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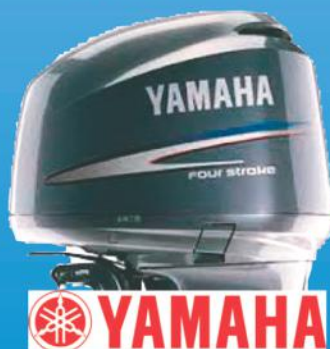
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FITNESS/DANCE



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 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: 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 Wetzlerberger. Students 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.



Yoga: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 to 11 a.m. \$10 per class. Enjoy a safe and playful mixed-level Yoga Flow class designed for beginners to intermediate-level practitioners. Join us and explore the awareness of the mind/body connection to inspire good posture, better breathing, movement, balance and relaxation. Instructor: Linda Haverlock. Students 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.



Basic Beginner Line Dancing: Wednesdays, November 4 through April 7. 3 to 4 p.m. \$10 per class. Have you ever wanted to join the other Boot Scootin' line dancers? This is your chance to learn Beginner Line Dancing. This is a repeating sequence of steps to a variety of musical rhythms. Dances are performed individually without a partner, in rows with other dancers. Not only is it fun, but line-dancing also enhances physical and mental health as well providing the chance to get to know others while having fun! Grab those hats and boots and join in on the fun! Instructor: Judy Barnhill. Students 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.



Advance Line Dancing: Wednesdays, November 4 through April 7. 4 to 5 p.m. \$10 per class. This class is for students who took the basic class, along with dancers who have previous line dance experience. Instructor: Judy Barnhill. Students 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.



Rounds by Request Round Dancing: Tuesdays, January 5 through April 20. 2:30 to 4 p.m. \$10 per person. We hope you'll come and Round Dance with us here at PGICA! Get to know new friends while dancing in the afternoon. Instructor (Cuer), Susan Wolford, will cue the different figures to go along with the music. Participants 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.



Beginner Rumba Round Dance Lessons: Tuesdays, January 5 through April 20. 4 to 5 p.m. \$10 per person. This is an introduction class to learn Rumba Round Dance. Students will learn the various dance figures. Your instructor (Cuer), Susan Wolford, will guide and let dancers know which figure to execute to the beat of the music. Having a partner is preferred as this is partner dancing, but not required. Students 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.



Castanets Dance & Gentle Sitting Dance for Seniors: Mondays, October 5 through January 25. 11 to noon. \$12 per class. This is a senior fitness class designed with rhythmic movements using castanets (A Spanish percussion instrument) while seated, following Spanish music. In class, you'll improve hand coordination and dexterity and the class supports memory and concentration. Along with providing social interaction, you'll enjoy gentle exercise while being introduced to Spanish music and culture. Castanets will be provided in class. This class is suitable for all mobility levels. Your Instructor, Dr. Nery Roman will guide you thru the dance moves. Participants 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.

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Balance & Fall Prevention Seminar: Fridays, November 13 & February 12. 10 a.m. to noon. Are you feeling less steady on your feet, worried about falling, or noticing changes in your balance? Join Edge Physical Therapy for a FREE EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR focused on understanding balance, identifying common fall-risk factors, and learning practical ways to stay active, confident, and independent. The presentation will explain how strength, vision, the inner ear/vestibular system, and the nervous system all contribute to balance, along with common issues such as dizziness, vertigo, weakness, neuropathy, medications, and other factors that may increase fall risk. Attendees will also learn practical fall-prevention strategies, exercises, and ways to improve safety at home. Following the seminar, attendees will have the opportunity to receive a complimentary balance screening from the Edge Physical Therapy team to help identify potential balance or fall-risk concerns. Your Instructor: Scott Bradley.

ART and MUSIC



Choir Play: Mondays, January 11, 2027 through March 1. 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. \$100 for course series which includes practice CD, sheet music, rehearsals, and concert. Concert to be held on Sunday, March 21. 3 – 5p.m. Do you like to sing? Do you like to add to the beauty of combined voices? Come and join others who love to sing. You'll be adding your voice to 3-Part choral interpretations of classic, modern, pop, rock, country, Broadway and spiritual songs. After the first rehearsal, if you decide it's not for you, you will receive a full refund. You'll be provided with practice CD's and sheet music, all available at the PGICA front desk. Directed by Cahal Dunne, B. Music, National University of Ireland. Advance registration required. Students can register online at www.PGICA.org or at PGICA office: 2001 Shreve Street, Punta Gorda. 941-637-1655. All PGICA classes are open to the public. After the first rehearsal (January 11), ALL SALES ARE FINAL. NO REFUNDS. After the first rehearsal (January 11), ALL SALES ARE FINAL. NO REFUNDS.



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WORKSHOPS



The Power of PGI Homeownership: Friday, November 20. 10 to 11 a.m. Protect What You've Built: Tax and Estate Planning for Homeowners. For many Punta Gorda homeowners, their home is their largest asset. How you own it, sell it and pass it on can mean a big difference in taxes and in how smoothly it reaches your heirs. This free monthly homeowner education series is intended to benefit area residents. Hosted by Crystal Coover, Realtor®, John R. Wood Properties I Christie's International Real Estate. Presentations include topics relevant to buying, selling and owning waterfront property. Register at www.pgica.org or at the PGICA office, 2001 Shreve St., Punta Gorda. 941-637-1655. All PGICA classes are open to the public.



How to take better pictures with your Smart Phone camera: Tuesdays, 9 to 10:30 a.m. and Thursdays, 5 - 6:30 p.m. Starting Oct. 6 through March 25. \$60 per class. This is the class for you to learn how to take better pictures with your Smart Phone camera! After taking the class, you'll enjoy taking pictures in nature and of your loved ones. Your instructor, James Austin, has taught this successful class at PGICA for three years. No experience is needed. Bring any phone or camera and you'll learn 'hands-on' steps for compelling images and sharing your best pictures on loved ones on social media. We meet at PGICA and will move on to the History Park where class is held. Before class, students will need to download and install the SNAPSEED app for Android and I-phones. Advance registration required. Students can register online at www.PGICA.org or at the PGICA office: 2001 Shreve Street, Punta Gorda, 941-637-1655. All PGICA classes are open to the public.. ALL SALES ARE FINAL NO REFUNDS



Crochet Class: This is a 3-class crocheting session. Tuesdays, Nov. 3. through 17. 10 a.m. to noon. \$8 for materials, \$45 for the 3 classes. Total: \$53 per person. In this beginner class, participants will learn the basics of amigurumi while creating their own bee keychain/charm. Your Instructor, Laura Elliott, will help you learn crochet and designer tricks, including color changes, invisible decreases, attaching pieces while crocheting and more. Your project will look professional and you'll be working rounds versus working in rows. By the end of class, you will have a handmade bee to take home along with many new crochet skills you've learned. Students must register beforehand, online 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. All sales are final, No Refunds.



Beauty at Every Age: Two sessions. First session: Wednesdays 10 AM to 11 AM. Oct. 21 through Nov. 18. Second session: Wednesdays 10 AM to 11 AM. Jan. 6 through Feb. 3. \$5 per class. Please join us for a fun 'hands-on' class where you'll learn that Beauty is FOR EVERY AGE. Together, with your Instructor Colleen Beckworth, you'll learn simple techniques. Some of the focus will be: Foundation, Choosing Lip Color, Choosing Cheek Color and a Skin Workshop. Students 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.



Beginner Mahjongg: Fridays November 6 and 13. 1 to 4 p.m. \$50 for the two classes. This is a two-part class. Ever wonder why people get so excited about a bunch of tiles?!? Here's your chance to find out what it's all about! Come and join in on the fun. It doesn't matter if you're new to the game or improving your skills. This is the class for you! Instructor: Patty Albert. Tiles are provided - you just need to bring your desire to learn, have fun meeting people and your smile! Advance registration required. Participants can register online at www.PGICA.org or at PGICA office: 2001 Shreve Street, Punta Gorda. 941-637-1655. All PGICA classes are open to the public. ALL PAYMENTS ARE FINAL. NO REFUNDS ARE ALLOWED



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Landsberg Bennett Wealth Management Seminars Monthly sessions: 10 to 11 a.m. We hope you'll join us for an opportunity to obtain information and insight into your finances. Next seminar date is Nov. 4 – Artificial Intelligence and Digital Wellness (How artificial intelligence is evolving and how we can protect our mental health). Landsberg Bennett Market Update Tuesday Nov. 17. 3 to 5 p.m. Interested participants can register at www.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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Building a Better Estate Plan *Friday, Nov. 6, 10 - 11:30 a.m.*

Top 10 tips from a trust officer's perspective including revocable trusts, probate avoidance, and best practices for IRAs. Review the various strategies for safely and efficiently passing wealth to the next generation and/or charities. Review the advantages of a trust during your lifetime and for your heirs.

- **Nov. 6** - PGI Civic Assoc., 2001 Shreve Street, Punta Gorda

Advanced Estate Planning with Celebrity Examples *Friday, Dec. 4, 10 - 11:30 a.m.*

Explores techniques and tools to protect spouses, children, and loved ones in remarriage situations. Pet planning will also be discussed.

- **Dec. 4** - PGI Civic Assoc., 2001 Shreve Street, Punta Gorda

Estate Planning Essentials *Select Tuesdays, 10 - 11:30 a.m.*

Learn the fundamentals of last will & testament, power of attorney, and health care directives and the pitfalls to avoid, with account titles and beneficiary designations. Probate avoidance, proper administration, and cost reduction will be covered.

- **Nov. 17 and Dec. 15** - Punta Gorda branch, 2331 Tamiami Trail, Punta Gorda
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- **Nov. 18 and Dec. 16** - Punta Gorda branch, 2331 Tamiami Trail, Punta Gorda
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Building a Better Will or Trust Plan *Select Thursdays, 10 - 11:30 a.m.*

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Please join me in welcoming Alexa Rice to our staff team as membership coordinator. We are delighted to have Alexa aboard as we prepare for a busy season of activities, connections and community at PGICA.

I cannot say enough about our amazing staff team. Their dedication, flexibility and willingness to pitch in make a difference every day. With all our staff positions now filled and our bases covered, I feel confident about our ability to support our members, clubs, groups and instructors through the busy months ahead.

That confidence also rests on the generosity of our wonderful volunteers. Our staff could not do this work

without the people who graciously give their time, energy and talents to PGICA. Whether welcoming someone at the front desk, helping at an event or quietly taking care of things behind the scenes, our volunteers help keep this community moving.

I am deeply grateful for their work and support. As I continue getting to know the people who contribute so much to PGICA, I am reminded how much care goes into making this a welcoming place.

Thank you to our staff and volunteers for everything you do. I look forward to building on that success together.

"Keep doing the good things."

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Ken Krause, 267-664-0460, kenkrause@yahoo.com

We had a great month in October full of successful activities and events!

Special thanks go out to all those who contributed to the outstanding success of our Diamond Jubilee Golf Outing. To all of you who participated, sponsored, played in or volunteered for our outing on Saturday, October 3 at St. Andrews South Golf Club, you helped create a positive source of funding and just plain fun for this great organization. Are you ready to make it ever greater next year?

Next, I want to address the concerns some of you have expressed regarding how we interact with the political candidates during the election season. We made some mistakes along the way this year, but quickly remedied them.

The positive take-away is that your board of directors has been and are continuing to review our policies to make sure that we are always on the neutral side of the equation. Some of the policy changes we have already made are as follows:

- * All political advertisements will be placed in a specific new section of The Commentator, where the ads will be listed in alphabetical order by last name of the candidate. No ad placement advantages will be given to any specific candidate.

- * We will no longer publish any form of questions and answers documents from the candidates. The topics and answers in documents like these can too easily be misconstrued about their meaning or intent, especially during the highly emotionally charged election season.

- * Our sole election season activity that PGICA will sponsor is a Candidate's Forum held here on-site, where each candidate will be given equal time to present their

platform and respond to questions posed by the audience. The questions will not be moderated by PGICA, and the answers will be given solely by the candidates.

So let me be clear, PGICA is not a political organization, nor do we show favoritism to any candidates in our local, county or state elections.

Hold-the-date for our annual meeting on Wednesday, November 4 from 6:30 to 8:30.

- * Our Bylaws & Rules Committee has extremely busy revising and consolidating our Bylaws and the Operating Rules & Guideline documents with the purpose on making the Bylaws as the sole governance document and moving the Operations elements into the Rules & Guidelines document.

- * These changes will make everything clearer and more concise, with the ultimate goal of managing and growing our organization easier for this and subsequent boards.

- * Another major reason for some of the bylaws changes is to make our 501(C)(3) eligible to apply for and potentially receive grants.

- * We will be posting the current bylaws and rules & guidelines document along with the red lined versions for your review, well in advance of the annual meeting. Our goal is that you review these documents and request any dialog or debates before the meeting, so that we don't degrade the meeting into a non-productive event.

Thank you all for your generosity, volunteerism and steadfast support to our great association. We would not be able to make the progress we have made this year.

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Tag Team Artists welcome everyone home that was away for the long, hot summer. The USA and Europe endured some of the hottest weather on record and we are finally enjoying shorter days with cool mornings, evenings and pool temperatures. As we open our windows and the streets get busier, so will we while moving steadily toward holidays, visitors and gratitude for a second season without storms. Let's enjoy the cold fronts and cold tap water (on the way).



Tag Team Art Gallery

The big news for us was the first-ever show of our artwork at the Diamond Jubilee Tag Team Artist's event on the 25th of September. We welcomed more than 100 guests and made introductions while we lingered over drinks and delicious snacks as guests wandered among the art and met the artists. The PGICA was a pleasure to work with as we envisioned the show, a discovery path for the display that Tim and Sean helped us create the morning of the show. The office staff, especially Matt, Alexa and Bill were so helpful with access, resources and enthusiastic support. We were delighted to contribute to the Diamond Jubilee's success with a nice donation from the sales and the silent auction. Nine artists exhibited their artwork in the show and a silent auction painting by Mary Taglieri was acquired for the donation as

well. The event was a success by any measure and happily, we've been invited to show again during 2027.

Several returning fellow artists have expressed support and interest for upcoming events. We hope to count you among our guests at our next show event. Here are a few pictures from the 2026 PGICA Diamond Jubilee Tag Team Artists Show.



East View of Tag Team Art Show



West View Tag Team Art Show

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Saturday, October 17 was a spectacular day - the rain held off, the planning team was excited to host, and the golfers came ready to play - making Chip In For Charity, our inaugural golf event a wonderful success. Participants all received a fabulously loaded swag bag and had the opportunity to participate in fun contests, including longest drive and closest to the pin. Tickets were available for purchase for a 50/25/25 raffle, with this year's two winning tickets splitting a cash prize of \$460. Tickets were also available for a chance to win 35 donated raffle prizes, with a combined value of over \$4,200. Congratulations to all our winners.

Best of all, we're proud to announce that Chip In For Charity raised \$20,000



The winning team



Golfers ready to start



The Golf Planning Team

for our two beneficiary charities, the Peace River Wildlife Center and the Charlotte CARE Center (CCC). The planning team is very grateful to our sponsors, donors and golfers. We also thank our partners at St. Andrews South Golf Club for their cooperation and support. We truly appreciate the time and energy of the many volunteers who contributed to the success of this golf event.

The Share the Love for the Kids Home

Tour, Beyond Ourselves next fundraiser, will take place on Saturday, February 27, 2027. You may purchase your home tour tickets starting Monday, January 25, our special ticket sale day (one day only), when tickets will be on sale for only \$35 each. Spread the word and mark your calendars. From

January 26 to February 26, home tour tickets will be available online at a cost of \$40 each. Tickets can be purchased on the day of the home tour, in person only for \$50 each.

Every year we get the question, "What is the home tour?" For those who haven't joined us at this event, the Share the Love for the Kids Home Tour is a self-guided tour of local homes. Our selected homeowners graciously open their homes for ticketholders to tour at their leisure between 10 and 4. Each home on the tour is unique - some are new and some remodeled - and every year we bring you something new to see. We also offer a Rest & Refresh stop on the tour. Proceeds from our home tour benefit eight local children's charities in Charlotte County, providing much-needed resources and support to those who need it most. We hope you'll join us this year to support this great cause.

On Tuesday, November 10, Beyond Ourselves members will be assisting at the PGICA Shred Event from 9 to 11. Volunteers will be collecting donations for the Peace River Wildlife Center and the Charlotte CARE Center. We invite you to go to the

Beyond Ourselves website to view the wish lists for each of these deserving charities. Cash donations are always needed and welcomed. Please note, the Fabulous Finds truck will not be at the shred event, as the resale store has closed.

On the first Saturday of every month, Beyond Ourselves member volunteers serve dinner at the Charlotte CARE Center. You don't have to be a member of Beyond Ourselves in order to help. If you wish to volunteer to serve dinner at the CCC, contact Lynn Rogers directly via email at earthlynn25@yahoo.com.

Every Wednesday, Beyond Ourselves member volunteers pick up donations of perishable food from Publix and deliver it to the Peace River Wildlife Center (PRWC), ensuring the wildlife receives much-needed food that might otherwise be thrown away. Nancy Klaren coordinates these volunteers. If you wish to volunteer, please send an email to BeyondOurselvesPuntaGorda@gmail.com.

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

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. Contact information is shown above.

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

We play Duplicate Bridge on the first and third Monday of every month at 1. At sign in we collect \$1 for prize money. You and your partner must sign up in advance to play on a specific day. A signup email is sent out a week in advance. We are a fun, welcoming group and are always looking for new players.

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

Remember, all players are required to be members of the PGICA. To join, call the front desk at 941-637-1655 or visit the association's website at www.pgica.org.

MEN'S SOCIAL BRIDGE**John Iredale, 919-474-1223, jiredale1243@gmail.com**

Attention all men: We need you to join us.

- If you played bridge in college and have not played since but would like to rekindle an interest.
- If you think only women play bridge, you might be surprised.
- If your wife would like you to learn to play bridge with her (But you don't want to read Bridge for Idiots and can't stand her lessons or criticism).
- If you would like a new, less active hobby other than boating, golf, fishing, carving, woodwork, drinking, carousing or bingeing Netflix series.
- If you just want to get out of the house for one morning a week.
- If your wife would like to get rid of you for one morning a week.
- If you would just like to learn how to play bridge.
- If you already know how to play and would enjoy a challenge from some decent bridge players.
- If you would just like to enjoy some fun and a little kidding and fellowship with PGICA members.
- Enjoy competing against other great and not so great minds.

We would love to have you. Men's Social Bridge group, Mondays at 9.

Contact John Iredale at 919-474-1223. To leave a message or text, be sure to mention PGICA Men's Bridge. Better to text - that way if I miss it when you send it I can still read it later.

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

Couples Bridge is taking the summer off and will resume in the fall. Stay tuned for updates. However, if you would like any information about our group, please feel free to email either one of us.

Our fun and friendly group usually meets on the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 12:30. 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, having not played in years, we would love to have you join us. If you need a partner, we can help you find someone.

BUNCO BUDDIES**Mary Dowdall, 904-210-3168, mcdowd1@aol.com**

If you're looking for a fun group of people playing a really easy game, look no further than Bunco Buddies. No skill involved, purely a game of chance - if you can roll three dice, you can play Bunco*. Great for meeting others because you change teammates every round. Come alone, with a friend, or even a spouse. Beginners welcome - you'll be an expert in no time. We play the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30, usually ending around 8:30. Bring a snack to share, your own beverages/glasses, and \$5 for prizes. Check out our website** (https://www.pgica.org/content.aspx?page_id=22&club_id=799073&module_id=655892) for more details. If possible, register in advance so the tables/chairs are set up appropriately.

*only physical requirement is you do get up and change tables with each hand - unless you win

**We're a group of the PGICA, not a club, so no dues or membership required.

THURSDAY EUCHRE CARD GROUP**Marcia Ellis, 269-760-2582, marcia.ellis@wmich.edu**

Look for an email for exactly when we will start this season of Euchre. We will be starting some time in November/early December. 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. If you want to be on the mail list, email ellism@wmich.edu.

CANASTA/HAND AND FOOT GROUP**Janet Lynn, 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 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**

Consider joining us for cards. 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:

717

Dolores Jaskoviak

IN STITCHES**Norma Angus 941-575-1049, Debbie Scholtes 941-347-7044**

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.

**PGICA ACOUSTIC MUSIC GROUP****Terry Dotson, terrywdotson@gmail.com**

A great aspect of the Acoustic Music Group is that there is an entry point for all members, regardless of skill level, musical preferences, even one's personal schedule. No one is keeping track of attendance - we are happy to see and hear anyone who comes to a Tuesday night meeting. There are regulars and newbies, year round residents and snowbirds, people who are comfortable

singing and people who are not comfortable singing, veteran musicians and beginners. Regardless of who shows up on any given night, there is always good music and a fun time.

If you are thinking of joining this group but have some questions, please email our president, Terry Dotson at terrywdotson@gmail.com. Grab your guitar, choose your favorite song, and come join us.



Hi everyone, and welcome to our page. Our middle name is fun. FF&C is a very social group. We host a number of events every month. Many of them are monthly due to their ongoing popularity. Some of these are Breakfast Belles ladies' breakfast at various

restaurants and happy hour at the Four Points by Sheraton Hotel.

The major holidays are coming up with special events both in our club and also in the City of Punta Gorda. If you have been with FF&C a while, you will find yourself making new friends and socializing

with other members for activities outside of the club; Golf, mah jongg, dining out, concerts, etc. If you are reading our Commentator page for the first time, think about giving us a try.



Ladies lunch



The guys

The weather here has been unseasonably hot this year but as you can see from our photos, our members are still getting out despite the hot weather. Outside dining in Punta Gorda is particularly nice in the evenings after sunset. Many places also feature live music on weekend nights. Cass Cay Restaurant at Burnt Store Marina deserves special notice. It is a great place to see the boats and listen to music while having dinner and drinks.

Thanksgiving is next and the plastic skeletons are back in the garage. FF&C will be hosting a Friendsgiving dinner at the Punta Gorda Isles Civic Association. Beyond that, the club will also go to TT's Tiki Bar at the Four Points by

Sheraton Hotel for line dancing. This place can be a riot on weekend nights. What's not to like? Music and dancing along with a beautiful harbor view, often with an amazing sunset. As the saying goes "dance like nobody's looking." The club will also be going to the Ice House Pub for dinner and darts.

Just remember, more beer will improve your aim. Our last event of the month is Friday Night Bites. This is a monthly event where random members who sign up are assigned to go to a host member's home for appetizers and drinks. It is a great opportunity to meet people. Everyone brings an appetizer to share.

If you are planning ahead FF&C is planning a cruise in 2027 which will also be available to friends and family of our members - we will be sailing aboard the Majestic Princess for 12 nights beginning on April 7, 2027. Ports of call: Southampton, Cornwall, Cork, Dublin, Liverpool, Belfast, Glasgow, Invergordon, Edinburgh and LeHavre (opportunity to visit Normandy or Paris). Please email Susie Krause, our cruise director at susiekrause@yahoo.com if interested. If you would like a peek at our November schedule reach out to our Social Director Betty Wilcocks at bhw613@gmail.com or 757-508-1070 and she can send you a link. 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 Betty Wilcocks 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 Betty. If you're outside of the club looking in and would like to join us for Friends, Fun and Community, please contact Membership Director Linda McMeans at lhmcmeans@aol.com, or President Donna Cary at carydkc1@yahoo.com for membership information.



Darts



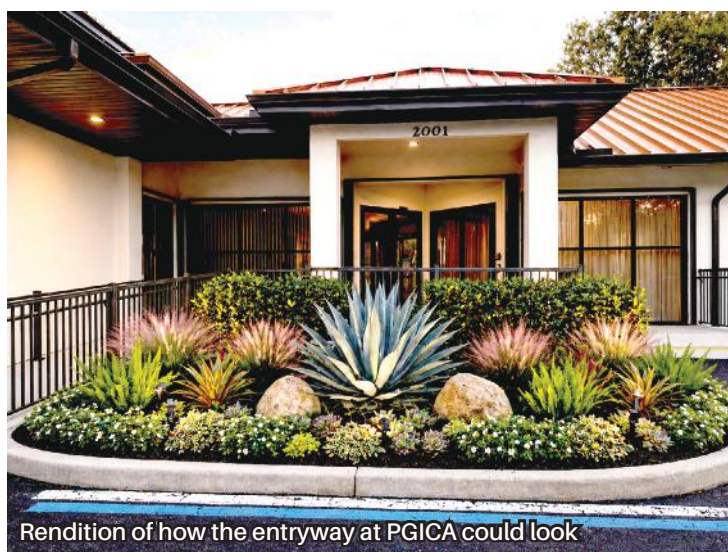
The winner

Hello PGICA members and our volunteers. With our snowbirds returning to town, it's time to ramp things up and get our beautification efforts back in full swing. We will be holding a meeting for both new and returning volunteers on Thursday, November 19 at noon at the PGI Civic Association's outdoor pavilion near the tennis courts. Before the meeting, please take a drive by the five PGICA



signs we are responsible for maintaining so we can discuss ideas, improvements and how we'd like to move forward. Over the summer, some weeding and trimming was completed, mulch was delivered and those pesky red ants were treated, although I'm sure we haven't seen the last of them.

I'm looking forward to reconnecting with familiar



Rendition of how the entryway at PGICA could look

faces and hopefully welcoming even more neighbors who would like to join us. I've included a few pictures of our group hard at work proving that beautifying our committee can be fun too. I'll send a text to our group with a reminder about the meeting and get your RSVP as the meeting time approaches.

Come join us, get your hands a little dirty and have some fun along the way.



Punta Gorda In Bloom plant recommendation meeting



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À la Table d'Alexa



There is something special about sitting around the table with family and friends and sharing a meal. During the week or on the weekends, for lunch or dinner, a table for two or twenty, I find preparing one dish or an entire meal and enjoying it together with love, laughter and friendship is a wonderful part of life.

As a French-American growing up in France, Turkey, England, Germany and the United States, as well as traveling all my life, gathering for meals is what makes a home no matter where you are. The hours we spend in France preparing a meal and at the table with family and friends are always memorable and I have continued the tradition with my husband and children.



It is the season of warm spices, apples and pears. Try something new this month. The traditional French Tarte aux Pommes (ou Poires) avec Frangipane (Apple or Pear Tart with Almond Paste filling) is delicious. Everyone will want to go for that second slice! Bon appétit!



Photo: Alexa Rice 2026

Pâte Sablée (dough)

- 2 cups flour
- 9 ½ Tbsp unsalted butter (125g) - cold
- ½ cup confectioners sugar
- 1 egg yolk
- 2 Tbsp water (30g) - (can use ½ an egg shell to measure)
- Pinch of salt

1. Cut the cold butter into the flour and mix with your hand until it becomes like sand.
2. Add the sugar and pinch of salt. Mix with a spatula.
3. Add the egg yolk and water. Mix until combined and form a ball.
4. Cover with plastic wrap and place in the refrigerator for about 30 minutes.
(The dough can be kept refrigerated for 1-2 days.)

NOTE: Confectioners sugar makes the dough smoother/less chance of cracking but you use regular sugar too.

Crème Pâtissière (Pastry Cream)

- 3 egg yolks
- A little less than ½ cup sugar (50g)
- 3 Tbsp cornstarch (25g)
- 1 vanilla bean or 2 tsp of pure vanilla extract (or slightly more if you like)
- 1 cup milk - whole or combination of 2% and cream or half & half (25cl)

1. In a saucepan, heat the milk with the sugar and split vanilla bean on medium low until it simmers. (If using vanilla extract - do not add it at this time.)
2. While the milk is heating, separate the egg yolks from the whites.
3. In a bowl, whisk the egg yolks and cornstarch until light yellow in color.
4. Very slowly pour the hot milk mixture into the egg yolks, whisking continuously until smooth and cool in temperature.
5. Pour the combined mixture back into the saucepan and add the vanilla extract (if not using a vanilla bean). On medium low heat, stir continuously with a whisk until the mixture thickens.
6. Once it starts thickening, take it off the heat and whisk vigorously until smooth. This goes very quickly at the end, watch it carefully.
7. Set aside to let cool.
8. Once slightly cooled, place in a bowl and cover with plastic wrap. Make sure to press down onto the cream; this will prevent a skin from forming.

Frangipane (Almond Paste)

- 1.5 cups almond powder (150g) - use blanched almonds
- 1 whole egg
- ¾ cup confectioners sugar (75g)
- 7 Tbsp unsalted butter (100g) - softened
- 1 Tbsp rum

1. Grind up almonds to create almond powder and set aside. (Can use bought almond powder.)
2. Using a spatula, combine the softened butter with the confectioners sugar to form the consistency of a paste.
3. Vigorously incorporate the egg.
4. Mix in the almond powder.
5. Stir in the rum.
6. Fully incorporate the frangipane into the crème pâtissière. Set aside.

Note: This can be made 1-2 days ahead.

Tarte aux Pommes

- About 3-4 apples
- Lemon juice (1 lemon)
- 1-2 Tbsp unsalted butter
- 1 Tbsp sugar
- 1/3 cup apricot or red fruit jam

Preheat the oven to 400F

1. Take out the pâte sablée from the refrigerator.
2. Peel and cut the apples into thin wedges. Place in a bowl and toss with lemon juice to keep the apples from browning.
3. Place the dough between two sheets of plastic wrap and using a rolling pin, roll out to the desired size.
4. Butter and flour a 11" tart pan or 8 mini tart pans.
5. Carefully place the dough into the tart pan(s). Gently press the bottom and all the way up the sides. Using a fork, poke the bottom a few times and then make marks on the top of the sides.
6. Fill the tart pan(s) with the frangipane about half way up.
7. Place the apples tightly in a circular pattern.
8. Spread melted butter over the apples and the crust.
9. Then sprinkle the Tbsp of sugar over the apples and crust.

Bake for 25 min at 400F

Reduce the oven to 375 and bake for another 10 to 15 min.

Take out of the oven. (The crust will be browner than the apples.)

Melt the jam in the microwave. Using a pastry brush, spread the jam over the apples and crust.

Serve warm or room temperature.

Can also be served with fresh whipped cream with a hint of vanilla or French Vanilla Bean ice cream.

Introducing the Aardvark Fish and Game Adventures Group

Are you passionate about the outdoors? Do you enjoy fishing, hiking, shooting sports, or simply spending time in nature with like-minded adventurers? If so, we invite you to join the Aardvark Fish and Game Adventures Group, a new community of outdoor enthusiasts right here in Punta Gorda Isles.

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.

SEASONAL FLOCKERS

Glenice Verhoff, glenicev@gmail.com and Danita Stone, astone4879@aol.com



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 the second Monday

of the month at the PGICA or sometimes take field trips for other fun adventures. Seasonal Flockers meet beginning in October and ending in April each year. If this sounds like your kind of group, please email Danita or Glenice for information. Looking forward to meeting our fellow Flockers.

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Annual Membership Meeting

WEDNESDAY

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PUNTA GORDA ISLES CIVIC ASSOCIATION



Greetings to everyone from the Seafarers Cruising Club. November's calendar features several fun traditional social events and an overnight weekend cruise before the

holidays.

During the month of October, the Seafarers made a couple of changes to scheduled events to adapt to the weather.

Initially the Seafarers picnic was scheduled for October 9 at Ponce de Leon Park, but the adverse weather conditions resulted in the picnic to be rescheduled for November 13. Cruise Leader Kathy Nelson organized the first lunch cruise, led by Pat Weber on October 12 to the Green Flash Restaurant on beautiful Captiva Island, where the group enjoyed a warm sunny day, a delicious meal and one another's company. The Seafarers added



Anchor Out and Beach Days at Pelican Bay to the October calendar for October 16 to 18. Commodore Jeanne Myers led a fun weekend in the sun, inviting members to anchor out or spend the day at the beach with friends, food, umbrellas and sunscreen. The annual Seafarers Regatta followed at Burnt Store Marina from October 23 to 25. Vice Commodore Ron Ellsworth organized the event and chose Dancing Through the Decades as its theme. The weekend featured a full schedule, with Cass Cay Restaurant serving dinner both evenings and brunch on Sunday. Live music entertained guests Friday and Saturday nights, while Saturday's activities included Poker Run on the Docks, Blind Dinghy Races, and an entertaining Game Night hosted by Kevin and Dawn Smith. Social Director Jane Orlin organized October's final event, the Seafarers Chili Cook-Off for October 27. A delicious variety of chilis made for a close contest and coveted bragging rights. Additionally, that evening the Seafarers general meeting will also include nominations for the 2027 board, a tradition members value.

The Seafarers calendar in November will be a more relaxed schedule with social events and an overnight weekend cruise. The weekend of November 13 to 16, Diane Maffei is leading the Seafarers for an overnight

cruise to Salty Sam's Marina at Ft. Myers Beach. Friday evening, the Seafarers will gather on the waterfront at Parrot Key Caribbean Grille to enjoy island tunes and fresh Florida flavors. The next day, the group will enjoy a relaxing boat cruise with appetizers and refreshments. At noon Sunday, the Seafarers will gather at Margaritaville for lunch and entertainment at one of its many fine restaurants. The rescheduled Seafarers picnic, a very popular annual event,

will take place Friday, November 13 at Ponce de Leon Park. The Seafarers Friendsgiving is organized by Social Director Jane Orlin and will be held at the Punta Gorda Isles Civic Organization on November 24. This popular social event gives members a chance to reconnect and reflect on the year's Seafarers activities.

The Seafarers look forward to making new friends and sharing our adventures with you. Membership Director Lisa Wienecke is looking forward to greeting prospective members with a warm welcome aboard! The Seafarers membership is a friendly, inclusive and active group. We are committed to providing a variety of day and overnight boating adventures as well as numerous fun-filled, land-based activities.

We add new members to our wonderful group of Seafarers each month. Our fun-loving group would like to invite you to visit and get to know 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. However, due to the holidays, November 12 will be the only social hour in November. We hope you can meet our members and learn about all the fun we have together. There is no obligation - just stop by the 50/50 table in the foyer to let our greeting team know you are a new visitor interested in the Seafarers.

We are eager to welcome new members who wish to join our many fun adventures and make lasting friendships along the way. For more information, please contact Membership Director Lisa Wienecke at 630-715-6333 or lawienecke@gmail.com or Jeanne Myers at Jeannemyers@icloud.com.





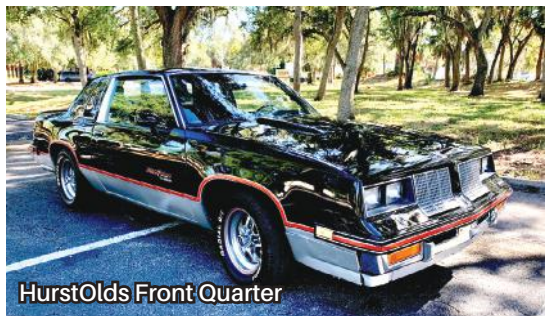
The PGI Car Club (PGICC) meets at Beef 'O' Brady's in Punta Gorda at 11:30 on the second Tuesday of each month. Our next meeting is November 10. The club will continue to offer educational presentations during or in addition to our monthly meetings.

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 Tuesday, November 17 at 9. Look for us at the Bal Harbor side of the parking lot and tell your friends. The Celtic Ray Public House hosts a car show every second Thursday from 3 to 5. They offer discounts on food and drink for participants. It's a great way to spend an afternoon. Scheduled outdoor events may be cancelled due to weather forecasts. Watch for email notifications.

Earlier this year, the club cruised to a new destination, Blossom & Brie, which offers a charming experience with outstanding fresh farm cuisine. Located in Fort Myers, the restaurant features a scenic barn setting and popular brunch and dinner menus.

On November 20, we will cruise to Tarpon Lodge & Restaurant for lunch. On December 10, we visit Fishermen's Village for dinner at Castaways followed by a holiday lights tour on board a King Fisher Fleet boat. On December 13, we will enjoy our annual holiday brunch at Isles Yacht Club.

This month we highlight Michelle and John Ward's 1983 Hurst/Olds Cutlass. It was built to commemorate the fifteenth anniversary of the Hurst and Oldsmobile relationship. Hurst Performance was an iconic American automotive brand founded by George Hurst in 1958, famous for high-



HurstOlds Front Quarter

performance manual and automatic floor shifters as well as inventing and producing the original Jaws of Life rescue and vehicle extrication equipment.

Oldsmobile built a total of 3,001 Hurst/Olds in 1983 and 3,500 with reverse colors in 1984. They came equipped with a high output 5.0-liter V8 powerplant and were the only production cars with triple lightning rod shifters.



HurstOlds interior

John first saw this model

advertised in magazines when he was young. It was the first car that he really wanted that was not a

Corvette. By the time he was able to afford his first new car in 1987, Oldsmobile was no longer making the Hurst special edition and was only offering the 442 model. He decided on a new Chevrolet Monte Carlo SS instead. A few years went by and with downsizing of new cars and the move towards front-wheel drive, he traded in on a new Corvette. He still owns that car and keeps it up north for summers. However, he always appreciated the Hurst/Olds.

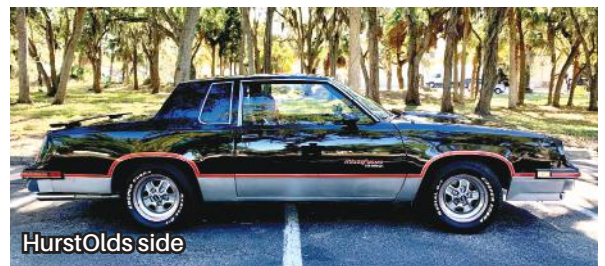
When John moved to Punta Gorda, he was looking for an old Corvette and was not having much success. He came across the Premier Group Auction and searched the website. While he did not see the Corvette he wanted, the Hurst/Olds jumped out at him. The problem was John would not be in town for the auction. On the plus side, it was an absolute auction so there was no reserve. He looked at the pictures carefully and decided to put a bid in with a reasonable maximum bid. The high number ended up being the winning bid. John was not in town, so Michelle picked it up. She still teases John about it because when she picked up the vehicle, the auction staff could not get the hood to latch, and she had to drive it about two miles with the safety latch holding it down. Once John got home and saw the Hurst/Olds, those high school dreams came flooding back.

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.

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 Erickson at mabax2@aol.com for membership information.



HurstOlds rear



HurstOlds side

In Memoriam

Ron Verhoff

November Activities

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
1  FALL BACK	2 8:00a The Good Life Cafe 8:45a Monday Morning Men's Social Bridge 9:00a PGICA Board Meeting 9:30a Monday Morning Mahjongg 10:00a PGI Cruising Club Captain's Meeting 10:00a Tag Team - Artists 1:00p Duplicate Bridge 5:00p Friends, Fun & Community	3 8:30a Zumba 9:00a Better Pictures with your Smartphone 9:00a Car Club Board Meeting 9:00a Chair-a-Cise 10:00a Crochet Class 10:00a Yoga 12:15p Pinochle 12:30p Newcomers - Lunch & Learn 3:00p Learn to Sail 6:30p Bunco Buddies 7:00p Acoustic Music Group	8:30a The Good Life Cafe 9:30a In Stitches 10:00a Beauty a 10:00a Landsberg 11:00a Finance 11:00a Civics Co 12:00p Coffee Sp 12:00p Sean Lux 1:00p Couples 3:00p PGIsland 3:00p Beginner 4:00p with Judy 4:00p Advance 6:30p with Judy PGICA A
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Wednesday, November 4, 11:00 am to 2:00 pm
Civics, Conversation & Coffee with Judge Sean Lux

Wednesday, November 4, 6:30 to 8:30 pm
PGICA Annual Member Meeting

Tuesday, November 10, 9:00 to 11:00 am
Member Shredding Event

Saturday, November 14, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm
8th Annual Arts & Craft Show

Wednesday, November 18, 12:00 to 2:00 pm
Medicare Educational Seminar

Wednesday, December 9, 8:30 am to 2:30 pm
Blood Drive

Thursday, December 10, 5:00 to 8:00 pm
PGICA Member Holiday Party

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Looking Ahead to December CALENDAR

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

Tina & Daniel Baker
Doris & John Bernard
Julie & Brian Craig
Linda & Tom Diorio
Dawn & Gerard Ferrante
Patricia Houser
Dawn & David Mattoon

Julie & Michael McGawley
Wendy & Michael Miller
Susan & David Mullins
Jeff Shellberg
Diane Shuhart
Heidi Warnke

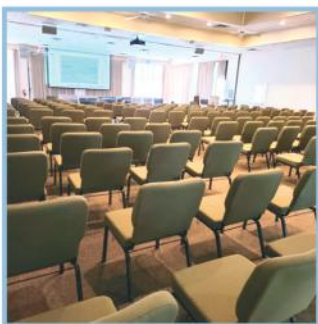
Melissa Kennison & Christopher Blauner
Mitzi & Augustine Verrengia

PGICA EXCLUSIVE MEMBER BENEFITS



- Substantial PGICA member discounts at more than 40 local shops and restaurants with the PGICA **Shop & Save Program**.
 - Free use of the PGICA **Loaner Program** to borrow items including car seats, wheelchairs, life jackets, walkers, kids bikes, foldable cribs, chairs, toys, and more.
 - Ability to join more than 30 PGICA **Clubs and Groups** which include popular activities such as fishing, boating, table games, cars, music, painting, tennis, paddling, and social clubs. And you can start your OWN new club or group!
 - Receive discounts on all PGICA **Entertainment** events including concerts, comedy shows, and dance parties.
 - PGICA **Room Rentals** are discounted by 25% for your upcoming event including all varieties of parties, weddings, receptions, showers, life celebrations, etc.
 - The Commentator**, a full-color magazine, will be emailed to you every month to keep you apprised of all PGICA news and activities.
 - 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.
 - Free **Notary Public** services to notarize documents.
 - Participate in the **Annual Arts & Crafts Fair, Annual Nautical Flea Market, and other periodic Markets**.
 - Attend annual **Exclusive Member Parties**.
 - Your annual dues of \$80 **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 **nearly 3,000 members**, has existed for more than 60 years ... the **PGICA**.

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TYPES OF EVENTS

- ◊ Weddings and Receptions
- ◊ Bridal Showers
- ◊ Rehearsal Dinners
- ◊ Anniversary Parties
- ◊ Baby Showers
- ◊ Business Meetings and Seminars
- ◊ Celebrations of Life
- ◊ Birthday Parties
- ◊ Bar/Bat Mizvahs
- ◊ Promotional Events
- ◊ Dinner Parties
- ◊ Graduation Parties
- ◊ Quinceaneras
- ◊ Fundraisers

AMENITIES

- ◊ Auditorium Capacity:
 - 125 with tables (dance floor open)
 - 160 with tables (entire room)
 - 225 with chairs only, auditorium style seating
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- ◊ Catering kitchen with commercial refrigerators, freezer, warming ovens, microwaves, commercial sinks, large granite work areas.
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Volunteers in several areas would greatly assist with the success of PGICA programs and services.

You are needed!

ADVERTISING SALES- Does cold-calling make you feel all warm and fuzzy? Are you a CRM guru? Do you absolutely love the PGICA? If yes, yes, and yes ... this might be for you! *The Commentator* digital magazine and a new monthly digital advertiser beginning in January could use your devotion.

(There might even be a \$small commi\$\$ion?)

EVENT PROMOTION- How organized ARE you? It's hard to believe, but the PGICA has an average of more than 50 classes and events each month. That does not even include club and group events or private functions. Those 50 activities include ukelele lessons, festivals, line dancing, fundraisers, concerts, yoga, photography, markets, exercise, and more ... without an advertising budget. Yes, members have the resources to stay informed of the PGICA happenings. However, we need the general public to be constantly kept updated about those happenings. That includes postings on all digital community calendars and other free announcement resources.

EVENT PARKING LOT ASSISTANCE- Maybe you were a school crossing guard, or you had an orange Safety Patrol belt and badge, or you generally like to ~~boss people around~~ ... help people! As our events become more successful, additional assistance is needed. It's a good problem to have, but it is a problem.

- ◆ Pre-marking vendor spaces
- ◆ Signage placement
- ◆ Directing traffic/traffic control
- ◆ Vendor assistance— parking, tables, electrical, etc.
- ◆ Traffic cone placement
- ◆ Trash can placement/emptying
- ◆ General safety
- ◆ Break down

LOANER PROGRAM ASSISTANCE- By far the most popular service offered by the PGICA, the Loaner Program does demand quite a bit of TLC. Assistance is needed with inventory organization, cleaning of returned items, repairs to equipment, and the disposal of unusable items.

HANDS-ON TECHIE TYPES- We do get ourselves into a jam sometimes. Maybe it's a paper jam in the copy machine or a musical jam when the audio/visual equipment decides to become obstinate, we sometimes need fixing. What seems like a major computer malfunction to us just might only be a case of the wrong button being clicked. Who we gonna call? **TECH BUSTERS!**

INDOOR EVENT SET-UP- Yes, we make it look easy, but there is a lot more to hosting an event other than opening the doors. When needed, how about volunteering to help with:

♦ Stage assembly and skirting	♦ Audio/visual set-up and operation	♦ Table and chair placement
♦ Table coverings	♦ Centerpieces/flyer placement	♦ Lobby set-up
♦ Green room set-up	♦ Greeter/registration	♦ Refrigerator/warmer clean out
♦ Ice inventory	♦ Holiday decorating	♦

MAINTENANCE AND FACILITIES ASSISTANCE- As much as we love doing it all ourselves, sometimes it's just not possible. If you are experienced in bid research and solicitation, plumbing projects, electrical work, computer glitches, copy machine jams, and stone work, and if you have a love for special projects, WE are here for YOU!

GRANT WRITER- Are research, project alignment, and persuasive writing your passion? Do you have an unwavering Oxford comma stance? Have you ever experienced joy because of new highlighters, binders, and colored tabs? You are in luck ... we are here to "grant" you hours of bliss!

PGICA OFFICE RECEPTION- The little desk behind the glass window in the lobby loves to have new attendants. All you need is a very friendly face and voice! Volunteering in the PGICA office involves answering the phone, checking in and out loaner program items, assisting with class and event registrations, making copies, providing general information, and other various office tasks.

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\$350,000	\$372,000	1.06	821 VIA TUNIS	1,479	1973	Private	2	2	0	7	09/18/2026	\$236.65	\$251.52
\$425,000	\$413,079	0.97	401 NORMA CT	2,280	1970	Private	3	2	0	18	09/25/2026	\$186.40	\$181.18
\$469,900	\$450,000	0.96	543 BELVEDERE CT	1,379	1969	Private	2	2	0	143	09/15/2026	\$340.75	\$326.32
\$499,000	\$475,000	0.95	113 HIBISCUS DR	1,970	1978	Private	3	2	1	7	09/29/2026	\$253.30	\$241.12
\$500,000	\$492,000	0.98	3433 NIGHTHAWK CT	1,685	1982	None	2	2	0	390	09/30/2026	\$296.74	\$291.99
\$529,000	\$515,000	0.97	365 BELAIRE CT	1,577	1979	Private	3	2	0	6	09/11/2026	\$335.45	\$326.57
\$549,000	\$549,000	1.00	308 COLONY POINT DR	2,053	1988	Private	3	2	0	148	09/28/2026	\$267.41	\$267.41
\$594,900	\$580,000	0.97	610 ELEUTHERA DR	1,958	1980	Private	3	2	0	120	09/01/2026	\$303.83	\$296.22
\$635,000	\$635,000	1.00	1588 SAN MARINO CT	1,888	1988	Private	3	2	0	0	09/02/2026	\$336.33	\$336.33
\$649,900	\$630,000	0.97	3801 BAL HARBOR BLVD	2,485	2006	Private	3	2	0	60	09/09/2026	\$261.53	\$253.52
\$650,000	\$650,000	1.00	69 SABAL DR	2,452	1979	Private	4	2	1	570	09/30/2026	\$265.09	\$265.09
\$650,000	\$600,000	0.92	740 VIA ESPLANADE	2,366	1980	Private	2	2	0	477	09/25/2026	\$274.73	\$253.59
\$659,000	\$635,000	0.96	1741 SUZI ST	2,285	1993	Private	3	2	1	30	09/02/2026	\$288.40	\$277.90
\$689,000	\$650,000	0.94	155 CRESCENT DR	1,844	1991	Private	3	2	1	170	09/09/2026	\$373.64	\$352.49
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\$839,000	\$830,000	0.99	2112 DEBORAH DR	2,482	1989	Private	3	2	1	4	09/01/2026	\$338.03	\$334.41
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\$1,049,000	\$997,875	0.95	360 CAPRI ISLES CT	2,528	2005	Private	3	2	1	0	09/25/2026	\$414.95	\$394.73
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\$1,349,000	\$1,315,000	0.97	136 GREAT ISAAC CT	2,763	1998	Private	4	2	1	53	09/09/2026	\$488.24	\$475.93
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\$1,675,000	\$1,575,000	0.94	1306 OSPREY DR	2,268	2022	Private	3	3	0	91	09/10/2026	\$738.54	\$694.44
\$2,495,000	\$2,552,000	1.02	1355 GREBE DR	3,241	2016	Private	4	3	0	9	09/12/2026	\$769.82	\$787.41

CONDOS

List Price	Sold Price	SP/LP Ratio	Address	HTD	Built	Pool	BE	FB	HB	CDOM	Sold Date	LP/SqFt	SP/SqFt
\$153,900	\$148,000	0.96	1080 BAL HARBOR BLVD Unit#9D	1,114	1974	Community	2	2	0	40	09/02/2026	\$138.15	\$132.85
\$197,900	\$180,000	0.91	311 GARVIN ST Unit#205A	1,114	1973	Community	2	2	0	252	09/25/2026	\$177.65	\$161.58
\$225,000	\$195,000	0.87	98 VIVANTE BLVD Unit#98412	1,915	2007	Community	3	2	0	318	09/16/2026	\$117.49	\$101.83
\$229,000	\$216,700	0.95	99 VIVANTE BLVD Unit#415	1,698	2007	Community	2	2	0	20	09/28/2026	\$134.86	\$127.62
\$250,000	\$250,000	1.00	3228 PURPLE MARTIN DR Unit#113	1,501	2004	Community	3	2	0	585	09/24/2026	\$166.56	\$166.56
\$250,000	\$243,000	0.97	2001 BAL HARBOR BLVD Unit#2308	1,768	2011	Community	3	2	0	57	09/21/2026	\$141.40	\$137.44
\$289,000	\$280,000	0.97	3830 BAL HARBOR BLVD Unit#12	1,441	1986	Community	2	2	0	88	09/10/2026	\$200.56	\$194.31
\$299,900	\$272,144	0.91	99 VIVANTE BLVD Unit#9949	1,698	2007	Community	2	2	0	129	09/17/2026	\$176.62	\$160.27
\$299,900	\$290,000	0.97	1433 MEDITERRANEAN DR Unit#E	1,350	1981	Community	2	2	1	171	09/21/2026	\$222.15	\$214.81
\$319,000	\$295,000	0.92	2002 BAL HARBOR BLVD Unit#2221	1,517	2001	Community	3	2	0	17	09/28/2026	\$210.28	\$194.46
\$429,000	\$395,000	0.92	268 LEWIS CIR Unit#143	2,021	2004	Community	3	2	0	72	09/30/2026	\$212.27	\$195.45
\$489,000	\$489,000	1.00	1650 W MARION AVE Unit#144	2,408	1999	Community	3	2	1	584	09/04/2026	\$203.07	\$203.07
\$547,000	\$517,500	0.95	1600 W MARION AVE Unit#234	2,200	1990	Community	3	2	0	288	09/14/2026	\$248.64	\$235.23

LOTS

List Price	Sold Price	SP/LP Ratio	Address	Lot Size SqFt	Lot Size Acres	Water Access Y/N	CDOM	Sold Date
\$350,000	\$290,000	0.83	1447 MEDITERRANEAN DR	13,855	0.32	Yes	1,583	09/30/2026
\$355,000	\$340,000	0.96	3701 CARMICHAEL DR	9,600	0.22	Yes	176	09/08/2026

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Well, the heat index might be cooling down a few degrees, but with many of our snowbird Mariners back in town, the Mariners activity index is heating up. We had a great turnout for our September 27 lunch cruise to Castaways in Fishermen's Village. The planned cruise leaders



didn't make it to the dock however, as their daughter, expecting the couple's second child went into labor several weeks in advance, necessitating a sudden trip north by the grandparents. We're happy to report both mother and baby are fine. Beginning October 27, the Mankins are leading an at least three nights cruise to one of our favorite marina/resort destinations, 'Tween Waters Marina on Captiva Island. To quote the cruise sign-up description, "As is our tradition, we'll kick things off the first evening with docktails and heavy hors d'oeuvres. After that, we'll keep things flexible and let the group decide how to spend our days and evenings. All of our favorite restaurants are open." We should be known as the Flexible Mariners of PGI. Indeed, several of our longer, multi-destination cruises are billed as hop on/hop off, allowing cruisers to flex their schedules and itinerary participation as desired. Latitude 26, another new restaurant in Fishermen's Village is the destination for the November 10 lunch cruise, hosted by June Toothaker.

In my September and October articles, I shared location photos and descriptions from Mariners snowbirds fortunate enough to have summer homes on the water. While drafting this article, I received a text and photo from a snowbird friend still up north in Stonington, Connecticut. He reported that although the leaves have turned, the weather was warm;



just right for a walk on the beach at Watch Hill, Rhode Island, where he took this photo of the Watch Hill Lighthouse. Located on the most southerly point of the Rhode Island coast, at the juncture of Block Island Sound and Fisher's Island Sound, construction of the current lighthouse completed in 1856, built using massive granite blocks quarried in nearby Westerly, Rhode Island. In 1986, the lighthouse was automated and the original fourth order Fresnel lens was removed to the museum building on the point. Fans of Taylor Swift might find it interesting that she shares a similar view of the lighthouse and point from her Watch Hill home, High Watch...but I digress.



On the social side of things, Mariners gather the first Sunday of each month to enjoy delicious breakfast fare and relaxed and friendly conversation at Tamiami Tavern. We had a good turnout for our October 4 outing with 14 Mariners attending. The next gathering will be November 1. Many thanks to Peggy Northrup for organizing these monthly events. Peggy recently started another monthly morning event that is proving to be popular - Ladies' Coffee Break. The group's October gathering on October 13 at Starbucks' Cross



Trails Center location in Punta Gorda, was well-attended, with a couple ladies arriving post-workout. The November gathering (date TBD) will be at Steph's Bakery and More in downtown Punta Gorda. I think I hear a chocolate croissant calling my name. Locations and monthly timing will vary, so be sure to check the calendar. Past Commodore Carol Barkow is hosting the November 29 Lunch with the Ladies at Lime Tequila in Port Charlotte. Other recurring activities include pickleball, currently at Gilchrist Park each Tuesday and Thursday starting at 8, and Bullets and Brunch the second Wednesday of each month.

If the above has sparked your interest, we invite you to join in the Mariners fun, fellowship and family feeling. Drop by and meet the crew at one of our happy hours, held every Wednesday from 5 to 7 at our new gathering place, Castaways in Fishermen's Village. Look for us (and our burgee) in the high-top tables area to the right of the entrance. Check out our monthly newsletter, Nautical Notes, which can be viewed at <https://marinersofpgi.org/nautical-notes/>. For questions, give our Membership Co-Directors, Paul Baird at 330-347-9023 and Tracie Goin at 815-922-9833 a call. We look forward to meeting you!



October was filled with fun, new experiences and opportunities to learn more about our community. Our Monday Morning Walks continued, and we enjoyed a well-attended happy hour at Village Brewhouse, which is always open to prospective members who would like to get to know us.



Small group appetizers are always a big hit

At our monthly Bring Your Lunch & Learn, representatives from Team Punta Gorda shared information about their work and the many volunteer opportunities available. We also enjoyed a Small Group Appetizer Night hosted by Donna and Craig Culver and Mary and Dan Cass. Thank you to our hosts for welcoming fellow members into their homes.

There was plenty more on the October calendar. Our Oktoberfest gathering brought a festive touch to the month, while the Ladies' Lunch group checked out Castaways, the newest restaurant in Fishermen's Village. The men enjoyed lunch at Gatorz. Members also gathered at Burg'r Bar for our October Dine Around, with optional line dancing for those who wanted to give it a try.

We attended PGICA's New Member Reception, which is now open to all Newcomers Club members, and took a trip to Fort Myers to tour the Ford and Edison Estates, followed by lunch at Ford's Garage. We wrapped up the month with our annual membership meeting and Halloween party.

November promises another full calendar of opportunities to get together, try something new, and learn more about the community we call home.

Each year, our Newcomers Club selects a charitable organization to support during the holiday season. This year,

we are proud to support Southwest Florida Honor Flight.

At our November Bring Your Lunch & Learn, we'll be finding out more

about this special program and the difference it makes in the lives of our veterans. Southwest Florida Honor Flight gives veterans the opportunity to travel to Washington, D.C. to visit the memorials built in honor of their service and sacrifice. It is a meaningful way to recognize their contributions and give them the welcome home and gratitude they deserve.

A donation container will be available at the Lunch and Learn event and at Newcomers Club activities through December. We hope you will consider joining us in supporting this worthwhile organization.

Our November happy hour returns to PGICA's pavilion, where we will hold our Pizza Around Town pizza contest and tasting. It is a chance to sample local favorites and enjoy an afternoon with friends.

We will also tour the Punta Gorda/Burnt Store Water Treatment Plant to learn more about an important part of our community's infrastructure and how our water is treated.

Be sure to check the calendar for Small Group Appetizer Night, Ladies' Lunch, Men's Lunch, and our ongoing Monday Morning Walks. Those looking to stay active can join us for a ten-mile bike ride on Boca Grande. Later in the month, our Scavenger Hunt will bring everyone together for some friendly fun. If you participated last year, you already know what a good time it can be.

Our Newcomers Club is always looking for new adventures, fresh ideas and new faces. Whether you have recently moved to the area or simply want to meet more people and explore what Punta Gorda has to offer, we invite you to join us. With so many ways to connect, learn and have fun, there is something for everyone.



Happy Hour with a harbor view



50/50 Raffle Queen



Oktoberfest shenningans

When my husband and I were raising our children, on Thanksgiving Day of each year we would begin our Thanksgiving breakfast by saying a prayer. Then we would go around and ask each one of us share what we were most thankful for at that time. Recently, our adult daughter thanked us for all of those times, saying to this day she continues the tradition with her own family, and thanks



Another great mixer

us for our wonderful memories. This month we have so much to be grateful for, including the hurricane that missed Punta Gorda. We are also thankful for the wonderful people we have grown to know and care about in our Paradise Friends club. Let's thank Struss and Bob Shirk for starting this club and being leaders for years. We also are thankful that Jack Gardner took over as president this year, and leads our group to exciting opportunities throughout the year. We also want to thank all of our past and present leaders for what they do to make this club a wonderful place to meet people, be active and enjoy our various activities. Hats off to all of you, whether you are a chair or a member of Paradise Friends. After all, "It takes a village."

ChowHounds Men's Lunch will be held on Thursday, November 12 from 11:30 to 1 at Leroy's Southern Kitchen & Bar. The men can enjoy talking about all of the baseball finals and football games and eat some great food, and be thankful to also enjoy a few brews together. Please sign up on our website. For more information, contact Mike Dougherty at 314-220-7940 or CaptMikeD@gmail.com.

PF Ladies Lunch is on Thursday, November 12 from noon until 2 at Cooper's Hawk Winery & Restaurant, located at 13671 Olympic Court in Fort Myers. You will enjoy an opportunity to try a variety of wine and food options. Let's catch up on what our friends are doing for this upcoming holiday season. Please register so we know how many will be coming. Contact Josephine Ortiz at 561-371-1307 or josephinertz@gmail.com for more information.

Sips and Dips will take place on Friday, November 13 from 6 to 8 at the home of Marie & Bob Knabe. This date is a change from usual as our hosts offered their home for this time. We are so thankful to be able to enjoy all of our friends



An evening of Sips & Dips

who come to the Knabe's home. We are asked to bring either an appetizer or dessert, and of course BYOB. The world celebrates World Kindness Day today, so let's be sure to be kind while we party. Please sign up for this fun evening, as there is a maximum of 35 people. If you need to contact our hosts, please email Marie at rknabe@yahoo.com.

Our Paradise Friends Mixer is going to be held on Thursday, November 19 from 5 to 7 at The Palm Room at The Four Points by Sheraton Hotel. We all very much love to gather there, have a few cocktails, eat some great food and of course talk about our wild adventures, either in the past or the future. It's just a bit over a week before Thanksgiving Day, so you can enjoy both your beverages and food and fill up and still be ready for your turkey meal the next week. Of course, please sign up on our website. If you have any questions, email Jack Gardner at 4jackgardner@gmail.com for more information.

Our Choice Event is to be determined, so please check the website for information.

To join our club, membership forms are in the lobby of the PGICA and on our website under the Join the Club bar. If you would like to contact someone, please contact our Membership Director Dan Kain at dkain01@gmail.com, who will answer your questions about our wonderful club.

Please submit any photos to Sue Kelley who will write this article at skelley180@aol.com.



Come join us



It's official. The PGICA Tennis Club calendar has flipped from summer to winter schedules. Charlotte County leagues have started team matches and practices. Matches are Monday, Thursday and Friday mornings. Teams practice on Tuesday and Wednesday.

That does not mean that you cannot get a court. The calendar posted on the club page shows you when you can schedule open play and book courts for the ball machine and play with your friends.

The Sea Raptors, captained by Tony Rahsaz, are hosting our first tennis social on November 17. Plan to play from 3 to 5. Dinner will be served at the pavilion beside the courts immediately after open play. All tennis members are welcome and will receive an invitation to register for a headcount. Come out to play or just hang out with the club.

Membership dues keep our courts in great shape. Annual dues are \$75, plus a one-time \$100 fee for new members. Everyone who joins also needs to be a PGICA member, as is required for all the other clubs. Membership includes the gate



PGICA SeaRaptors

code and unlimited use of the ball machine. We have three hard courts with shade structures and no pickleball lines.

Want more info? Check out our Tennis Club page on the PGICA website. 2026 officers: President Jackie Rahsaz; Vice President Tony Rahsaz; Treasurer Janet Lynn; Secretary Janelle Anthone; Social Director Mitzie Kohrman; Webmaster Bill Hogue.

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As we look forward to enjoying Thanksgiving with our friends and relatives, we are already going full speed ahead with estate sales. We are fully booked through December. Just can't wait until all of the snowbirds are back.

Don't forget to monitor our website, <https://islesgirlsandguys.com> for upcoming sales. You can follow Isles Girls & Guys Estate Sales on Facebook to get more information. You can also go to <https://islesgirlsandguys.com/contact-us> and fill out the form and be added to our email alert list.



Isles Girls and Guys would like to thank PGICA for their help in getting a new van for us. As you might know, the old van was not the best. The new van is very nice and holds a lot

more items. Instead of having only a couple of people who could get inside the van to assist in loading, now the new van is high enough that any of us can stand inside and assist. You can see the new van in the pictures attached.

If you have any interest in having 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. Our team always takes pride in being courteous and professional with both the seller and the buying public. We will treat your items as if they were our own. It will be our pleasure to assist you in your time of need. We understand that this can be a difficult time.

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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PGICA Ready - Welcome home, snowbirds! Matthew Baran, Executive Director



The return of familiar faces is one of the pleasures of this time of year. To everyone coming home after time away: Welcome home. We look forward to hearing about your summer and seeing you reconnect with friends, clubs and favorite activities.

As our seasonal population returns, our roads, calendars and daily routines become busier. A little preparation can help make the transition more comfortable.

Leave yourself some breathing room. Plan extra time between appointments, errands and activities. Allow for heavier traffic, longer waits and finding a parking space. A few extra minutes can make the day feel much less rushed.

Take care on our busier roads. Give yourself time to become familiar with local traffic patterns again. Watch for pedestrians, cyclists and drivers navigating unfamiliar streets. Patience and a little extra courtesy help everyone get where they are going safely.

Give your home a careful check. If you have been away, take a walk through your home and around your property.

Look for leaks, damage or maintenance needs. Check that lighting, plumbing, air conditioning and appliances are working properly, and test smoke alarms. Arrange any needed service as you settle back in.

Refresh your information. Review your important contact numbers and make sure PGICA has your current telephone number and email address. Check your membership status so you are ready to participate.

Take a fresh look at the calendar. Confirm current schedules and registration details before heading to a familiar activity. Read In the Know and check the PGICA calendar for upcoming opportunities.

Reconnect at your own pace. Call a friend, reach out to your club or try something new. Leave room to enjoy being home without feeling you have to fit the whole season into your first week.

If you need help finding your way back into PGICA activities, stop by the office. We look forward to seeing you.

Welcome home...and let's take good care of ourselves and one another this season.



E Pluribus Unum - Out of many, one

Matthew Baran, Executive Director

One of the pleasures of being your Executive Director is getting to know the people who make PGICA such a welcoming community. My first visit with the PGIslanders was a wonderful example.

When I walked into the room to introduce myself, their commodore greeted me with a smile and a handshake. His shirt read, "This is not a meeting." That certainly set the tone. Everyone made me feel welcome, and the positive energy in the room was contagious.

The PGIslanders shared stories of past adventures and plans for the future. It was easy to see how a shared interest in boating had grown into friendships, memorable experiences and plenty of good stories.

Keep an eye out for their Bahamas Bound presentation

in January. They described a step-by-step guide to sailing to the Bahamas, covering what to bring, what to leave behind and the practical details that help make the journey a success. They even have great bread recipes. Clearly, there is plenty of experience and good humor to share.

Folks, if you are newer to the community or seeking a boating club, check out the PGIslanders. You will find smiles as warm as the Florida sun.

That visit brought to mind E pluribus unum: Out of many, one. Across PGICA, our clubs and groups bring together people with different backgrounds, experiences and interests. Each has its own personality and traditions, while contributing to the community we share.

The PGIslanders reminded me how that sense of belonging begins; a smile, a handshake and an invitation to join the conversation. As we welcome new and returning members this season, those simple gestures can help someone find their place at PGICA.

From the board of directors

There are two important items for you. The first is the Volunteer Recognition and the second is the changes in the bylaws that will be coming up for vote in November.

The form to recognize volunteers can be found on the PGICA website under Members at the top. Under that you will see a Recognition tab and the form is in that article. Please download it and return it to the office for the President Elect Mary Ann Kot. These are due by September 15.

A critically important topic at the annual meeting will be the updates to the PGICA Bylaws. These changes may seem daunting, but they are being made to keep our documents and processes current, practical and aligned with Florida law while making it easier for more members to get involved. Many hours of research and discussion have been spent in this process.

As an example, our current bylaws contain detailed and fixed descriptions of committees and their structure.

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Removing some of these details and moving them to policies will provide flexibility, open up more committee participation by the membership and allow us to utilize the skills needed in our operations. This supports greater member engagement by allowing others to contribute their talents to the association while strengthening our programs, outreach and overall effectiveness.

Other modifications are to recognize the changes in the current House Bill 797 statute that came into effect on July 1, 2026 and modernized the current law that governs not-for-profit institutions. These changes update rules on governance, meetings, membership rights and procedures, officer and director standards of conduct and related issues.

You will be provided with these changes prior to the November meeting. Please read the materials carefully when you receive them and ask any questions. You are the organization and your participation in this process is important.

PGI KAYAK GROUP

Miriam Taylor, miriamktay@gmail.com, 317-716-4430

Led by Sam Cessna and Patty McDonald, eight members of our kayak group started the season in October with one of our favorite trips on Coral Creek. The upper area of Coral Creek is mostly undeveloped and gives you the feeling you are truly in the Florida Wilds. After our leisurely hour and a half trip, we loaded our kayaks and headed for a well-earned lunch to recount our morning sites and welcome back early snowbirds.

If you have a kayak and would like to be a part of our group, please visit us at our next happy hour on Monday November 2 at the Four Points by Sheraton Hotel in their Library room beginning at 5:30. At these monthly gatherings PGI Paddlers plan two kayak trips per month. After our one and a half hour paddles, we follow up with lunch together, either a picnic or at a restaurant. The schedule is emailed to members. For more information about our group, please send



an email to pgikayakers@gmail.com or visit the PGI Paddlers website at www.pgikayakers.org.

If there's one thing the PGI Castaways know how to do, it's have a good time. The past month has been packed with entertainment, adventures, community service and opportunities to enjoy each other's company. With threatening weather in the forecast, we moved our rooftop happy hour from Perch 360 to 88 Keys. As luck would have it, the storm never materialized. Mother Nature apparently decided to have a little fun at our expense. But the change of scenery didn't dampen anyone's spirits.

Our Castaways breakfast at Tamiami Tavern was another highlight, especially the opportunity to enjoy their brand-new Tiki dining area. The weather was perfect for dining outdoors, and several members declared it the best breakfast they'd had locally in a long time.

German Fest at Fishermen's Village added some international flair. Between the festive atmosphere and the sounds of Deb & The Dynamics, there was plenty of music and merriment. Lederhosen optional, fun guaranteed.



But the Castaways aren't just about happy hours and entertainment. We also know how to roll up our sleeves when it matters. Members headed to the Harry Chapin Food Bank to lend a hand in the fight against hunger. Our mission involved processing multiple pallets of carrots and potatoes, delivered in hefty 50-pound bags. That's a whole lot of produce and quite a workout. Working side by side and keeping the assembly line moving, our crew completed the task in just two hours and

40 minutes, finishing 15 minutes ahead of schedule. It was a great example of what can be accomplished when people come together for a good cause. Knowing our efforts would help feed families in need made the experience especially rewarding.

The much-anticipated takeover of Castaways at Fishermen's Village lived up to expectations. Our crew enjoyed delicious food, refreshing cocktails and a spectacular sunset over the harbor. The 50/50 raffle added excitement, with Steve Cousens taking home \$120. Drinks on Steve? We'll let him decide.

Our private screening of Heart of the Beast at AMC Crossings 16 was another memorable outing. The movie was powerful and intense, leaving more than a few of us with leaky eyes. After that emotional roller coaster, we've decided our next movie needs to come with a whole lot more laughter and a whole lot fewer tissues.

Our commitment to giving back continues this holiday season with a special mission close to our hearts. The PGI Castaways, with the support of PGICA, are proud to sponsor a Toys for Tots toy drive, and we're asking our members and



the entire PGICA community to help make it a success. For many families, the holidays bring financial challenges, and this year the need is especially great. Every child deserves to experience the excitement of Christmas morning, and together we can help make that possible. Please consider donating a new, unwrapped toy at the PGICA office or at any Castaways event. Whether it's a small toy, a game or something for an older child, every contribution matters. Imagine the smiles we can create simply by coming together and sharing a little of what we have. Let's show just how big the hearts of our Castaways and PGICA community really are and help make this a Christmas to remember for children who need us most.

To all our Castaways members and their families, we wish you a happy and healthy Thanksgiving. May you enjoy this special time with those who mean the most to you.

Life's too short to sit on the sidelines. Come get carried away with the Castaways.





This month's Commentator article will be short. The Admiral and I are packing up our belongings and headed back to PGI at the end of the week so I am a bit pressed for time. In addition, email activity between board members and committee chairs has picked up considerably in the past couple of weeks as we plan the return of our normal gatherings and special events starting in late October.

I know many of our members have either returned to the Isles or are on the verge of heading south. We have just experienced our first frost of the fall season here in central Ohio, so that is usually my trigger to get packing. All of the club's officers and committee chairs are glad to welcome you back to enjoy what I hope will be beautiful fall weather combined with fellowship and some time together on the water. We hope you had a nice summer whether you braved the heat and humidity of Southwest Florida or somewhere a bit cooler and drier.

We're kicking off the 2026-2027 boating club season with our traditional Welcome Back pizza party and general membership meeting on Sunday, October 25. We have several of our key officer and committee chair positions opening up, so we will be forming a nominating committee to identify club members who would like to volunteer to serve.



Poker Run

Branson Stone will again be heading up the Poker Run activities this season and has announced that the fall Poker Run will be held on Sunday, November 8. Mark this date on your calendars. An email announcement has already been sent out to all active members and you can sign up now on the club website. Club members looking for a ride on a club member's boat should also go to the website and sign up indicating that you need a ride. Branson will be matching up parties requesting a ride with members who have extra room on their boat. As in the past, dinner and the card reveal will take place later in the day at the PGI Civic Association auditorium.

If you haven't heard yet, happy hour will be returning to St. Andrews South Golf Club (SAS) starting on Thursday, October 29. The venue at the Four Points by Sheraton Hotel presented a lot of challenges last year including the



requirement to RSVP each week in advance of the event and problems with parking. The compromise we had to make in order to return to SAS was to move our happy hour to the first and third Thursday of the month. We are hoping that meeting twice a month at a location that provides convenient parking and the ability to spread out and munch on snacks provided by the club will significantly improve participation this season. Check the PGICC Activities calendar and get those happy hour dates marked on your social calendar.

As of this writing, we are still trying to work out a monthly date & time for Dart Night. Hopefully by the time we gather for the October general membership meeting we will have dates and times nailed down. I encourage all of our members to give Dart Night a try. Last year I had a conflict every month (board meeting for my condo association back in Ohio) but this year I am planning to be a regular. Thanks to Sherry and Bernie Stibbard for stepping up again this season to coordinate this monthly event.



If you are interested in joining a local club that enjoys activities and friendship both on and off the water, please feel free to attend any of our Happy Hours held at St. Andrews South Golf Club on the first and third Thursday of the month from 5 to 7. You can also contact our Membership Chair Marcia Ling at membership@pgicruisingclub.org.

We are the PGI Cruising Club and we are more than just a boating club. Come check us out and you won't be disappointed. Our website is www.pgicruisingclub.org.

There's plenty of news and activity around Punta Gorda. Here are some updates on city projects, downtown development, roadwork, water restrictions and upcoming community events.

City Council approves FEMA SAFER grant for additional firefighters - At its October 14 meeting, City Council voted to accept a \$2,435,711.85 SAFER grant from FEMA to fund the hiring of nine additional firefighters from March 2027 through March 2030. The additional staffing could potentially improve the City's ISO fire rating, which may in turn help reduce property insurance premiums. Great news for the property owners.

Downtown Farmers Market agreement approved - City Council unanimously approved an agreement with the Downtown Merchants Association to operate the Downtown Farmers Market from January 1 through December 31, 2027, with the possibility of two additional one-year extensions. The agreement authorizes the market to operate while preserving the City's control over the property. The market must obtain the appropriate permits and maintain commercial general liability insurance of at least \$2 million per occurrence. Thanks to the City Council for approving this while making sure that the citizens are protected from liability.

New developments underway - Construction has begun on the new marina at the former Punta Gorda Hotel site, located at 300 W. Retta Esplanade. This has been in the works

for over a decade. Thanks to City Council for making this a reality. A third marina in Punta Gorda will be a great asset. Boat clubs take note of a new local place to dock and support our local businesses.



The Yard on Olympia, a new destination for food, drinks, and live entertainment, is also under construction. It will be another exciting addition to

Punta Gorda. My kids are pumped for this type of venue to open.



Coffee addicts - The new 7 Brews has your number. 7 Brew is a new one-of-a-kind drive through concept that offers a fun and energetic vibe with a wide array of coffee beverages, infused energy drinks, Italian sodas, smoothies, teas and milkshakes. This is will be next to the 5/3 Bank. What a great asset to the Working Cow and Bagel store one block over. Please, please support our local small businesses.

Plus, it is exciting to look at all the new businesses opening by Jones Loop and Burnt Store Rd.

Code compliance case in progress - A code compliance case is underway involving PGI Marketplace, LLC, the vacant lot in the center of town. This is the first council in decades that have moved to enforce the requirements of the 2004 demolition permit that required the owners to remove the broken piles of concrete and broken pavement. At the May 2026 code meeting, the property owner's attorney was given until November to address the broken pavement and piles of concrete on the site. Know that this is private property and the City Council cannot force any private property owner to develop or sell their property but kudos to the city to working to make it look presentable.

Expect nighttime roadwork on U.S. 41 - FDOT expects to complete nighttime paving on U.S. 41 through downtown Punta Gorda over the next few weeks. Motorists should anticipate lane closures and plan accordingly.

To keep be informed weekly about what is happening in the city, subscribe to City Manager Dr. Missy's very comprehensive newsletter at <https://www.ci.puntagorda.fl.us>.

As your PGICA Government Liaison, I am here to serve YOU. Please let me know if you have any suggestions or concerns.

Remember to get out and vote for whomever best serves YOUR interests and values. Don't forget to vote for or against raising your property tax exemption. Be an educated voter.



It is official: snowbird season has begun. The clocks have fallen back an hour, signs of the holiday season are everywhere, and the weather is becoming our friend again. Most of all, we're delighted to welcome our friends back to Punta Gorda.

More people mean more fun at mah jongg, played twice a week at the PGICA. If you haven't tried this favorite game yet, check the JFF calendar and come try something new.

Mix and Mingle is back. Join us on Monday, November 2, from 5 to 7 at Castaways in Fishermen's Village. Meet fellow flamingos and enjoy a drink with friends, old and new. Registration is required and limited to 40 guests because of restaurant capacity. Registering in advance also helps the restaurant plan seating and staffing.



Ladies lunch

October's Ladies' Lunch at Rossini's by Chef Rocco's new location, was enjoyed by all. On November 17, the ladies will gather at the newly opened Castaways (formerly Harpoon Harry's) in Fishermen's Village. The weather should be perfect for this venue, and the view is unbeatable. Sign up now on the JFF calendar.

The Men's Lunch is scheduled for Tuesday, November 24. Check the JFF calendar for details. Because of the Thanksgiving holiday, Bite Night and Host and Toast will not be held this month.

Dinner and Darts continues at the Ice House Pub on Sunday, November 22. There's room for plenty of players, so sign up on the JFF website. No experience is necessary. It's all about friendly competition, and beginner's luck may be on your side. Photos from October's event capture the fun everyone shared.



Dinner & Darts

Mark your calendar for our annual club membership meeting on November 18. If you value the social events, friendships and connections the club provides, please join us to elect the volunteers who make it all possible. We also need new volunteers to help lead activities and keep our club vibrant. Dinner will be provided, so please register in advance to ensure an accurate count for the caterers.

Join us for the December Holiday Party at the Isles Yacht Club on December 2. Register and send your payment by November 18 and check the JFF calendar for all the details. This well-attended, festive evening always features tasty food and entertainment. This year, enjoy the music by The New Collections for dancing and listening.

Interested in joining our club? Contact our president using the name and email address above. To see what our club is doing, visit the JFF page on the PGICA website. We're always ready to meet new friends.



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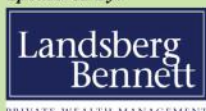


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