda. 941-637-1655. All PGICA classes are open to the public.



Beginner Ukulele Lessons: Thursdays, 1:30 to 3 p.m. \$15 per class. Each student will realize they can be a Ukulele player! Focus points will be tuning, strumming, music keys, and chord shapes. Students should bring their ukulele and buy the yellow and blue “Daily Ukulele” books. ISBN numbers for books: 9-781423-477754, yellow book; 9-781458-482686, blue book. Instructor: Peter Coleson. Classes are open through Oct. 30. Advance registration requested. Students can register online at PGICA.org or at PGICA office: 2001 Shreve Street, Punta Gorda. 941-637-1655. All PGICA classes are open to the public. Walk-ins are welcome.

WORKSHOPS



Let's Go Fishing! Wednesdays, October 15 2025 through November 19, 202. 6 to 8 p.m. \$65 for the series. 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. Students can register online at PGICA.org or at PGICA office: 2001 Shreve Street, Punta Gorda. 941-637-1655. All PGICA classes are open to the public.



Creative Cell Phone Photography: Thursdays, 9 to 11 a.m. \$40 per class. Take beautiful pictures with your cell phone, exploring color, portraits, nature, close-ups, flowers, and architecture. We meet at PGICA and then travel to the History Park. Bring any camera, however, your phone camera is recommended. Instructor Jim Austin, has been teaching and photographing for over 40 years. Jim has an engaging and supportive way of teaching, offering visual examples tailored to each photographer. No experience is needed. Advance registration required. Students can register online at PGICA.org or at the PGICA office: 2001 Shreve Street, Punta Gorda. 941-637-1655. All PGICA classes are open to the public. Walk-ins are welcome.



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Times, they are a changin'. Back in the days of yore, to the 1900s just 26 years ago, things were different. Sort of like they were different in the 1800s, and like they'll be different in the 2100s. However, there is one thing we know for certain. We know where we are right now and change continues and is needed, like it or not.

The Punta Gorda Isles Civic Association is no different. Changes have been happening here since, well, 1958. Back then it was a business, Punta Gorda Isles, Inc. It wasn't until years later that it became the non-profit 501(C)(3) community organization we know today, the Punta Gorda Isles Civic Association. During those years, the major local pastime changed from shuffleboard to tennis to pickleball. Pop music favorites have changed from Elvis, Connie Francis and Chubby Checker...to Taylor Swift, Jelly Roll and Lady Gaga.

According to sunbiz.org (the Division of Corporations for the State of Florida), Punta Gorda Isles, Inc. was a for-profit corporation established on May 1, 1958. The Punta Gorda Isles Civic Association, Inc., a not-for-profit corporation, was first filed with the State of Florida on January 25, 1966. That makes the PGICA a tad-bit younger than I've been told, but still quite impressive. A 60th birthday would then be coming up in January, which sounds like party time to me!

Now, the state corporation files might be incorrect, but I'm not sure what else should be used as documentation. If you have any other ideas, please let me know.

I digress. Things are constantly changing, and that includes our PGICA. We can no longer sustain ourselves

with membership as our primary revenue source. Today, only 23% of PGI households are members. There are many more options for socializing and being involved in the community than there were even just a few years ago. Clubs, groups, volunteering, entertainment, communication and socialization are all around us. A computer search engine and social media can find you anything you want or need. Google and Facebook are all it takes.

Throw in a worldwide pandemic and several catastrophic natural disasters and we aren't just in a pickle; we're floating around in a whole jar of pickles. From September 1, 2021, to September 1, 2025, membership dropped by more than 13%. The really scary part is, even with warning flags raised to all, membership has continued to drop by more than 13% over the past 12 months. We gain wonderful new members each month, but former members continue to drop at an alarming rate.

The PGICA needs to keep evolving with the times. Pivoting. Finding new purposes and revenue streams, while sticking with the mission and IRS 501(C)(3) tax exempt non-profit status of civic involvement and education.

Change is always needed, and change is always happening.

Please support your PGICA changes. Support the programs and initiatives. Support our advertisers, attend the weekly markets, enjoy the arts and crafts fair, participate in classes, be a volunteer, and encourage new members.

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Mary Ann Kot, 941-347-8582, mamkot@aol.com

Welcome back to all of you who are returning. Hope your time away was pleasant and all that you wanted it to be. The PGI Civic Association continues to operate year-round but with fewer people. It is nice to have all of you back.

Volunteers for board positions are needed. I know you are tired of hearing about this, but it is a great opportunity to volunteer and guide the future of the PGICA. You are definitely needed. Yes, there is some time commitment, but I do not believe it is excessive. Board meetings are monthly and there are committee assignments. Most committees only meet a few times a year. You may contact me or any board member about positions and more information.

Don't forget the annual meeting is November 12. You may have seen different times, but it is at 5:30. Please plan to attend.

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SUNSHINE LADY

Adeline L. Seakwood
January 27, 1924 - September 3, 2025



Adeline Leonard Seakwood, 102, of Punta Gorda, Florida passed away peacefully on Wednesday, Sept. 3, 2025, with her daughter, Nanette Leonard, by her side, along with close friends Virginia Mclewin, Christine Kist and Gabriele Childs.

Born and raised in Brooklyn, New York, Adeline lived much of her life in New York City until her marriage in 1980 to the love of her life, U.S. Marine Corps Maj. Herbert J. Seakwood. A trailblazer in the television and film industries, Adeline had a distinguished career as a production office coordinator. She worked on numerous iconic '60s TV shows, including "The Patty Duke Show," "The Trials of O'Brien," "Matlock," "The Defenders" and many more. Her impressive feature film credits include "Three Days of the Condor," "Ragtime," "Superman," "Starting Over," "Godspell," "Annie," "Trading Places," "The Secret of My Success," "The Boys in the Band," "Death Wish" and countless others. Over the years, she had the privilege of working alongside industry legends such as Robert Redford, Christopher Reeve, Michael J. Fox, Farrah Fawcett, Peter Falk, E.G. Marshall, Robert Reed and Paul Newman, to name a few. In addition to her production work, Adeline taught a class at

the New School in New York City, passing her vast knowledge and passion for the industry to the next generation. When she celebrated her 100th birthday, Robert Redford graciously signed a photo from their time together on the set of "Three Days of the Condor," sending her warm birthday wishes. Adeline began her professional journey as a John Robert Powers model before venturing into acting, with roles in TV shows and films such as Alfred Hitchcock's "North by Northwest" starring Cary Grant. However, her true legacy was behind the camera, where she spent the majority of her career.

A co-founder of her union Local 161/IATSE, Adeline played an instrumental role in elevating the position of "production secretary," leading a successful campaign to change the title to "production office coordinator" — now known as "production coordinator" in credits across film and television. In 2008, she was honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award from her union, a testament to her immense contributions to the industry. Today, Local 161 remains a union of script supervisors, production accountants, payroll accountants and production coordinators who work across films and television (both narrative and documentary), and commercials. Adeline and Herb relocated to Punta Gorda, Florida over 30 years ago, where they became deeply involved in their community. Adeline served as the Sunshine Lady for the Punta Gorda Isles Civic Association (PGICA) for three decades — a title she truly embodied, welcoming new residents to PGI and brightening the lives of all who knew her. She also volunteered for more than 25 years with the Isles Girls & Guys — a nonprofit organization under the PGICA that organized estate sales — as a greeter. She was known for her warmth, kindness and her signature hugs, which were always a highlight of the volunteers' interactions with their loyal customers. Adeline LOVED to dance and could always be seen bustin' a move at local block parties and rockin' to the music of The BoogieMen every month at Harpoon Harrys.

Adeline is survived by her daughter, Nanette Leonard, The Nilsens, Janine, Morgan, Gunnar, Corissa, Carsten, and Ronen, Ian, Natalie, and Troy Leishman.

A celebration of her remarkable life will be announced at a later date. In lieu of flowers, if you wish to make a donation in her name, please contact the Peace River Wildlife Center (prwc.org) or the Animal Welfare League (awlshester.org). Adeline definitely had a Life Well Lived.

Friends may visit online at www.robersonfh.com to extend condolences. Arrangements by Roberson Funeral Home & Crematory Punta Gorda Chapel.

A Celebration of Life will be held at the PGICA on October 11, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. Please confirm your attendance to Nanette Leonard, 908-618-1776.



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"Hooray for Wednesdays!"



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PGICA FRIDAY BRIDGE**Sharon Biernat, 941-833-4441 or (c) 941-286-3062, biefla3@gmail.com**

1 - Larry Linn
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 4 - Chris Kwak

We meet every Friday at 12:15. When everyone arrives, we start the game. 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 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 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.

MONDAY AFTERNOON DUPLICATE BRIDGE**Debbie Meyer, 352-615-3976, Dmeyer50@msn.com**

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 2 - Sharon Biernat & Marcia Ling
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 4 - Sherry Lane & Terry Moeller

1 - Terry Moeller & Kathleen Davey
 2 - Cathy Eliason & Debbie Meyer
 3 - Jeanne Hogan & Chris Taylor
 4 - Sharon Biernat & Marcia Ling

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.

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

**Did You Know...**

COUPLES BRIDGE

*Melissa Brown, 734-769-3138, melbrown@umich.edu
Jeanne Hogan, 317-431-5948, jeanno383@gmail.com*

Our fun and friendly group usually meets on the first and third Wednesdays of the month. October dates are Wednesday, October 1 and Wednesday, October 15. The Commentator has the start time as 12:30, but that is when we begin setting up the tables. We start play at 1. If you get there on time, you will receive 500 bonus points toward your score for the day.

Contrary to the name of the group, 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 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.

MEN'S SOCIAL BRIDGE

Bob Pandolfo, 941-505-0123, rt pandolfo@hotmail.com

Please join us for Men's Social Bridge Monday morning 9 a.m. to noon. It is a wonderful opportunity to meet some great guys, play bridge, and talk. We look forward to having you join us.

CANASTA/HAND AND FOOT GROUP

Janet Lynn, jlynnpqi@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 Bernhardson, 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



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: 655 Joanne Hyltin

EUCHRE CARD GROUP

Marcia Ellis, 269-760-2582, marcia.ellis@wmich.edu



We will start playing on Thursday, November 6. 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. We usually finish around 9. Hope to see you there.

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The heat of the summer and storms haven't kept our anglers from catching big fish. In the summer our estuary is loaded with large tarpon, black drum, sharks and many other fish.

If you are lucky, you'll find a school of over slot redfish feeding before leaving to spawn. A few weeks back we went out to test our luck with snook, got up early, caught our bait, and were on

our way. We were having decent success, but the heat of the day was wearing on us, so we decided to head on home. We agreed to make a quick stop at our last snook spot very close to home, and boy I'm glad we did. Of course there's always just one more spot to try. One cast and my bait got slammed; a beautiful



Jim - Red Snapper

over slot redfish. Another cast into the same area, my bait got slammed again, another over slot redfish. Now the dilemma set in; it's hot, my buddies and I are tired, but we're on a nice school of fish. Do I go home to enjoy the afternoon in the pool, or keep catching? Well, thirteen fish later, I decided it was enough and headed home. Trust me, it was a tough decision.

Our off-shore anglers also took advantage of the red snapper harvest window and calmer summer water. The rewards were plentiful for those willing to brave the heat for a long day on the water. With the closure of red grouper, anglers maximized their trips by catching yellowtail snapper, African pompano, large mangrove snapper and amberjack. Who doesn't like to land a big fish while out on the boat.

Our anglers are gearing up (literally) for the transition to autumn fishing and the many surprises it brings. Some will be tracking permit moving through to try their luck, some will focus on the near shore king mackerel migration, many will key into the schooling redfish, and some will focus on the year-round trout fishing.

The purpose of our club is to develop a means of sharing information and improving skills, to promote friendship and competitive camaraderie among the members, to provide community services and to serve as a constructive voice in aquatic affairs. We accomplish this through our weekly Wednesday happy hour at 5 at the Punta Gorda Elks, our social gatherings several times a year, and at our monthly membership meeting held the second Tuesday of each month at 6, located at the PGICA. My absolute favorite part of the club is the welcome approach for all level of angling skills; our club members include tournament level fisher people, novices that are looking to increase their skills, and those looking to get some tips to catch fish while they have company in town.



Tim - African Pompano



John - Red Grouper



Roxie - Jack Crevalle

The fishing club can help with techniques and locations to improve the chances of a successful catching day on the water. There are always days the fish don't cooperate, and anglers need to settle for seeing spotted eagle rays jumping out of the water, dolphins frolicking, turtles surfacing...oh darn, but catching fish while you take in the sights is remarkable. Tight lines.

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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.

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4:00p Fishing Club Fall Picnic 5	8:45a Monday Morning Men's Social Bridge 9:30a Monday Morning Mahjongg 10:00a Tag Team - Artists 2:00p Duplicate Bridge 6	8:30a Zumba 9:00a Car Club - BOD 9:00a Chair-a-Cise 12:15p Pinochle 6:30p Bunco Buddies 7:00p Acoustic Music 7	8:00a Weekly Market 9:30a In Stitches 10:00a Landslide Women's Bitcoin 12:30p Duplicate PGISland Mahjong Line Dance 3:00p Beginner 4:30p PGISland
4:30p PGI Cruising Club 12	8:45a Monday Morning Men's Social Bridge 9:30a Monday Morning Mahjongg 10:00a Tag Team - Artists 2:00p Newcomers BOD Seasonal Flockers 7:00p Aardvarks Outdoors Group 7:00p Texas Hold'em 13	8:30a Fishing Club BOD 8:30a Zumba 9:00a Chair-a-Cise 12:15p Pinochle 5:00p Fishing Club 7:00p Acoustic Music 14	8:00a Weekly Market 9:00a Beyond 9:30a In Stitches 12:00p Learn to clinic 12:30p Couples 1:00p PGISland Mahjong Line Dance 3:00p Beginner 4:00p Just For
19	8:45a Monday Morning Men's Social Bridge 9:30a Monday Morning Mahjongg 10:00a Tag Team - Artists 2:00p Duplicate Bridge 3:00p Friends, Fun & Community Meeting 4:00p Friends, Fun & Community BOD 20	8:30a Zumba 9:00a Chair-a-Cise 12:15p Pinochle 5:00p Newcomers Club - Ice Cream Social 7:00p Acoustic Music 21	8:00a Weekly Market 9:30a In Stitches 12:00p Learn to clinic 12:30p Duplicate PGISland Mahjong Line Dance 3:00p Beginner 4:30p PGISland 6:30p FFC Lacrosse Night
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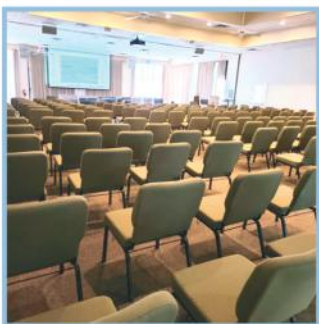
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SEASONAL FLOCKERS

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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 PGICA or sometimes take field trips for other fun adventures. Seasonal Flockers meet beginning in November and ending in April each year. If this sounds like your kind of group, please text or email me. Looking forward to meeting my fellow Flockers.



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

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ISLES GIRLS & GUYS CLUB

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With the passing of the autumnal equinox on September 22, fall has officially arrived along with college football and the NFL. Also the return of the Isles Girls & Guys estate sales. Don't forget to monitor our website, <https://islesgirlsandguys.com> for upcoming sales. You can also go to <https://islesgirlsandguys.com/contact-us> and fill out the form and be added to our email alert list.

Please keep in mind that we can always use your excess plastic shopping bags. We use these to wrap your purchases, and it seems we are always running out. Also, 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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Calling all travelers and snowbirds - it's time to come back and soak up the sunshine with us. We have exciting activities lined up, from lively social gatherings and creative outings to outdoor adventures and community events that promise laughter, connection and unforgettable memories. Whether you're a longtime member or a first-time visitor, there is something for everyone to enjoy. So, pack your bags, head south, and let the good times roll, because at Just for Fun, the fun never stops and the welcome is always warm.

Our appreciation is extended to JFF President Sharon Long for hosting Bite Night in October for an evening of camaraderie, scrumptious appetizers and refreshing beverages. This is a monthly club favorite event so be sure to sign up. Enjoy the attached photos from the September Bite Night.



Also consider joining a few other club members for Host and Toast, which is coordinated by Janice Gorrell. Enjoy an evening among friends while enjoying a relaxing group dinner and at the home of the host for that month.

Men's Lunch and Ladie's Lunch continue at various local restaurants including Leroy's Southern Kitchen and Bar, Mission BBQ and Jay's Smokin' BBQ. It is a great time to try local restaurants while chatting over a meal.

Local restaurants are also being enjoyed by those club members who take part in the JFF Dine Around dinners with recent gatherings at the Ice House Pub, which brought out a little friendly competition. An evening of fine dining was enjoyed at F.M. Don's. Social mah jongg is scheduled every Monday at 9:30 at PGICA and any PGICA member can sign up through the PGICA Club Express. 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.

Sign up for Girl's Game Night because girls just want to have fun.

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

Join your fellow JFF Flamingos on Thursday, November 27 starting at 2:30 for our annual Thanksgiving celebration at PGICA pavilion. The feast features a potluck dinner and the club will provide the turkeys. What a great way to celebrate this joyous holiday with your friends and fellow club members.

November 19 is the Annual Business Meeting for JFF. It will be held at PGICA and dinner will be provided. We will vote on the slate of officers and other key positions for next year plus conduct club business.

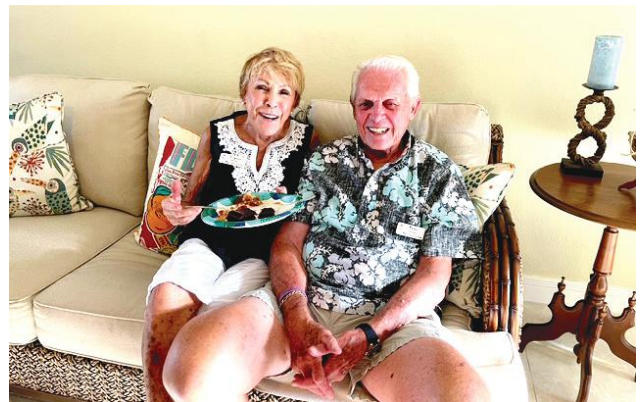
Soon it will be time to put on your festive apparel and dancing shoes for the annual JFF Holiday Party, which is scheduled for Saturday December 6

at the Isles Yacht Club.

The annual JFF cruise is 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 can be contacted at 941-286-6611 for information.

Every Sunday morning, the Flamingo Express is delivered to your email 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 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.





October is here, and the PGIslanders are busy with lunch cruises, raftups, day cruises, overnights, and extended cruises. Here's the schedule for the rest of 2025:

October 2: General meeting, 6:30 at PGICA. Potential members are welcome.

October 8: PGIslanders social, 4:30 at PGICA. Potential members are welcome.

October 19: Riviera Bar & Grill lunch cruise. This is oriented towards our smaller center console/pontoon boat members, and our sailing members love to crew on them.

October 14 to 24: Northbound cruise to St. Petersburg, including stops in Venice, Sarasota, Bradenton, St. Pete, and Gulf Shores. This is a hop-on, hop-off cruise keyed to the pace of our sailing members; in other words, the speedy boats may leave later and get there faster, but the framework of marina reservations, dinner reservations, and general fun stuff to do is at a 5kt pace.

October 22: PGIslanders social, 4:30 at PGICA. Potential members are welcome.

October 29: PGIslanders picnic dinner at Ponce deLeon Park - stop by and say hi.

October 29 to November 2: Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show - the PGIslanders will go check out the newest, shiniest toys as both day-trippers and weekend warriors.

November 7 to 9: Pelican Bay cruise - probably our biggest welcome back snowbirds event in one of our favorite not-so-secret anchorages.

November 14: South Seas weekend cruise

November 20: Friendsgiving. IYKYK. If you don't know, you're missing out.

December 12: Pink Shell Marina weekend cruise

December 20: Boat parade viewing at the home of a PGIslander

And that's just for 2025!

GOVERNMENT UPDATE

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City Council elections are next month. There is not early in person voting but there will be vote by mail and in person voting on election day. Election Day is Tuesday, November 4. All City residents will have the opportunity to vote for a councilperson from District Five.

The two candidates are incumbent Melissa Lockhart and opponent Bill Page.

Ms. Lockhart has a bachelor's in business and has been a local small business owner since 2008. Melissa and her wife Tiffany live in Burnt Store Meadows.

Mr. Page has an MBA in Finance and is retired from his executive position as a manufacturing controller for a fortune 100 company. Bill and his wife Ann live in Burnt Store Isles.

Note that the precincts have been realigned for Punta Gorda. Election Day voting will be at Charlotte County Event and Conference Center, Isles Yacht Club and the Congregational United Church of Christ. There will not be voting at the PGICA.

An important issue that the City Council will hear on October 8 is discussion on boat canopy covers in the Isles. We encourage everyone to participate in the survey being conducted to get residents sentiment. Contact Mayor Dr. Lux at dluxcouncil@gmail.com to get a link to the survey.

The PGICA is working with the City to establish some new guidelines for maintenance or possible removal of the PGI entrance signs.

City Council has two meetings scheduled on October 8 and 22. The October 8 meeting is scheduled to be at the Burnt Store Presbyterian Church to allow room for all the residents to listen and comment on the boat cover issue.



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List Price	Sale Price	% List Price	Address	Year Built	Sq. Footage
\$1,975,000	\$1,800,000	90%	1373 Redbird Ct	2017	2,828
\$1,799,900	\$1,610,000	89%	2521 Rio Grande Dr	2019	2,713
\$1,400,000	\$1,380,000	99%	1418 Kinglet Dr	2017	2,530
\$1,375,000	\$1,325,000	96%	4093 Turtle Dove Cir	2021	2,329
\$1,295,000	\$1,160,000	90%	4711 Almar Dr	2024	2,230
\$1,275,000	\$1,250,000	98%	2349 Saint David Island Ct	1988	3,396
\$989,000	\$875,000	88%	1344 Casey Key Dr	1986	2,387
\$869,000	\$835,000	96%	2735 Luna Ct	1972	1,754
\$799,000	\$775,000	97%	182 Gulfview Rd	2002	2,382
\$775,000	\$763,000	98%	1260 Royal Tern Dr	1999	2,240
\$750,00	\$740,000	99%	4057 Turtle Dove Cir	2000	2,208
\$749,000	\$715,000	95%	1424 Sea Gull Ct	1993	2,126
\$714,000	\$714,000	100%	2619 Parisian Ct	1977	2,110
\$650,000	\$620,000	95%	817 Via Esplanade	1980	2,070
\$625,000	\$602,500	96%	2816 Via Paloma Dr	1974	1,892
\$499,000	\$499,000	100%	2225 Deborah Dr	2012	1,759
CONDOS					
\$334,900	\$290,000	87%	1780 Deborah Dr #25	1989	2,500
\$289,000	\$250,000	87%	245 Coldeway Dr #B10	1985	1,111
\$250,000	\$230,000	92%	601 Shereve St #21C	1980	1,394
\$210,000	\$190,000	90%	1423 Mediterranean Dr #C	1981	1,089
\$200,000	\$190,000	95%	3256 White Ibis Ct #24A	1987	1,138
\$199,000	\$180,000	90%	2001 Bal Harbor Blvd #2203	2011	1,498
\$179,000	\$127,000	71%	1354 Rock Dove Ct #A202	1983	1,282
\$149,888	\$127,000	97%	1348 Rock Dove Ct #C201	1986	1,282
LOTS					
List Price	Sale Price	% List Price	Address	Dimensions	Waterfront
\$490,000	\$425,000	87%	2435 St Davids Island Ct	93x120x93x120	Yes
\$329,900	\$310,000	94%	5550 Almar Dr	80x120x80x120	Yes
\$300,000	\$250,000	83%	1653 Bobolink Ct	188x134x45x140	Yes
\$250,000	\$250,000	100%	2327 Via Veneto Dr	105x120x70x126	Yes
\$199,000	\$176,000	88%	1431 Kinglet Dr	190x138x40x120	Yes

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Fall has officially arrived in Punta Gorda, and that means one thing - our snowbird friends are on their way back. We've missed you and can't wait to catch up at social hours, morning walks, appetizer nights and all the other fun gatherings we have planned. Be sure to keep an eye on the Newcomers calendar on the PGICA website so you don't miss a single event.



Clowning around at Social Hour

Looking back, what a summer we had. Social hours were perfectly timed for those hot months, hosted inside the Library at the Four Points by Sheraton Hotel. It was the ideal spot with a friendly team who kept the drinks flowing and the complimentary appetizers coming. Now that the weather is cooling off, we're taking the party outside to TT's Tiki Bar at the hotel. Picture this - good food, tropical drinks and spectacular sunsets right on Charlotte Harbor. If you're new and just curious about our club, this is the perfect chance to stop by every other Wednesday.

Our September Dine-Around took us to River City Grill, where we enjoyed their summer special menu. A big thank you goes to Carol Nieto for pulling together so many wonderful dining adventures. Coming up in October, we'll be heading downtown to Sandra's German Restaurant. Space fills up quickly, so don't wait to grab your spot for this one.

Lunches are always a hit, thanks to the hard work of Robin Boylston and Glenn Ranfos. Month after month, they scout out fresh locations for both the Ladies' and Men's Lunches. This

month, the ladies are off to Beef O' Brady's while the guys will be enjoying a meal at Pryceless Island Grill.

And of course, who doesn't love Small-Group Appetizers? Under the expert planning of Helen Hyatt, these evenings are always filled with laughter, great food and new friendships. September's get together may have been a bit larger than usual, but hosts Dawn and John Crawford welcomed everyone with open arms and a beautiful setting for a night to remember.

Coming soon, get ready for some mystery and adventure. Jane Connors and Nan Erb have been secretly planning a

scavenger hunt that will send teams all over town in search of clues. Afterwards, we'll all meet back at PGICA for a casual dinner together. And don't forget our general meeting on the October 21. This month's guest is the Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center, who will introduce us to the fascinating world of vertical oyster gardening. You'll definitely want to be there.

Fall is shaping up to be full of fun, food, and friendship, and we can't wait to share it all with you. See you soon, Newcomers.



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Greetings, Seafarers! We've had a busy and beautiful summer, and as we sail into the fall, October promises a great mix of cruises, meetings and socializing with friends.

Throughout September the Seafarers enjoyed a full calendar of lunch cruises, overnight cruises and social events. On September 10, Jamie Kirkwood led the lunch and land cruise to TT's Tiki Bar located on the beautiful waterfront in downtown Punta Gorda. This venue is always well attended as it is very convenient along with everyone having a great time. Right after the lunch cruise Mark Kalb led the Seafarers for a wonderful weekend to South Seas Marina and Resort on Captiva Island for the overnight cruise from September 12 to 15. Friday, September 19, Ron and Michele Olsen hosted the Seafarers Rock the Dock party at their home dock. Social Director Cheryle Gurk-Turner organized the event which resulted in a huge turnout of members with 100 confirmed attendees. The last lunch cruise was on September 26 to Jug Creek in Bokeelia where Tammy Elsworth led the group of 42 Seafarers for a great lunch and afternoon of relaxing in the sun and on the sand.

Our first big adventure kicks off right at the end of September and runs into the first week of October with a Hop on Hop Off cruise to Venice on September 29 and 30 and then to St. Petersburg on October 1 and 2 with Joe Wienecke being the cruise leader heading this event. This is a great opportunity



Overnight cruise to South Seas



TT's Tiki lunch cruise

to explore both cities by water and on land with your fellow members. The following week, from Friday October 3 to Monday October 6, we'll be enjoying a scenic cruise to Twin Dolphins Marina led by cruise leader Jeanne Myers. Get ready for a relaxing few days on the water as we make our way to this beautiful destination. The fun continues Friday, October 10, with Commodore Ron Olsen directing the annual picnic and general meeting at Ponce deLeon Park pavilion. It's a great chance for everyone to get together, enjoy great food provided by the club and catch up on club business in a relaxed setting. Later in the month, on Saturday, October 18 mark your calendars for another thrilling poker run. This event was organized again by Vice Commodore Jeanne Myers that has been a fantastic day of fun on the water with a bit of friendly competition. Finally, we'll wrap up the month on Tuesday, October 28 with the general meeting and chili cookoff. Social Director Cheryle Gurk-Turner heads

up this event where prizes will be awarded to the top three voted chili recipes along with bragging rights. In addition to our general meeting, we'll be nominating new board at this meeting.

Membership Director John Koch would like to tell you that there's something magical about gliding across the water with the sun on your face and the breeze at your back. Our boating club offers that experience and so much more, right here in our community. Whether you're an experienced sailor or brand new to the water, this is the perfect place to learn, connect and enjoy the beauty of our waterways together. As a member, you'll gain access to social events both on and off the water - barbecues, regattas and cruises that bring neighbors together in the best possible setting. Joining isn't just about boating; it's about belonging. You'll meet like-minded residents, make lasting memories, and help promote safe, sustainable use of our waterfront. What are you waiting for? Join our 288+ members and let the good times roll.

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 October 9 and 23 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 greeting people know that you are a new visitor interested in our boating club.

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, or Commodore Ron Olsen at rolsen3514@icloud.com.



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 October 14. 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 October 21 at 9. Join us as we do donuts in the parking lot. The Celtic Ray is hosting a car show every second Thursday from 3 to 6. They offer discounts on food and drink for participants. What a great way to spend an afternoon.

This month we will sponsor a Poker Run on October 13 to benefit Crossroads Hope Academy in Punta Gorda and other good causes along the way. Look for the flyer and sign up early for this popular event.

As the fall season unfolds, we are planning cruises to Walt's Fish Market Restaurant, 4144 South Tamiami Trail in Sarasota on October 8, and The Banyan House Restaurant at 19725 Wellen Park Boulevard in Venice on October 22. We are also planning a cruise to The John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art, 5401 Bay Shore Road in Sarasota, which will include tours of the art and circus museums and the gardens, as well as lunch at The Ringling Grillroom on the museum grounds. We are always looking to our members to suggest new and exciting cruise locations.

This month, we highlight Lynne and Art Armstrong's 1955 Ford Thunderbird. Lynne and Art were married on December 31, 1964. A week later they bought their first Thunderbird, a white 1955 model. They had a 27-year romance moving the car from state to state until 1990 as they found a new love in Orlando, and had it delivered to Peckville, Pennsylvania. This new acquisition was a beautiful red 1955 Thunderbird. It moved with them from Pennsylvania to Minneapolis in 1997. The second Thunderbird never saw snow or road salt, as it was housed in storage from November through May each year.

In 2000, the Armstrongs decided they wanted to live in a warmer climate, so they went house hunting in Florida and settled in Punta Gorda. The rest is history. Their red T-bird was delivered from Minneapolis by carrier, and it found a new home where it's on the road twelve months a year, except when it rains.



This is a story of two 60-year romances, as Art and Lynne's marriage and their T-bird are the same age.

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.

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 <https://pgicarclub.com/> or contact Wayne and Joan Erickson at mabax2@aol.com for membership information.



IN STITCHES

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In Stitches has many philanthropic interests. One of them is the Guardian Ad Litem program. We made more than 100 Izzy Dolls to be distributed to children during stressful situations. We sincerely hope they are of some comfort and assistance to the children. Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m. to noon.





Welcome fall and welcome back to our seasonal residents returning home to Punta Gorda. Our regular meetings (September through May) are in full swing, and we are making big plans for the coming months.

Beyond Ourselves is a community service club, always looking for new members. We meet on the third Wednesday of the month at 10 at the PGICA. Our next regular meeting will be on Wednesday, October 15. Do you enjoy giving back to your community? Come find out what we're all about. Guests are always welcome.

We are beyond excited to be holding our first ever Sip & Savor series, a fundraiser for both the Peace River Wildlife Center and the Charlotte CARE Center, formerly known as the Homeless Coalition. The first Sip & Savor event will be Beer & Bites: A Taste of Ireland at the Celtic Ray on Tuesday, October 21. The second Sip & Savor event will be Wines from Around the World at the Coastal Isles Wine Bar on Monday, November 3. Both events take place from 6 to 8 with doors opening at 5:45. Expert moderators will lead you through four tasting pours paired with small bites. Live entertainment, raffle baskets and a silent auction will round out these lively evenings.



Our first event is happening soon!
TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE!

Beer & Bites: A Taste of Ireland
The Celtic Ray, Punta Gorda
Tuesday, October 21, 2025, 6-8 pm

Enjoy four Irish tasting pours paired
with four generous bites of food!



Celebrate the beautiful Emerald Isle of Ireland where Guinness is king and the shamrocks are green. Raise your glass and help us support the Peace River Wildlife Center and the Charlotte CARE Center while experiencing a culinary journey around this beautiful country.

Attendance is limited to
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Tickets for the Sip & Savor series are limited to 50 people per event and must be purchased in advance. Get your tickets today and join us at these two new culinary events supporting two wonderful local charities. For more information about these events or to purchase tickets, please visit our club website at www.PGICA.org/Beyond_Ourselves. Sponsorship opportunities are available for our Sip & Savor series. Raffle basket donations are also greatly appreciated. Please visit our website for more details on how to support and donate to these fabulous events.

Beyond Ourselves members will be in attendance at the PGICA's New Member Reception on Thursday, October 23 from 5 to 7. Stop by and say hello. We look forward to introducing our group to any new PGICA members.

Members of Beyond Ourselves will also be helping out at the PGICA Member Only Shred Event taking place on Tuesday, November 11 from 9 to 11. At this drive-through event we will be collecting donations for the Peace River Wildlife Center (PRWC) and the Charlotte CARE Center (CCC). We invite you to go to the



Beyond Ourselves website to view the wish lists for each of these deserving charities. Of course, cash donations are always needed and welcomed. Your donations support two of our club's missions, aiding the homeless and protecting the wildlife in Charlotte County.



Be sure to mark your calendar for our biggest fundraiser of the year, our Share the Love for the Kids Home Tour taking place on Saturday, February 21, 2026 from 10 to 4. Proceeds from our home tour benefit nine local children's charities in Charlotte County. A complete list of the charities we support can be found on our website. If you haven't attended one of our home tours in the past, you're in for a treat as Punta Gorda homeowners and local builders open their homes for public tours. You'll enjoy a fun day viewing gorgeous new or remodeled homes. You may even pick up a few design tips or décor ideas to spice up your own home. Tickets for the home tour will go on sale in January. Your participation supports our club's third mission, helping the children's charities of Charlotte County.

This article is written by Laura Hart. If you have photos or information to contribute, please email them to me at BeyondOurselvesPuntaGorda@gmail.com.

October's featured artist is Laura Mullins, who moved to Punta Gorda from Michigan in 2019 after a phone offer to buy her business (Tenant Utility Resale) allowed them to live here full time. They converted from snowbirds to residents after researching the offer and accepting while consulting with them for eighteen months. The business managed meter reading, tracking and billing for commercial properties and was started by Laura's dad. She and her husband Larry bought the business for their fifth anniversary, agreeing that it met the traditional paper requirement for a fifth year gift. Twenty years and significant growth later, she is pursuing her creative side (inherited from her Nana).

Laura says she always loved art and wanted to paint, specifically with oil, and was fascinated by the idea of creating pictures with it. When she moved to PGI she signed up for a class at the Visual Arts Center that was cancelled after a lack of interest and not recording that she registered. Fortunately, she met Mary Taglieri at her booth during the Peace River Art Festival and started painting in her class after assuring Mary that she had other colors in her wardrobe (blues vs. orange and yellow, not just black). Mary replied "okay, this might work."

Happily, she has painted with our group ever since and brings humor, fun and talent each Monday. She dabbled with acrylic painting and created antique reproduction dolls (greenware cleaning and painting, etc.) prior to painting with oils and has a calling to put her hands in clay and hopes to do some pottery that adds to what she has collected. She is honing her style and getting close as she builds a gallery of her own work. She reports that our group is a game changer, inspirational and that we feed off each other's energy and grow with feedback and encouragement. Here is some of her work.



TENNIS CLUB

Jackie Rahsaz, President, jackiesemail@me.com



Welcome back snowbirds! Many of you are heading back to PGI as our tennis season approaches. 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 in 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 keep our club going.

There are many fun facts about October. For instance, the tradition of carving Jack-o'-lanterns for Halloween originated in Ireland, and the original Jack-o'-lanterns were made from turnips, not pumpkins. International Beer and Pizza Day is celebrated on October 9. Also, October is considered a great time of year to take road trips north to view the fall foliage. However, many of our Paradise Friends chose to plan their trips during our hot summer months and met up with other members in far-off lands and not so far-off places. As everyone is starting to return, we can get back to our normal routines and activities.

Sips and Dips kicks off the month on Thursday, October 2. We'll be meeting at the home of Lynne and Barry Miller from 6 to 8 for drinks and appetizers. It should be a fun evening catching up with those who wandered around this summer. If you plan to attend, sign up on the club website once you receive the email. Thank you to Judy and Dennis Krausman for hosting the September Sips and Dips.

On October 9, the Ladies Lunch will be at Donato's Italian Restaurant in Port Charlotte. Come enjoy traditional Italian American food served in a nostalgic old neighborhood setting. Reserve your seat on the club calendar to join this lunch event.

Chowhounds Men's Lunch is planned for October 9 at 11:30 at the Cass Cay Restaurant at Burnt Store Marina. This is a chill watering hole overlooking the marina featuring seafood dishes, burgers and a full bar. We recommend that you sign up on the club website if you plan to attend.

Our Mixer on October 16 will be held at the Library in the Four Points by Sheraton Hotel. Please register on the club calendar if you plan to attend so we can provide an accurate count.

Our Choice event this month will be on Saturday, October 25 at 5 at Sanda's Restaurant in downtown Punta Gorda. This will be the last night of Sandra's Oktoberfest celebration. Come enjoy live music, authentic German food and Oktoberfest beer. Reservations can be made on the club calendar to secure your seat for this Choice event.

Save the date: The Annual Paradise Friends Birthday Bash will be held on Tuesday, November 4. Details will be announced in an upcoming email to be sent to all members.

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.





Are you looking forward to October? Those of us in FF&C certainly are looking to Florida fall. Although we won't have the pretty falling leaves traditionally associated with fall, we will have highs dropping into the 80's, lows in the 70's and maybe even 60's, lower humidity and accompanying bright blue skies, and our eyes looking towards the end of hurricane season. With all the beautiful weather anticipated, we are especially excited to return to more outdoor events for our club, and the return of our members who traveled or spent the summer at a northern home.

Our social committee has been busy planning a full schedule of events for October and the remainder of 2025. As we ramp up in October the following are planned:

- October 1 Dine Around at Sandra's German Restaurant
- October 15 Men's lunch at Riviera Bar and Grill
- October 16 Ladies lunch at Farlow's on the Water
- October 20 Monthly membership meeting celebrating Octoberfest and Halloween. Community committee toy drive in association with Punta Gorda Fire and Police Departments
- October 22 Ladies Night Out returns this month for a Girl's Game Night at PGICA
- October 24 Friday Night Bites, happy hours for small groups hosted at member's homes
- October 26 Our Out and About will be held at the Ice House Pub for Dinner and Darts
- October 28 Monthly happy hour at the Four Points by Sheraton Hotel library room in the lobby.

Almost all the monthly events listed above repeat each month with a change of venue or format to keep things fresh, and often a new event or two makes it onto the social calendar as well. Check out our calendar on the FF&C page in Club Express where more details on all our events can be viewed.

If you want to learn more about FF&C, we welcome prospective new members to join us at our monthly meeting or our monthly happy hour. The monthly membership meeting is held on the third Monday of the month in the PGICA auditorium at 5:30, and our monthly happy hour is held the fourth Tuesday of the month at the Four Points by Sheraton Hotel at 5.

Visitors to these venues are requested to send a text or note to our Social Director Barbara Endrey at bendrey@comcast.net or 610-420-1685 so



that we can include you in our count for seating and food. Our Membership Director

Linda McMeans at lhmcmeans@aol.com can typically be found at the entrance to monthly meetings and happy hours and she would be happy to answer any questions you might have about FF&C and give you a little gift for visiting. Linda also will be a PGICA's New Member Reception on October 23 where she will be happy to chat with you about the social and community aspects of FF&C.

At our November monthly meeting we will be electing officers for 2026. Anyone interested in serving as a club officer, or as a member or part-time helper for the social or community committees is encouraged to make their interest known to the nominating committee or any board member. A list of current FF&C board members can be found on the FF&C website. Nominating committee members are Susie Krause,

susiekrause@yahoo.com; Donna Clark, ethippo@aol.com and Stuart McMeans, snlmcmeans@aol.com. Nominations can also be made from the floor at the October and November membership meetings. This is a great opportunity for even the newest members to get involved with FF&C and make new friends.

Looking ahead to 2026, in April a group of FF&C members will be embarking on a ten-night Mediterranean cruise from Barcelona to Rome on Celebrity Equinox. Ports of call are Barcelona, Spain, Valletta, Malta, Athens and Santorini, Greece, Ephesus, Turkey, Mykonos and Olympia, Greece, and Rome, Italy. Currently we have 29 cabins booked, but a few more are still available to us if we act quickly. Any member interested in the cruise should contact Susie Krause, susiekrause@yahoo.com for more information.





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\$425,000	\$390,000	0.92	2218 CASSINO CT	1,737	1982	None	3	2	0	187	08/08/2025	\$244.67	\$224.53
\$429,900	\$405,000	0.94	66 OCEAN DR	1,558	1965	Private	2	2	0	163	08/08/2025	\$275.93	\$259.95
\$525,000	\$525,000	1.00	5027 KEY LARGO DR	1,988	1987	Private	3	2	0	1	08/13/2025	\$264.08	\$264.08
\$560,000	\$556,000	0.99	1278 PINE SISKIN DR	2,010	1999	Private	3	2	1	3	08/08/2025	\$278.61	\$276.62
\$575,000	\$540,000	0.94	1375 GREBE DR	2,333	1989	Private	3	2	0	242	08/04/2025	\$246.46	\$231.46
\$595,000	\$570,000	0.96	2195 PALM TREE	1,723	1980	None	2	2	0	0	08/29/2025	\$345.33	\$330.82
\$625,000	\$600,000	0.96	760 BAL HARBOR BLVD	2,373	1973	Private	4	3	0	160	08/08/2025	\$263.38	\$252.84
\$625,000	\$585,000	0.94	2807 VIA PALOMA DR	2,260	1994	Private	3	2	0	324	08/25/2025	\$276.55	\$258.85
\$685,000	\$655,000	0.96	1303 CASEY KEY DR	2,387	2000	Private	4	2	0	122	08/28/2025	\$286.97	\$274.40
\$699,000	\$640,000	0.92	1454 KIWI CT	2,107	2000	Private	3	3	0	145	08/15/2025	\$331.75	\$303.75
\$725,000	\$690,000	0.95	1311 PINE SISKIN DR	2,361	1992	Private	3	2	0	122	08/25/2025	\$307.07	\$292.25
\$730,000	\$700,000	0.96	2871 CORAL WAY	2,096	1969	Private	3	3	0	120	08/15/2025	\$348.28	\$333.97
\$769,000	\$752,500	0.98	3936 CROOKED ISLAND DR	2,342	1989	Private	3	2	0	235	08/08/2025	\$328.35	\$321.31
\$775,000	\$775,000	1.00	1323 MINEO DR	2,493	1998	Private	4	3	0	3	08/12/2025	\$310.87	\$310.87
\$775,000	\$740,000	0.95	3322 SANDPIPER DR	2,350	2003	Private	3	2	1	204	08/08/2025	\$329.79	\$314.89
\$799,000	\$750,000	0.94	1511 CASEY KEY DR	2,467	1987	Private	3	2	0	3	08/21/2025	\$323.88	\$304.01
\$799,000	\$760,000	0.95	3663 WHIPPOORWILL BLVD	2,134	2005	Private	3	2	0	178	08/18/2025	\$374.41	\$356.14
\$825,000	\$760,000	0.92	1134 CORONADO DR	2,181	1999	Private	3	2	1	73	08/04/2025	\$378.27	\$348.46
\$899,000	\$855,000	0.95	1137 TREASURE CAY CT	2,397	1988	Private	3	2	0	78	08/01/2025	\$375.05	\$356.70
\$1,250,000	\$1,137,500	0.91	5541 ALMAR DR	2,633	2017	Private	3	2	1	222	08/22/2025	\$474.74	\$432.02
\$1,299,000	\$1,200,000	0.92	1209 SAN MATEO DR	4,877	2002	Private	7	5	0	279	08/13/2025	\$266.35	\$246.05
\$1,380,000	\$1,150,000	0.83	1060 SAN MATEO DR	3,680	1999	Private	4	3	1	408	08/06/2025	\$375.00	\$312.50
\$1,390,000	\$1,250,000	0.90	8 OCEAN DR	4,397	1988	Private	4	3	1	113	08/07/2025	\$316.12	\$284.28

CONDOS

List Price	Sold Price	SP/LP Ratio	Address	HTD	Built	Pool	BE	FB	HB	CDOM	Sold Date	LP/SqFt	SP/SqFt
\$149,888	\$145,000	0.97	1348 ROCK DOVE CT Unit#C201	1,282	1986	Community	2	2	0	41	08/15/2025	\$116.92	\$113.10
\$150,000	\$147,500	0.98	25188 MARION AVE Unit#A103	1,147	1975	Community	2	2	0	322	08/15/2025	\$130.78	\$128.60
\$179,000	\$127,000	0.71	1354 ROCK DOVE CT Unit#A202	1,282	1983	None	2	2	0	498	08/28/2025	\$139.63	\$99.06
\$199,000	\$180,000	0.90	2001 BAL HARBOR BLVD Unit#2203	1,498	2011	Community	3	2	0	200	08/29/2025	\$132.84	\$120.16
\$200,000	\$180,000	0.90	99 VIVANTE BLVD Unit#99315	1,698	2007	Community	2	2	0	238	08/01/2025	\$117.79	\$106.01
\$200,000	\$190,000	0.95	3256 WHITE IBIS CT Unit#24A	1,138	1987	Community	2	2	0	69	08/18/2025	\$175.75	\$166.96
\$210,000	\$190,000	0.90	1423 MEDITERRANEAN DR Unit#C	1,089	1981	Community	2	2	0	120	08/14/2025	\$192.84	\$174.47
\$250,000	\$230,000	0.92	601 SHREVE ST Unit#21C	1,394	1980	None	2	2	0	62	08/25/2025	\$179.34	\$164.99
\$259,999	\$259,999	1.00	9446 SUNBEAM CIR	1,503	2025	Community	2	2	0	176	08/20/2025	\$172.99	\$172.99
\$299,900	\$250,000	0.83	25188 MARION AVE Unit#F201	1,912	1982	Community	3	2	0	179	08/08/2025	\$156.85	\$130.75

LOTS

List Price	Sold Price	SP/LP	Address	Lot Size SqFt	Lot Size Acres	Water Access Y/N	CDOM	Sold Date
\$199,000	\$176,000	0.88	1431 KINGLET DR	15,471	0.36	Yes	515	08/13/2025
\$250,000	\$250,000	1.00	2327 VIA VENETO DR	10,470	0.24	Yes	5	08/13/2025
\$300,000	\$250,000	0.83	1653 BOBOLINK CT	14,415	0.33	Yes	338	08/29/2025
\$329,900	\$310,000	0.94	5550 ALMAR DR	9,599	0.22	Yes	406	08/25/2025
\$490,000	\$425,000	0.87	2435 ST DAVIDS ISLAND CT	11,196	0.26	Yes	112	08/08/2025



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We can't believe it...we've reached more than 100 members in just a few short months. The Castaways spirit is catching hold of PGI. Neighbors are talking, friendships are forming, and you can feel the buzz of excitement wherever you go. What started as a small idea has turned into a fast-growing wave of fun, laughter, and adventure that's bringing our community together like never before.

Castaways membership is FREE until January, but why wait to pay? Be among the first 25 members to pay your dues by December 1 and snag a FREE Castaways beer koozie. It's perfect for keeping your drink ice-cold while the fun heats up. But hurry, the clock is ticking. Once those 25 FREE koozies are gone, they're gone. Don't miss your chance to claim this exclusive Castaways swag and show off your Castaways spirit.

The Castaways have been making serious waves since our official launch in late June. September was overflowing with laughter, friendship, spectacular sunsets and even a road-trip adventure or two. It was a month full of cheers, camaraderie and memories we'll be talking about for a long time.

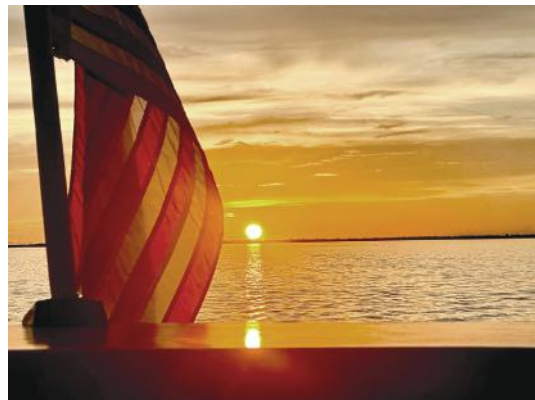
One of the highlights? Our Suite Night with the Mighty Mussels in Fort Myers. There's nothing like the magic of the ballpark. Beyond the crack of the bat, there was the sweet sound of young children proudly singing the national anthem, and contagious giggles when the Mighty Mussels mascot crashed our suite for a round of photos.



Then there was our Jimmy Buffett tribute sunset cruise aboard the King Fisher Fleet's Helen M. We kicked off the evening at Village Brewhouse for bites and beverages, then boarded the boat decked out in our finest Parrothead gear and leis. The skies teased us with a few sprinkles, but Mother Nature came through with a jaw-dropping sunset that stopped us all in our tracks. As the sun slipped below the horizon, a cherished Helen M tradition came to life, a guest ringing the ship's bell. This time, the honor went to our very own Suzi De La Motte. We ended the evening by raising a glass to Jimmy, he left the party far too soon.

What's next for the Castaways? We're hitting the bocce courts, and whether you're a rookie roller or a precision pallino pro, you'll fit right in. Come toss, roll, and cheer with us, it's the perfect way to turn up your fun and score some serious Castaway camaraderie. Don't just sit on the sidelines, get in the game, let the good times and the laughs continue to roll.

Much more Castaways fun awaits. You won't want to miss our first ever Halloween costume party happy hour. Let your inner child come out to play when you join us at the Punta Gorda Elks on Friday, October 31. There will be plenty of boos and booze and a prize for the best costume, so break out your spookiest, funniest or most creative getup and come haunt the night away with your fellow Castaways. It's going to be a frightfully fun evening you'll be talking about long after the cobwebs have cleared.



The fun isn't stopping there. Keep an eye on our ever-expanding Club Express calendar. We're always adding exciting new events you won't want to miss.

Want to check out our event photos, updates and the occasional pop-up event? Follow us on Facebook (PGI Castaways). It's an easy way to stay in the loop and be part of our growing community. You can also check out our website, www.PGICastaways.com.

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