



On the Calendar!

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



The first shift at Mr Swindle's (not pictured is Frank Desguin) freezing! What a fun night!



Kim Amontree with Reading Buddies

Kim Amontree, Charlotte County School Board member for district 2, championed the Reading Buddies in 2017 when she realized the that the reading literacies in the county was below 50%. The program encourages volunteers to read an hour a week to students in grades K-3. The goal was to raise the literacy rate to 70%. The program almost made it, but Covid got in the way - in 2019 the literacy rate made it to 69%, but sharply dropped during the pandemic. Not giving up, the 2025 rate made it to 60%. Volunteering is a one hour requirement each week for students during their after-school programs.

It would be wonderful if we could get a few members to join this wonderful program! Our Florida Kiwanis Governor, Tommy Mills, is encouraging reading programs for Kiwanis Clubs this year. To volunteer, the website is: <https://wl.donorperfect.net/weblink/weblink.aspx?name=E358282&id=34>



We were happy to have Mike and Susan back with us this week, but please keep them in your thoughts and prayers as Mike suffered aheart attack.



2/4 - Mandy Hine
 2/24 - Susan Jones
 2/26 - Richard Schnur
 2/28 - Jayne Johns

Welcome Back:

Mike Rooney
 Don Rutherford



Happy Birthday to Mandy! Thank you for the cake and chocolate covered fruit!



Our fundraiser is happening now and it is a lot of fun! Thank you to all our volunteers!

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!

Volunteers are needed to make and place boxes at businesses. Notices have gone out to Charlotte and Punta Gorda Chambers!

Kiwanis PUNTA GORDA
 "Caring for Kids"
Classic Car Show
 FUNDRAISER!

March 7, 2026
 9 AM - 12 NOON
 FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
 PUNTA GORDA
 CORNER OF MCGREGOR ST & W VIRGINIA AVE

\$10 REGISTRATION FEE FOR SHOW CARS
 MIKE HAIN: 941-972-1462
 RAY ANDERSON: 941-661-1169

5 TROPHIES TO BE AWARDED
 50/50 TICKETS SOLD
 FOOD PROVIDED BY THE YOUTH OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, PUNTA GORDA

WE WILL BE COLLECTING NEW, PACKAGED CHILDREN'S SOCKS & UNDERWEAR (4-18) FOR CHILDREN IN CHARLOTTE COUNTY



Centennial Banquet

The Centennial Banquet was a huge success and we need to thank the following people: **Jim Finch and his staff** at the Charlotte Harbor Event & Conference Center

- Frank Desguin** - music
- Jim F, Ray A, Mike H** - Marketing
- Mike Ruiz, Mary Kay, Bob Armstrong** - Photos
- Gene & Theresa M, Eddie W, Frank D** - Program
- Mary Kay M, Jennifer R, Mike & Sue H, Steve & Linda M, Marian T, Kay L and Jim F** - Decorating
- Anna Callwood** - Centerpieces and decorating
- Speakers - Frank D, Joe Maggiore, Eddie W and Bill M**
- Our Host - Ray Anderson**
- Thank you **Bill Frank** for leading us in Prayer and **Jim Finch** for leading the pledge



Our last meeting Eddie drew Mike's ticket. Today, Mike drew Eddie's ticket. Hmmm Anyway, Eddie won the \$33, but did not win the \$385 - come next week ready to win!



Stronger together!

All in! Kids win!

Kiwanis Strong!