



## Thank You For Your Interest

### Dear Future Member,

Thank You for your interest in joining the **Punta Gorda Chamber of Commerce**. Your desire to participate in Chamber activities means a great deal to us. More importantly it can mean a great deal to you!

Membership in the Punta Gorda Chamber of Commerce offers a number of solid, tangible benefits that can have a favorable impact on your business and your bottom line.

We look forward to personally meeting you at our Chamber functions and monthly meetings. They will enable you to form business associations with some of the most prominent people in Punta Gorda - people who will become important clients or customers.

We hope you will soon be a part of the most active, involved force in the Punta Gorda business community. **Your investment will pay off many times over as you take advantage of the countless benefits of membership.**

Again, thank you for expressing interest in the **Punta Gorda Chamber of Commerce**. I believe that our business relationship will be mutually beneficial. **We will be honored to count you as one of our members.**

Sincerely

John R. Wright  
President

## Partners In Action

### The Punta Gorda Chamber of Commerce

The Punta Gorda Chamber of Commerce is the unified voice of business in the Punta Gorda Area. Our member driven organization is a dynamically active group of civic and professional people who make our community a better place to live, work and play.

It is in our active membership that our strength is based. Our activities, events and programs reflect the diverse nature of our membership and it's community. From the involved citizen member to our largest corporate supporter, to our participation and partnership with local government, we provide an outstanding value to all who participate.

### We Exist to Serve Our Members

The overall objective of the Punta Gorda Chamber of Commerce is to improve the economic vitality of the Punta Gorda Area business community. It strives to provide a clear and persuasive voice for the business community in governmental relations. It provides services designed to enable public and private sectors to improve productivity. It promotes the Punta Gorda Area as an economic, educational, medical and cultural center. It provides important community information to outside sources.

The Punta Gorda Chamber of Commerce is working for you. We serve to develop, maintain and improve the climate for doing business here in the Punta Gorda Area. We serve as the liaison between the business community and local government, bringing groups together to work on the issues of concern. The Chamber is a voluntary partnership of business and professional people working together to build a healthy economy and to improve the quality of life in the Punta Gorda Area.

## Increase Your Market Base

### Marketing Opportunities

Market your business through the **Chamber Connection**, the **Membership Directory** and **Buyer's Guide** and our **Presenting Partner Program**. Get your business name in front of other members!

### Friday Facts

Check your email each Monday for a summary of upcoming events for that week and the next!

### Membership Plaque

Display your membership plaque identifying you as a member of the most progressive business association in the Punta Gorda Area.

## A Few Facts You Should Know

- The Punta Gorda Chamber of Commerce is a non-profit association of businesses and professionals.
- Counts over 85% of its membership as small business.
- Has a professional staff trained to provide guidance, continuity and expertise on your chamber's overall goals.
- Payment of membership dues is deductible for most chamber members as an ordinary and necessary business expense.

**Membership Doesn't Cost,  
It Pays...**

## Mission Statement

To promote commerce in Punta Gorda and in our surrounding areas.

## The Benefits of Membership

Your membership in the **Punta Gorda Chamber of Commerce** gives your business a competitive edge. As a chamber member, you will receive tangible benefits like the ones listed below.

### Location

The heart of downtown Punta Gorda welcomes over 1.5 million visitors each year and over 10,000 of those visitors enter our office. We are a major distribution point for your brochures and information.

### Business After Hours (BAHs), Business Over Breakfast (BOBs) and Networking Luncheons

Attend these networking events, hosted by one of your fellow chamber members each month.

### BAHs

5:30 to 7:00 pm, the 3rd Tuesday of each month.

### BOBs

7:15 am, the 2nd Wednesday of each month.

### Networking Luncheons

12:45 pm, the last Wednesday of each month.

### Business Referrals & Relocation Leads

Your chamber office receives numerous phone calls requesting business referrals. Your chamber office refers callers to chamber members first!

### Legislative Forums

Your Chamber sponsors local public forums and meetings designed to serve as a catalyst for proactive community partnerships.

### Ribbon Cuttings & Open Houses

Moved to a new office? Featuring a new product line? Want to announce you are a new member of your chamber? We invite you to get publicity for your business! Schedule a Ribbon Cutting or host an Open House!

## Remember That...

**“Membership Doesn’t Cost, It Pays”**

## Invitation To Membership

**Application Sponsored By:** \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Website: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Business: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership subject to final Board approval.

### Investment Schedule

Business and Corporations

1-25 employees.....\$280.

over 25 employees.....\$529.

Real Estate Broker.....\$239.

Agents.....\$175.

Hospitals.....\$580.

Hotels/Motels.....\$329.

Financial Institutions.....\$655.

Non-Profit Organization.....\$175.

Individuals.....\$175.

### Annual Investment

Administrative Fee (One Time).....\$ 25.

**Total** \_\_\_\_\_

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