Kiwanis Punta Gorda Newsletter May 21, 2026

On the Calendar!

June 4 - **CHS Key Club**

June 11 - **Barbara Lockhart**, Environmental Conservancy

June 18 - **Jesus Loves You Ministry**

June 20 - Division 18 Fishing tournament in NP

Monday, June 29 - Social and DCM 4 pm at Beef O'Brady's

NO CLUB JULY 2ND AND 9TH

July 30 - Aug 2 - DCON at Renaissance Orlando at SeaWorld

Sept 22 - Tuesday, 5:30 **Installation banquet** at Beef O'Brady's

Nov 7 & 8 - **Air Show**

Dec 5 - **Christmas at East**

Melissa Bergey
Gator Wilderness Camp

It has been about 1 ½ years since Melissa has been to our club. These last few weeks Debbie is picking some of her favorite grioups to come back - it's either President's favorite or Debbie's Good-bye tour.

Gator Wilderness Camp has been around over 20 years serving boys ages 10-15 years old. Melissa has been there for 9 years, longer than the few months she had planned to stay.

Gator Camp is a program that works with both the boys and their families to work on serious issues that are stopping the boys from becoming successful in life. This program is a 15-18 month residential program where boys work through structure, planning, problem solving and evaluation. The boys live outside in tiki like huts year round, schooling is done through life skills, and parents and students meet every 4 months for evaluation. Most of these boys are failing in school, so a regular school classroom doesn't work for them, but many of them do get their GED or go back to school and are successful.

While they have many fundraisers throughout the year, their biggest one is Turkey In the Hole the Saturday before Thanksgiving. Turkeys are cooked underground, food is everywhere, and there is a big auction. Tours of the facility is done at this time, but you can call any time for a tour of the camp!

5/11 - Don Rutherford

Pictures from the Golf Tournament provided by David Roth candidate for Vice-Governor

We had 11 members and 2 guests present at our meeting today!

Visani's

15 members, 5 spouses and 10 guests went to Visani's for our fundraiser! We all had a great time. Thank you to Jim Finch for suggesting Greg Hahn - he was hilarious!

Mary Kay drew Eddie's number today! Eddie won the $16 daily jackpot, but did not win the grand $203 jackpot! Some of you have been asking, the money is waiting for you to come back and play!

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