Kiwanis Punta Gorda

Newsletter Jan 8, 2026

On the Calendar!

Monday, Jan 12 - Board Meeting

Thursday, Jan 15 - Big Brothers/Big Sisters

Thursday, Jan 22 - CHS swim coach Jim Lindberg

Saturday, January 24, 2026 - Centennial banquet 5 pm Tickets on sale now until Jan 15 - $65/person. Includes buffet dinner and program. Cash bar cocktail hour at 5 pm. Business casual dress style

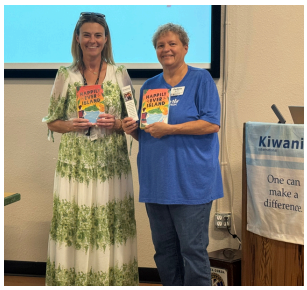
Feb 5 - Kim Ammontree- Volunteer Reading Buddy

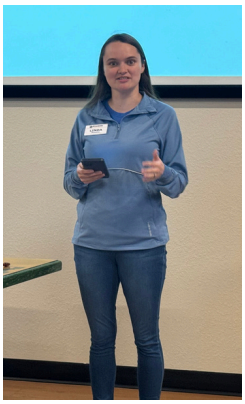
Feb 5-8 - Mr Swindles

Feb 12 - Scott Kaphingst - CHS ROTC

Feb 19 - Paul Poke - CC Property Appraiser

Mar 7 - Caring for Kids Car Show





Melissa White and Linda Skaathun

Our original speaker was sick today, so we were lucky to have Melissa White, Principal of East Elementary and Linda Skaathun, club member & Governor Elect stopped by!

Melissa is in her 5th year as principal and 20 years total with CC Public Schools and grew up here. Her motto is "Together is Better" and it shows in all she does. Christmas at East has run for 8 years and the last 2 years she included Peace River and Sallie Jones. Peace River is a 100% Title One school, making them one of the lower income family schools. East Elementary also accepts snack bags provided by the Ya-Ya girls that feed about 130 needy students. East elementary school is a year round school with a 4 week break between school calendar years. She appreciates anyone who would like to volunteer.

Linda is busy going around the state meeting with various clubs and districts. She is looking forward to becoming our Florida Governor in October.

Linda informed us of the different grants and opportunities that Kiwanis International provides and reminded us about Tommy Mills Reading platform.

It was great to see both of them there!

Jan 6 - Melissa Turney
Jan 9 - Wyona Crosley
Jan 10 - Mary Greene
Jan 21 - Allen May
Jan 24 - Sam Summers
Jan 29 - Gerry Wahl

Welcome Back:

Gerry Wahl
Bill Frank
Linda & Steve McClain
Lisa Lusby
Linda Skaathun

Club count today:
24 members
7 guests

Get Your Banquet Tickets!

You have 1 week left to get your banquet tickets! Cost is $65 per person and includes the buffet dinner and the program.
The banquet is Saturday, January 24th. Cash bar cocktail hour is at 5 pm featuring a live jazz band; and a buffet dinner with a program at 6 pm. It will be held at the Charlotte Harbor Event and Conference Center. The dress style will be business casual.
We hope to see you there! It will be a wonderful time to catch up with friends from years past!

Christmas Card Lane
Tear down

Eddie drew Don's number today and Don won the $32 prize but did not win the $296 jackpot!

Stronger together! *All in! Kids win!* *Kiwanis Strong!*