

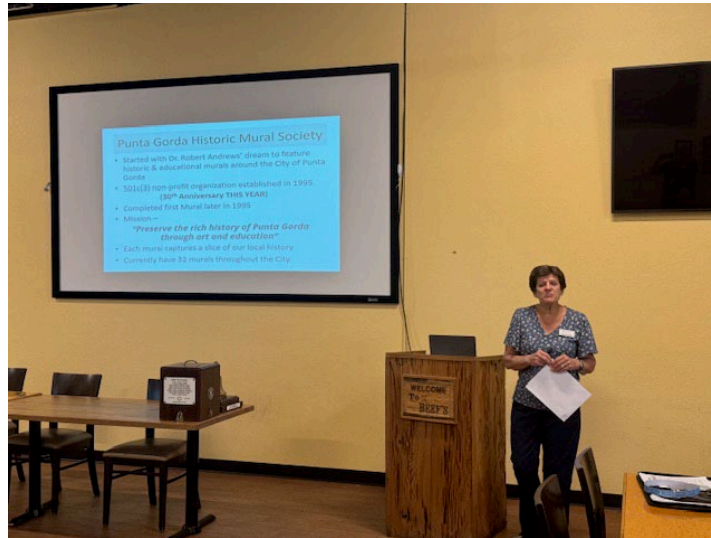
# Punta Gorda Kiwanis

## Newsletter

Thursday, June 12, 2025

Our meeting took place once Jim rang the bell. Bill Martin led our opening prayer, we all said the pledge and then Jim led us in “God Bless America”. We had 14 members and three guests.

Don Rutherford introduced Kelly Gaylord, President of the Punta Gorda Mural Society.



Kelly spoke about the history of the organization. Dr. Robert Andrews (A member of our club), started the organization to feature historic and educational murals around the City. It started as a 501c(3) in 1995 and is celebrating its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Their mission is “Preserve the rich history of Punta Gorda through art and education”. Currently, there are 32 murals in the City. The organization has Board of 8 Directors. They provide maintenance for all murals, coordinate new mural projects and fundraising for new murals.

Our club actually helped fund the 2<sup>nd</sup> mural created – “Natural Beauty” It was originally at the Punta Gorda Mall but has since been recreated on the wall outside the FPL electrical substation near the Ice House Pub. In 1997 our club sponsored “The End of the Line” which is still located at the corner of Marion Avenue and NB US41. The organization is currently fundraising for a new mural at the Cooper Street Recreation Center called “Developing Minds and Bodies”. Future murals will be painted on aluminum panels which should help them last longer as they can be removed when repairs need to be made to structural walls. We presented a check of \$300 to Kelly after her talk.

Kay Lavelle is all set for the Crossroads Meal on June 18, but please get with her if you can help in July or into the future for this monthly service.

Next week’s speaker will be Lisa Bramlage with Kaden’s Cause.

We will have a lunch social at 11:30am at Isabel and Anabell’s in Punta Gorda on June 26.

We will not have a meeting on July 3.

Be looking for an e-mail from Debbie to approve the updated Bylaws for the club.

We have three committee's planning our club's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event on 1/24/26. Jim Finch heads up Marketing, Gene Murtha has programming and Maureen Dahmen has the decorating. Lets all celebrate our great club's accomplishments!

Mary Kay won the 50/50 of \$20 but did not win the big pot of \$262. 15 cards next week.

Welcome backs included Anna Callwood, Bill Martin, Frank Desguin and Allen May.

### "END OF THE LINE"



### "NATURAL BEAUTY"

