Kiwanis Punta Gorda Newsletter Jan 22, 2026

On the Calendar!

Saturday, January 24, 2026 - Centennial banquet 5 pm
Cocktail hour, Dinner at 6 pm
Business casual dress style

Feb 5 - Kim Ammontree- Volunteer Reading Buddy

Feb 5-8 - Mr Swindles

Feb 9 - Board meeting 5pm

Feb 12 - Scott Kaphingst - CHS ROTC

Feb 19 - Paul Polk - CC Property Appraiser

Mar 7 - Caring for Kids Car Show

March 12 - CHS luncheon

March 26 - picnic and geocaching at Myakka State Park

Coach Jim Lindberg and 2 CHS swimmers - Jaxson and Bella

Charlotte High School swim coach, Jim Lindberg, and the captains of the girls and boys team - Jaxson and Bella were our special speakers today.

Coach Jim came to CHS about 30 years ago from Minnesota to work with Coach Jeff Cain who was the former head coach of the swim team. Jim has been working with both the high school and the year round swim teams every day since then.

The swim team has never not had someone qualify for the state games, although they are not mentioned very often in the news.

Both Jaxson and Bella have signed for different colleges - Jaxson will attend Gardner-Webb University in NC and Bella will attend University of West Florida in Pensacola. Jaxson was in a serious car accident his sophomore year and broke his back. With a lot of hard work, Jaxson was able to come back and actually made it to state games this year! Both of these students are remarkable!

Frank told us how his mom, Peggy Desguin, fought to bring back the Charlotte High swim team in the 70's. She got her wish by donating swim lanes and the school then named the pool facility after her!

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:

Robin Watson

Today we said “Happy Birthday” to Allen, Gerry, and Sam!

February 5 - 8

More volunteers are needed for our Mr Swindle’s fundraiser!

Easy job - either scan tickets, or usher people to their seats!
Urgent need for volunteers on Saturday at 6 pm and Sunday at 10:30 & 1:30!
Contact Jim Finch!

Our Caring for Kids Car show is coming up March 7. Please share on your facebook page!
Also, if you know of any local businesses who would like to collect items, please let Debbie know!

Eddie drew the 50/50 ticket and Mike H won $28. He did not win the $352. hopefully someone wins in February.

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