



## On the Calendar!

**Thursday, Dec 18** - Christmas  
Party gift exchange - \$20 limit

**Thursday, Jan 1** - NO CLUB

**Wednesday, Jan 7** - Banquet  
committee meeting

**Thursday, Jan 8** - Jennifer  
Faulkner - Deputy City Clerk

**Monday, Jan 12** - Board  
Meeting

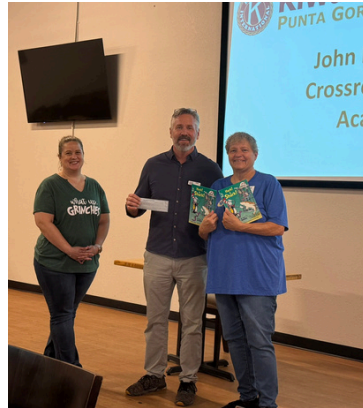
**Thursday, Jan 15** - Big  
Brothers/Big Sisters

**Thursday, Jan 22** - CHS swim  
coach Jim Lindberg

**Saturday, January 24, 2026** -  
Centennial banquet 5 pm  
Tickets on sale now until Jan 15  
- \$65/person. Includes buffet  
dinner and program. Cash bar  
cocktail hour at 5 pm. Business  
casual dress style

**Feb 5-8** - Mr Swindles

**Mar 7** - Caring for Kids Car  
Show



## John Davidson & Liz Green from Crossroads Hope Academy

Always great to see John Davidson and Liz Green from Crossroads Hope Academy! John talked to us about how everyday life is going at the group home. He reminded us that Crossroads is no longer a juvenile justice home - that ended in around 2012. The group home uses collaborative problem solving to deal with the behavior problems.

After acquiring the second home in 2022, Crossroads can accommodate 48 boys, but they like to stay around 38.

They currently have 17 in one home and 18 in another. John and his team are very selective on who they bring to the group home because they want to make sure that the

boys are a good fit and that the home can meet their needs. They just recently celebrated "Chico" - one of their "graduates" for graduating from the fire school program and is now moving on to the EMT program! The Nix Christmas party this year was at the Life Church and only included a total of 80 people which made the party more relaxed and was their best Christmas party yet. The boys received gifts donated by the Sacred Heart Catholic Church. The Davidson Christmas party will be in Babcock Ranch with the Community Church supporting them.

Our club was able to present a \$300 check to them.

## Merry Christmas to Alexis

HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY

12/3 Mike Hahn  
12/13 - Bill Martin  
12/18 - Lee Swift

happy  
anniversary

12/2- Frank &  
Teresa  
Desguin



Alexis has been our waitress most of the time that we have been at Beef O'Brady's. We surprised her by giving her a \$100 bonus for Christmas this year. We are so glad we did - she will be leaving after the first of the year to give birth to a daughter! She promises to come back as soon as she can - I believe there were some ladies who would love to play "grandma" to the new baby girl!

Mike sent a picture of the truckload of wreaths for the Wreaths Across America to be distributed here in Punta Gorda on Saturday, Dec 13.



Club count today:  
17 members  
5 guests



Kiwanis had a time capsule at Laishley Park until one of the hurricanes destroyed it. The capsule was emplaced July 4, 1996 and was to be opened July 4, 2046. The plaque has been missing and Mike and Frank have been looking for it for over a year. When we took all the things we needed for Christmas at East our of our storage unit, Mike was able to find the plaque and presented it to Frank at our meeting.



Mary Kay picked her own number in the 50/50 today! She won \$25, but did not win the \$245! Maybe someone will win before Christmas!



*Stronger together!*

*All in! Kids win!*

*Kiwanis Strong!*