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Lucky winner announced:

The winner of last week's Treasure Hunt competition and who will be receiving two VIP tickets to the Eric Darius show on November 20th is Lisa Riccio of Punta Gorda. Congratulations on getting the correct answer, which was 1983 (124 (PG Social House +809 Bayfront Hospital Punta Gorda +900 Military Heritage Museum +150 Laishley Crab House). Watch out for more fun as we create more competitions to keep you out and about this summer. For anyone interested in information regarding the Eric Darius show, simply visit www.puntagordachamber.com and you'll see the Wine & Jazz Festival link for all the events planned for November 17-20, 2021. Congratulations Lisa. Your VIP tickets will be in your inbox shortly!

Tomorrow, Wednesday 28th at noon, we are gathering at the Isles Yacht Club for our July luncheon. The first 30 minutes will be networking and doing business with each other. Lunch will be served at 12.30pm with our guest speaker coming from Homeland Security Investigations to give our membership valued information on their operations and procedures in our community. To sign up, the cost for lunch is \$20 and your seat must be reserved in advance, by calling 941 639 3720. Unfortunately, in order to accommodate the large number of expected members attending, we shall require an advance reservation prior to noon today along with your food choice.

Our members have been saying how the job market is both volatile and stretched right now. As a result, on August 31st, we'll be hosting a job fair at the Event Center in Punta Gorda- 3-7pm. If you are looking for employees, book your space now, while space is available. Members are \$50 and non-members are \$100. We provide you with your skirted table and four chairs. Bring your banners and literature to attract new recruits! To sign up, simply call us on 941 639 3720 or email chamber@puntagorda-chamber.com Looking for employment? This is a free and ideal opportunity to meet local businesses who are all hiring. Bring your resumes and a smile and let's get everyone back to work and enjoying their careers.

Also, Chamber Feud is making a triumphant return. Last year, due to COVID, we didn't repeat the hilarious team-building fun of the previous year. Now, its back. Will the 2019 winners, Chapman Insurance, hold on to their title? We have already received the 12 qualifying teams, so the practicing is already underway. The elimination rounds will take place on August 24th and 26th starting at 5.30pm and the finals will take place on September 2nd. The venue will be the Women's Club, on Sullivan Street. For all looking for a laugh, you are all invited to come along and enjoy our teams making fools of themselves at your expense. You simply cannot buy entertainment this cheap! \$5 entry and beer/wine/soda will be on hand for donation. We are also this year offering small cheese/meat plates and popcorn to keep everyone nourished.

To check out all of our upcoming meetings, simply visit www.puntagordachamber.com and you'll see the next events in the top right corner (if using your desktop computer). Tickets for lunches are once again available online at this site, using the Chamber Store link. It's ok with us to bring your business friends and associates as guests to experience first-hand what others are talking about. Just by attending, there is a very good chance that your business may automatically be seen on our social media

platform, as photos of these events are often shared to our Facebook page. Getting your name out there and having fun at the same time is a perfect compliment to “networking”. Even those who are nervous about public speaking very quickly learn how comfortable we make you feel.

Our weekly “Where’s John?” videos have been enjoying great acclaim on both our social media platform and YouTube Channel. They are best viewed on a desktop and are always updated on our website www.puntagordachamber.com These videos give a great opportunity for businesses to showcase, for free, their businesses but also for us to get to know the mission of each of our members that we highlight.

Our office is open each day (M-F 9-4) for your convenience. Have you visited our offices recently? We are located at 252 W Marion Avenue, Punta Gorda and we have two rooms filled with every piece of literature you could possibly need to make your stay, your residence or your business more fulfilling than ever. Don’t forget, if you prefer, our website www.puntagordachamber.com has a new addition – our new 2021 Member and Visitor Guide, which makes looking up our members and finding things to do even easier for you. The link you’ll find in the top right of our homepage. If you have any questions about our city, please do not hesitate to call us. We are here to help.

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