



Friday Facts for March 13, 2020

Dear Chamber Member,

Here are your Friday Facts. Please support your fellow Chamber Members. Enjoy reading them, have a great Friday and an even better weekend. If you have anything that you would like to put into the Friday Facts please send it to hklossner@puntagorda-chamber.com by noon each Thursday.

PG Chamber radio show: Now Booking for April 2020

Every month, your Punta Gorda Chamber teams up with local iHeart Media DJ - Bob Alexander to focus on Chamber members and what they are up to. For only \$105, you get to pre-record 2 x 2 ½ minute slots (which can be the same or different) which will be inserted into Bob's show on the first Wednesday and Thursday of each month. This is one of the largest local radio audiences available to us. You don't even have to go to the studio any more. Bob will call you to record your message(s)! If you are interested, please email irwright@puntagorda-chamber.com to get you on your way. Ideal for business promotions, events or simply to get your name out on air.

Your Chamber Staff,
John, Hazel, Carole, Stephanie & Janet

FLORIDA WITH REGARD TO COVID-19 (Coronavirus)

The Punta Gorda Chamber of Commerce, in an abundance of caution and following Governor DeSantis press conference on Thursday March 12, have decided to Cancel or Postpone the following events.

City Wide Garage Sale - postponed to April 11
Sullivan St Craft Fair - cancelled for March 14 & 15
Chamber After Hours - cancelled for Tuesday March 17

Thursday Wine Walk - cancelled for Thursday March 19

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES DOWNTOWN BASH

Plans are being finalized for the downtown bash scheduled for May 23, 2020

. 🎸🍷 The event runs from 4 pm to 9 pm. Tropical Ave will provide music from 5 pm to 9 pm 🎵 Music, Food Trucks, and Beverages will be on Taylor Street in front of the historic courthouse. This is always a great event and many will be in attendance.

Sponsorship Opportunities:

* **\$250**- name on the banner, 2 "all you can drink" tickets/wristbands, shout outs from the stage

* **\$500** with name on the banner and flyers plus stage recognition, 4 "all you can drink" tickets/wristbands, shout outs from the stage

* **\$1000** you get your full logo on all event publicity as well as everything at the \$500 level, 6 "all you can drink" tickets/wristbands, "Shout outs" from the stage for each sponsor level.

Don't delay please let me know if you are "IN" so we can add your information to the marketing. Della Booth - djbooth@time-realty.com

DEADLINE: 4/10/20 12 noon

Chamber Calendar of Events

Please remember to RSVP to (941) 639 3720 or reception@puntagorda-chamber.com

March 14: City Wide Garage Sale 8 am-12 Noon
Comfort Storage 3811 Tamiami Trail, Punta Gorda
\$15.00 per entrant. You get two parking spots one for your vehicle (no commercial vehicles) and one for a table (you provide) - Set up 7:15am. Please contact Punta Gorda Chamber at 639-3720 or reception@puntagorda-chamber.com NON REFUNDABLE, NON TRANSFERABLE. SALE HELD RAIN OR SHINE. NO RAIN DATES. **CANCELLED**

March 14 & 15: Sullivan Street Craft Fair 10am-5pm.
Sullivan Street, Punta Gorda. **CANCELLED**

March 17: Business After Hours 5:30 pm - 7 pm

Quick Links

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Link To Us

We have had a lot of requests for a Facebook-sized link to our web page from member websites. **Click Here** to find the logo below, and several other different-sized logos, so that

Come and join your Chamber for our Business After Hours at Cayo Costa Dental, 316 W. Helen Ave., Punta Gorda. Don't forget to bring a gift to promote and showcase your business! Please be sure to RSVP reception@puntagorda-chamber.com or call 941-639-3720. **CANCELLED**

March 19: Third Thursday Wine Walk 5-8 pm

In Downtown Punta Gorda. Art-Music-Live Demonstrations-Shopping & Food! What better way to spend an evening out with old friends while you take the time to make new ones. Wine Walk works by donating \$10 at the Punta Gorda Chamber (in advance or 5-7pm the night) to get a wristband and passport that entitles you to a walking wine tasting - a map of all retail participants will accompany your wristband. Each location will have two different wine varietals to taste! Wristbands can also be purchased at Hipnotique on the day of the event. Not a wine drinker, you can still come and enjoy the atmosphere and shop, dine and stroll round. **CANCELLED**

March 25: Networking Luncheon 12 Noon-1:30pm.

Come and join your Chamber for our Networking Lunch at Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club, 4400 Lister St, Port Charlotte. Please be sure to RSVP to reception@puntagorda-chamber.com or call 941-639-3720. Cost is \$15.00 per person pre-paid or \$20.00 at the door. We take cash, check, Mastercard, Visa, Discover & Amex.

Upcoming Chamber Events

(organized, run or supported by your Chamber)

Walking Tour of Punta Gorda Murals - weekly thru April 7, 2020. [Click Here](#) for details.

Discover Punta Gorda Trolley & Boat Tour - weekly thru May 8, 2020. [Click Here](#) for details.

Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans 2020 - March 28, 2020. **Volunteers needed** to pour beer

you can link your website to ours.

**Partners in Action
2020**

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12noon - 4pm or 4pm - 8pm.

Pirates in Paradise - April 18, 2020. [Click Here](#) for details.

Lairds Golf Challenge - April 25, 2020. [Click Here](#) for details and Application.

New Members

Mission Statement

To promote business in Punta Gorda and all our surroundings areas, for the benefit of our entire community.

Pet Supplies Plus

Eric Gebauer
1960 King's Highway,
Port Charlotte, FL 33980
941-764-3493

psp4241@petsuppliesplus.com

www.petsuppliesplus.com/store/fl/port-charlotte/port-charlotte/4241

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23081 Harborview Road
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941-235-8762

tanya.marshall@aiswfl.com

www.aiswfl.com

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Partners in Action News

Bayfront Health Punta Gorda/Port Charlotte (Platinum)
[Click Here](#) for **March Events**.

Four Points by Sheraton (Platinum)

Friday, March 13: Paul Roush (Acoustic Solo Artist) at T.T.'s Tiki Bar beginning at 1:00 PM. -Drop Dead Dangerous (Country Band) at T.T.'s Tiki Bar beginning at 7:00 PM.

Saturday, March 14: Zombie University (Rock Band) at T.T.'s Tiki Bar beginning at 3:00 PM. TL Jentgens (Party Music Solo Artist) at T.T.'s Tiki Bar beginning at 8:00 PM. Comedy in the Library at 7:30 PM! For tickets, please call 305-342-2930 or email degame@att.net.

Sunday, March 15: Mixed Signal (Party Music Band) at T.T.'s Tiki Bar beginning at 4:00 PM.

Tuesday, March 17: Happy St. Patricks Day! Jack'd Up (Rock Band) at T.T.'s Tiki Bar beginning at 6:00 PM. **FOOD SPECIAL!!!!** Traditional, slow cooked corned beef with carrots, boiled potatoes, and cabbage with Irish soda bread and honey butter.

Wednesday, March 18: Skunky Ron (Mix Solo Artist) at T.T.'s Tiki Bar beginning at 12:00 PM. Prime Rib Wednesday's at Dockside Grill! Dockside is open from 4:00-10:00 PM with Happy Hour from 4:00-7:00 PM. For reservations, please call 941-637-6770 ext. 141.

Thursday, March 19: Danny Beach (Acoustic Solo Artist) at T.T.'s Tiki Bar beginning at 12:00 PM. Mike Imbasciani (Blues/Rock Solo Artist) at T.T.'s Tiki Bar beginning at 7:00 PM.

Saturday Farmers' Market (Gold)

[Click Here](#) to see their March Newsletter

Charlotte State Bank & Trust (Silver)

Free Estate, Investment Planning Seminars. [Click Here.](#)
Bank Supports Food for the Troops Drive. Receiving a care package can be a real morale booster for those serving in the military. Englewood Bank & Trust is once again serving as a collection point for the Rotary Club of Englewood's Food for the Troops drive. For drop off places and list of needed items [Click Here.](#)

Paradise Golf (Silver)



Silver in Kind Partners

Bronze Partners

[Animal Welfare League](#)

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[Granny Nannies](#)

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[Michael Saunders & Company](#)

[Click Here](#) for details.

Charlotte Players (Bronze) Proposals will be playing at Charlotte Players March 12-29. This Neil Simon classic delightfully recalls the last time the Hines family gathered in the summer of 1953 in the Poconos. Evening performances are at 7:30p and Matinees are at 2:00 pm. Located at 1182 Market Circle in Port Charlotte. For more information, contact our Box Office at (941) 255-1022 or online at www.charlotteplayers.org.

Perfectly Polished Nail Boutique (Support)

Announcing the change of name to Perfectly Polished Nail Boutique. [Click Here](#) for details of Chamber Member Discount during March.

Punta Gorda Isles Civic Association (Support)

The PGICA has a job opportunity. [Click Here](#) for details of the position.

The Peace River Trio Cabaret coming to PGICA March 20, 7pm. Folk Music At Its Best! PGICA welcomes back one of Florida's most entertaining, engaging and exciting folk groups to their *The Peace River Trio*. The Peace River Trio has been performing in South Florida for the Past two years and have consistently packed houses and delighted audiences. Gorgeous three part harmonies and distinctive musicianship are the trademarks of the Peace River Trio who present an entertaining and engaging show of folk music made popular in the 50's, 60's and 70's as well as a "little bit of country and a little bit of rock-n-roll". The Peace River Trio Cabaret will be at PGICA 2001 Shreve Street. March 20, 7:00 pm. Bring your own snacks and beverages. General public is welcome. \$15. Tickets may be purchased at the PGICA office, online at www.PGICA or by calling 941-637-1655.

Visual Arts Center (Support)

WORKSHOPS Unless otherwise noted workshops are held at the Visual Arts Center [Click Here](#) to Register for all events. The Visual Arts Center is located @ 210 Maud St, across from Fishermen's Village. Gallery & Gift Shop Hours: M-F, 9-4 & Sat, 10-2. Calendar of Events, Classes, Memberships and Call to Artists at visualartcenter.org or call 941.639.8810.

Pine Needle Baskets Workshop with Kathryn Erickson **3/28** from 10am-2pm Cost: \$100 (\$90 VAC members). *If you can sew, you can learn how to form pine needles into a piece of art. Learn to coil pine needles and finish basket on your own. Nothing but patience is needed!*

Ribbon Cuttings

**OneSource
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**State Farm Agency
Mike Martin**

**Visiting Angels Florida West
Coast dba HolCam**

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Marco Office Supply

Octagon Wildlife Sanctuary

Perfectly Polished Nail Boutique

Upcoming Ribbon Cuttings, Ground Breakings, Launchings, Ceremonies & Dedications. These are all 5:30 pm unless otherwise noted. Come out and welcome our newest members.

March 18, 2020: Harbor Home Builders LLC, 411 Cross Street, Unit 111, Punta Gorda

March 19, 2020: Dream Salon & Spa, 117 Herald Court, Unit 115, Punta Gorda

March 26, 2020: Society of St. Vincent de Paul, 25200 Airport Road, Punta Gorda. [Click Here](#) for message and invite.

March 27, 2020: In Honor of Victor Desguin, to celebrate his service to the community and his 94th Birthday. Meet in front of 413 Desguin Lane, Punta Gorda (formerly W Grace Street) at **4:30pm**.

April 3, 2020: Gator Mikes, CANCELLED

Fact of the Day

The Opposite of Déjà Vu

Deja-Vu is the feeling of having been in a specific situation or setting before. Jamais-Vu is the reverse. It is the feeling of seeing or sensing something for the first time, despite knowing that it's not the first time.

Events for Week of March 13 - March 23

Remember to click these links to see

Punta Gorda Isles Civic Association

Residential Real Estate Appraisal, LLC

Visual Arts Center

Webb, Lorah & McMillan, PLLC

Thought for the Week

Eleanor Roosevelt
You must do the things you think you cannot do.

Member Newsletters

Click Name of Business for their latest news

ARCHway Institute

Charlotte County Clerk of the Circuit Court & County Comptroller

Charlotte Players

Chelsea Place Senior Care Conference

Copperfish Books

Drug Free Punta Gorda

FGCU Renaissance Academy - Fort Myers

Gulf Shore Opera

Key West Express

events that are coming up

[Click This Link for Events Coming in March](#)

[Click this link for Future Events](#)

The Orange House Wine Bar - 320 Sullivan St., Punta Gorda 941-505-8233. **We are now open for breakfast and lunch! Tuesday-Saturday 8 am - 2 pm.**

Fri March 13, 7-10pm The Orange House Band will be bringing down the house this Friday so don't miss it!

Sat March 14, 7-10pm

Sea Grape Artists Gallery - is having their annual Spring Madness Courtyard Sale on **March 13 & 14**, from 10:00a.m. until 4:00p.m. The artists invite the public to come and take advantage of the greatly reduced prices on art that the artists themselves love but must part with, in order to make room for new art coming into the Gallery. Come meet the artists and find great values on all types of unique original art including paintings, jewelry, pottery, basketry, photography, glass, and so much more. Sea Grape Gallery is located at 113 W. Marion Avenue, Punta Gorda. For more information on Sea Grape's Spring Madness Courtyard Sale, call the Gallery at 941-575-1718. The artwork of all Sea Grape Gallery artists can be viewed at www.seagrapegallery.com.

HipNotique - Trunk Show March 15, 12-3pm. [Click Here](#) for details. Join Dune Jewelry's Founder and Creative Spirit, Holly Daniels Christensen for an Experiential Jewelry Trunk Show at Hipnotique. Holly will show you her favorite designs and most unique elements that truly allow you to "Live for the moment, then take it with you." FREE Gift with \$75 Dune Purchase While Supplies Last. And to add to the festivities, Charlene Demetrops Independent Curator, The Cocoa Exchange will be joining the festivities with her special treats!

Soul Dance Temple - Due to the coronavirus, the Neuro Challenge foundation has suspended the Meditation YOGA 8-weeks free session for now. All regular classes continue at the studio. Please follow all sanitary recommendations and be well. Please make sure you are well before coming to class. The studio is maintained cleaned and sanitized. Work on your body as well as your soul and spirit to keep health during this time...transmute all charged energy and harmonize. Use precaution. We have two more Sunday lectures scheduled this month. Do not miss! Knowledge is Power. Visit us this Sunday at 11 AM. Join us at 10 AM for Meditation and prayer (bring a mat) if you wish. For personal consultations or a private healing therapy, please book a session in advance so I can prepare and give you the best service possible. Be well, and see you in class.

[Military Heritage Museum](#)

[Paradise Golf](#)

[Soul Dance Temple](#)

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[Visual Arts Center](#)

[Yoga Sanctuary](#)

Joke of the Week

Writers Block

Why did Shakespeare only write in ink?
Pencils confused him...
"2B or not to 2B?"

Applause

From CDBIA - Florida Certified Master Builder (FCMB), created to help consumers find a builder they can trust, is proud to announce Paul H Schaefer II, CAPS, CGP, CGC, CPA of Sage Homes LLC in Punta Gorda is now a Florida Certified Master Builders. Florida Certified Master Builders are elite Home Builders, Remodelers and Commercial Contractors who are dedicated to excellence in building and client satisfaction. Paul Schaefer (II or "Jr") of Sage Homes is a custom home builder in Punta Gorda Florida who specializes

The Yoga Sanctuary

Introduction to Yoga Series, Mondays, thru March 16, 5.30-6.45pm, \$108, 112 Sullivan St, Punta Gorda. No flexibility required; all ages and body types welcome! This six-week series, limited to eight students, will walk you through the basics of yoga. Each student will receive a copy of Yoga Fan: Practice Guide for Everyday as well as guidance and support in how to continue one's practice after the completion of the series. Due to the small class size, which allows for individualized attention, pre-registration is required.

SCORE - Lunch n Learn Series. Bob Brown's "Building Relationships Through Sales", 11:30am, Tuesday **March 17, 2020.** Charlotte Community Foundation, 227 Sullivan Street, Punta Gorda. (\$15.00 per person - Lunch is served). [Click Here](#) for more details.

Lifelong Learning Institute - March 17, 2020 10:00 am - noon "Marbled Paper: A Riot of Color" with Steve Pittelkow. Lifelong Learning Institute presents an internationally respected artist who will discuss the history and uses of marbled paper and will demonstrate the technique used to create these spectacular works of art. Room D-108, Florida Southwestern State College, 26300 Airport Rd, Punta Gorda. Cost, \$15 for LLI Members, \$25 for non-members. To register or for more information, www.lifelonglearning-charlotte.org or call 941-637-3533.

The Homeless Coalition - Register today for The 5th Annual Dart Cup Challenge sponsored by the PGI Cruising Club! The Dart Cup Challenge will be held on Thursday, **March 19th** at 6:00 PM. at the Ice House Pub located at 408 Tamiami Trail in Punta Gorda. Teams of 4 are \$5 per person. There will be a chance auction and a 50/50 raffle at the event. All proceeds benefit the programs and services at The Homeless Coalition. For additional information contact and/or to register please email Larry at PGILarry@centurylink.net.

WENG - We will be holding a "Listener & Advertiser Appreciation" event at the Military Heritage Museum on **March 20** to celebrate our new 98.1 frequency. [Click Here](#) for more details.

The Charlotte County Concert Band, under the direction of guest conductor Daniel Bowles, has prepared a very special program entitled "Battles." The concert will be on Friday night, **March 20 at 7.30pm**, at the Charlotte Performing Arts Center in Punta Gorda. While on the surface the title "Battles" appears to be self-explanatory, this concert will hold many surprises for everyone. The Charlotte Performing Arts Center is on the

in Energy Efficient and Accessible designs. The idea is to build an energy efficient and accessible home which can enable the owners to live in them as long as possible.

Community News

Friends of the Gilchrist Park Playground - will be holding a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony **March 18 at 4.30pm** to celebrate the opening of the Little Free Library inside the Playground. Please come and show your support. There will be a collection made for new or used children's book.

Punta Gorda Garden Club

The Punta Gorda Garden Club, a member of the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. and the National Garden Clubs, Inc. Deep South Region, would like to invite the public to a Standard Flower Show to be hosted at the Isles Yacht Club, 1780 W. Marion Ave, Punta Gorda on March 31, 2020 from 1 to 4 pm. The show will be titled "*Cheers to 70 Years*" in celebration of the 70th anniversary of the club. Only members of the garden club may submit entries, but the public is cordially invited to view the show which will consist of four divisions. Division I – *Horticulture* will include cut flowers and foliage, container grown plants, dish gardens, and terrariums. Visitors will view a wide variety of specimens grown by our dedicated gardeners. Division II – *Design* will feature

campus of Charlotte High School located at 701 Carmalita Street, Punta Gorda, 33950. Tickets are available online at www.charlottecountyconcertband.com or at the Charlotte Performing Arts Center the night of the concert.

Guardian ad Litem Foundation. A limited number of tickets remain for the Voices of Hope Gala, an inaugural fundraising event on March 28 that will support Guardian ad Litem Foundation, 20th Judicial Circuit. Tickets are available for \$175 each or \$1,750 for a table of 10. The Voices of Hope Gala starts at 6 p.m. on Saturday, March 28, at The Club at Grandezza, 11481 Grande Oak Blvd. in Estero. Guardian ad Litem Foundation also is seeking donations for auction packages, including gift certificates, experiences and other items. For more information about the Voices of Hope Gala or to purchase tickets, please visit VoicesForKids.org/event/Voices-of-Hope or call 239-533-1435.

Guardian ad Litem Foundation announces 2020 March Madness Bracket Challenge [Click Here](#) for details.

Member Information

[Click Here for General Info Flyers](#)

Escape Rooms Unlocked - We would like to put out a call for business partners for the "Scaven-tour" that we are organizing for April 10th and 11th (the weekend before Easter). We are looking to partner with 3 to 5 different businesses within walking distance of downtown or Fishermen's Village that would be open on the 10th and 11th until evening (at least 7PM) and would want to have teams of people from the area visit their business to collect "Easter Eggs". From a high level, we are planning an adventure around the city of Punta Gorda. On Friday the 10th and Saturday the 11th, teams of individuals (ideally 4 to 6 per team) will solve puzzles and mysteries around Punta Gorda, collecting Easter Eggs from each of our partner businesses in the process. Teams that collect all the Easter Eggs will be entered into a drawing for prizes. We would ask that each of our business partners donate one item for the grand prize gift basket. The intention is for a low cost (\$20 to \$40 per team) form of fun and entertainment that showcases not only the beauty of Punta Gorda, but also gives great exposure to some of our Chamber members. Businesses that are interested in partnering in this 1st annual Scaven-Tour will need to contact either Scott or Lisa Gregory by Saturday March 14th. The phone number is 941-295-6880 or contact@escaperoomsunlocked.com

twenty-four examples of floral designs interpreting popular dances from the last seventy years. Division III - *Education* includes two exhibits: "Blue Star Marker" and "Plant America." Division IV – *Botanical Arts – Artistic Crafts* challenges the entrants to create decorative, functional objects using fresh and dried plant materials. The Garden Club offers the show as a gift to the community in keeping with its mission to promote beautification, conservation and education relating to the natural environment. For further information please contact Carolyn Honour at 941-575-8259 or consult the Club's website www.pggc.org.

Florida International Air Show - Oct 24 & 25, 2020.
[Click Here](#) for exciting news.

Speaking of radio shows.....
From Dave Krieger, DK Consultants of Florida LLC
To all Chamber members - please know this is available. Because we're non-profit, community radio-oriented (my show has 15,000+ internet radio IP addresses logging into KDWRadio.com), we're not able to be an infomercial; however, the benefits of demonstrating expertise in a given field is welcome. Our show airs Fridays at 6 pm Eastern and repeats Mondays at 2 pm Eastern on both the internet and on 97.5 FM. We have an application pending to put a repeater in Punta Gorda to get our signal out there more (FCC approval needed, so we are waiting). Still, you can hear

Charlotte Memorial Funeral Home - Come join us to discover what drives Christine Brunette to paint. On Wednesday **March 25**, 2020 from 5-7pm. 9400 Indian Springs Cemetery Road in Punta Gorda. Live Music by: "Counter Parts Band". Tasty Food and Bar. Hosted by- Leigha Murray, Charlotte Arts and Humanities Council of Charlotte County.

Kays, Ponger & Uselton - [Click Here](#) for details of their invitation to a complimentary Wine & Cheese Reception. Stop by and support our local arts and humanities and meet our local artist of the month. **April 2**, 2020, 5pm-7pm at 635 E. Marion Ave., Punta Gorda.

TEAM Punta Gorda (Volunteers for a Better Community) - Join us for a day or more as we build out newest Habitat Home beginning March 10. We're looking for volunteers for the upcoming TEAM BUILDS! construction project at 402 E. Helen Avenue in Punta Gorda. No experience necessary. Participate for a day or multiple days as we frame, finish and paint a new home for a needy family. Contact 941 637 TEAM (8326) or TEAM@teampuntagorda.org to Sign Up.

Fishermen's Village - Showcase your product/service at the many signature special events hosted at Fishermen's Village! Thousands attend our events each month! Send an email with your inquiry to Kathy Burnam, mkting@fishville.com. 8th Annual Key Lime and Tropical Fest is just around the corner on Saturday, May 9th! Now accepting vendor registration, especially those relating to this theme! March calendar - [Click Here](#).

Charlotte Technical College - Spring Job Fair on April 8 at 11am-2.30pm. [Click Here](#) for more details.

Are you looking for somewhere to volunteer? **C.A.R.E. (The Center for Abuse and Rape Emergences)** helps victims of sexual assault, domestic violence and violent crimes. We have outreach and awareness, answering the phones, hospital response team and two Re-Use stores. Looking for compassionate, listening and caring individuals. **For more information, please contact Julie Dennis at 941-639-5499 or julie.dennis@carefl.org, or go to carefl.org/volunteer for more information.**

Valerie's House Launches Grief Support Program for Young Adults - Podcast Aims to Reach Those Grieving in the Shadows. *Valerie's House's "Grieve Love Heal" Podcast on Apple, Spotify and Google.* Valerie's House, the first and only organization in Southwest Florida with the sole mission to help children grieve the loss of a loved one, is now helping thousands

us worldwide on the internet and also in parts of Punta Gorda, most of Port Charlotte, all of North Port and some of Venice. We are also the area's EAS emergency network.

more people struggling with grief through its monthly podcast, "Grieve Love Heal." The Valerie's House podcast is now listed on Apple Podcasts, Spotify and Google Podcasts. Listeners can subscribe and receive alerts on their devices when Valerie's House posts a new episode each month. Apple Podcasts: <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/grieve-love-heal/id1497602393> Spotify: <https://open.spotify.com/show/3GFLfSHmNxDMHsOpAY5poJ> Google Podcasts: <https://bit.ly/2SEvtcD>

Mark Martella, Esq. of Icard Merrill

We all recently experienced what happens when someone passes suddenly and unexpectedly. Each day is a gift, and we can never predict what the future holds. Have you taken the steps to protect you and your family if something unexpected happens to you or your spouse? To get answers to all your estate planning questions and learn how to protect your family, contact Mark Martella, Esq. of Icard Merrill at 941-206-3700 or mmartella@icardmerrill.com to schedule a complimentary one hour, no obligation consultation, and learn how to be prepared for the unexpected.

The Kiwanis Club of Punta Gorda meets the first three Thursdays of each month, 11:45, Laishley Crab House, 150 Laishley Court, PG. If you're interested in giving back to your community and helping children, check us out. Folks can also visit us on Facebook.

FRANTZ Eye Care Botox special. [Click here](#) for all info.

Senior Friendship Center

Many businesses in our community have been sponsors of Senior Friendship Centers' birthday club. Thanks to these gracious sponsors, our birthday celebrations have truly been special events for our senior clients and have also provided them with valuable resources and information. Sponsorship of a monthly birthday celebration at our Harbour Heights location involves providing treats for approximately 20 guests and a 15 minute presentation of your business, services, or any topic of interest relevant to seniors age 60+.

If you would like to become a sponsor in 2020 or know of a business that might be interested, please contact Jeanne DeLauro at 941-255-0723 or email jdelauro@friendshipcenters.org. Many and heartfelt thanks!!

Kitson & Partners, developer of Babcock Ranch, has announced that Publix will anchor Crescent B Commons, an 82,540-square-foot shopping center under construction at a new entrance to Babcock Ranch being constructed about one mile south of the existing entrance on Babcock Ranch Road/State

Road 31. The estimated opening date for Crescent B Commons is first quarter 2021.

Job Opportunities

United Way of Charlotte County is hiring a full-time Resource Development Manager. We are seeking a mobilizer for our office. Join our fast-paced, fun and friendly team. If you are passionate about our community, then click here for the job description: <https://www.unitedwayccfl.org/full-time-resource-development-manager> . Email your resume to admin@unitedwayccfl.org or deliver to 17831 Murdock Circle, Suite A, Port Charlotte, FL 33948. Please no phone inquiries.

As the economy here in Southwest Florida remains strong, more businesses every day are using radio to compete. As a result, we have a huge need for sales account executives at both **WENG** and **WFLN**. No radio experience needed, but sales experience preferred. High energy, good people and organization skills, a smile, plus a desire for success working in a fun environment are all that are necessary. You know our stations for their excellence in delivering the very best in community broadcasting. We bring you local information, national and local news, 24 hour weather, Tampa Bay Rays and Lightning and high school sports, as well as compelling national syndicated programming. Join our radio sales team now - Call Bill Fleming, Sales Manager at 941-474-3231 for details. WENG, WFLN and Fiorini Broadcasting are equal opportunity employers.

Sincerely,

John Wright
President
Punta Gorda Chamber of Commerce

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