

Newsletter Sept 18, 2025



On the Calendar!

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

Friday, Sept 26 - CHS Football team dinner at Beef O'Brady's 3 pm

Tuesday, Sept 30 - Banquet **committee meeting** 5pm at Event Center

Thursday, Oct 2 - Imagination Library (Dolly Parton)

Thursday, Oct 9 - Mayor Debi Lux

Monday, Oct 13 - Board Meeting

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

Friday, Oct 31 - Halloween -Historic Downtown Punta Gorda Nov 1 & 2 - Air Show

Saturday, Dec 6 - Christmas at East

Saturday, January 24, 2026 -Centennial banquet 5 pm



Tender Hearts Partnership Tee Callan and Melissa Ellison

Tee were working at Publix and were involved in the United Way. Tee and Melissa served on a board for a respite house here in Charlotte County and realized the need for social outlets for individuals with intellectual disabilities. The program started in 2011 with a small group of people that met at the Harbour Heights Civic center, but now has grown to 80-120 people and meets at the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Port Charlotte. Tender Hearts has about 8-10 socials a year including dances, talent shows, crafts, magic shows and ice cream socials. This is a free event for everyone who attends. Tender Hearts relies on donations from friends, but Melissa and Tee spend their own money on these events which costs between \$200-400 for each event. No one is paid a

The idea of Tender Hearts started when Melissa and

Tender Hearts is always looking for volunteers to hand out snacks at each event. You can find out more information about them on the web - thpfriends.com or on facebook - Tender Hearts Partnership.

salary.



9/8 - Marian Taylor 9/12 - Maureen Dahmen 9/25 - Danica Dockery 9/28 - Jennifer Rivera 9/30 - Bill Frank



9/8 - Don & Sandra Rutherford 9/20 - Bill & Belinda Martin 9/27 - Tom & Liz Hannon



Don Rutherford Anna Callwood

Club count today: 17 members 4 visitors

Thank you to Sue & Mike H, Kay, and Jennifer and Maureen for filling in for Sam this month! You all did a great job!



We will be collecting candy for the Fall Festival again this year in October. Our candy contest will begin Oct 2nd! We will be adding up your candy amounts and whoever brings in the most by October 16 will win a free Kiwanis lunch!

Wednesday, Sept 24 at 5:30

Our Installation/recognition dinner
This dinner will install our new board and recognize special milestones of some of our members! There will also be a Kiwanis Trivia Contest so study up on your Kiwanis History. A 400+ slide show will be shown throughout the evening. Casual dress.

Open to everyone!
Please RSVP

Also, Looking for about 4 people to come around 4:30 to set up and will need people to put everything back where it belongs!



We need a few people to come to Beef O'Brady's on Friday, September 26 to cheer on the CHS football team. We just show up and talk with the boys. Wear your Kiwanis shirt.



Today, Richard Schnur drew Mike Hahn's number! Mike, well, Sue won the \$38 but did not win the \$61 jackpot!

Thank you to Mike for being our Sheriff today!



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