



## On the Calendar!

**Monday, August 18: Board Meeting**

**Thursday, August 21: Peggy  
Ludwig, Alzheimer's Assoc**

**Thursday, August 28: Lisa Bratton  
- Families in Transition**

**Thursday, Sept 4 - Special  
Olympics**

**Thursday, Sept 11 - Loveland  
Center**

**Thursday, Sept 18 - Tender Hearts**

**Wednesday, Sept 24 - installation  
banquet at Beef O'Brady's 5:30 pm  
(1105 Taylor Road, Punta Gorda)**

**Thursday, Oct 2 - Imagination  
Library (Dolly Parton)**

**Thursday, Oct 9 - Mayor Debi Lux**

**Saturday, Oct 25 - Fall Festival 1-4  
pm Punta Gorda Library**

**Friday, Oct 31 - Halloween -  
Historic Downtown Punta Gorda**

**Saturday, Dec 6 - Christmas at East**

**Saturday, January 24, 2026 -  
Centennial banquet 5 pm**

## 2025 DCON Recap

Ray and Debbie talked about DCON 2025 at the PGA Nationals in Palm Beach Gardens. The convention was attended by 400 Kiwanians from Florida, Grand Cayman and Turks and Caicos. We also had Hope Markes from Jamaica who will be the President-Elect for Kiwanis International. This was both Ray and Debbie's 3<sup>rd</sup> time at DCON although it had been a few years for Ray. They both enjoyed seeing people they knew and meeting new ones. Debbie attended the classes they offered and will now be busy working to move the club forward. Ray, Marian and Jim were involved with Caring Corner - a project that our Linda Skaathun headed up!

All the speakers at the conference were good, including the governors from CKI (College) and Key Club! The future looks bright.

Tommy Mills will be our Governor, Linda will be governor-elect and Kerri Gordon will be the Vice Governor. Plan on going next year at the Renaissance Sea World in Orlando, July 30 - August 2, to see Linda become the Governor!





8/6 - Tyler Skaathun  
8/15 - Eddie Webb  
8/15 - Linda McClain  
8/16 - Debbie Bailey  
8/27 - Mary Kay Mechlin



8/6 - Jim & Karon Finch  
8/9 - Dan Britton & Joellen Bergagna  
8/23 - Richard & Barbara Schnur  
8/23 - Gene & Theresa Murtha  
8/27 - Susan & Wayne Jones  
8/31 - Jane & Frank Sturges

Club count today:  
19 members  
4 visitors



Frank Desguin  
Mike & Sue Hahn  
Allen May  
Don Rutherford



Let's  
**CELEBRATE**

Our **installation dinner** will be Wednesday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at Beef O'Brady's in our normal room at 5:30 pm. Please mark this on your calendar! We will need help to set up tables and then put them back afterwards!

**Neighborhood Fall Festival** will be at the Punta Gorda Public Library. Last year we brought in lots of candy for this event. This year, we will have a table and be able to hand out candy and fliers. The event is on October 25 from 1-4 pm. Volunteers needed!

**Annual Punta Gorda Halloween** will be Friday, October 31<sup>st</sup>! Glow necklaces will be handed out!

### Celebrate "Different Abilities, One Community"

The month of September, we will be celebrating individuals with intellectual disabilities. Sept 4, Coach Sammi will be speaking to us about Special Olympics in Charlotte County. Sept 11, we will have a representative from the Loveland Center in Port Charlotte to talk about the day program they have there - they are interested in an Aktion club. Sept 18, Tee and Melissa will talk about Tender Hearts, an organization that has held dances and parties for individuals with disabilities!



Today, Mary Kay drew Don's 50/50 number. Don won \$26 but did not win the \$334 jackpot.



*Improving the world, one child, one community at a time" Kiwanis International Motto*