Our city thrives on its independent restaurant offerings and there can be no doubt that the last three years have been incredibly hard for this sector of our membership. Please read the info below from the Taste of Punta Gorda event organizers, The Rotary Club of Punta Gorda, who are looking for sponsors to make the event, now in its 15th year, flourish and prosper for those participating restaurants. If you need info on how to reach the Rotary Club, please email chamber@puntagorda-chamber.com and we'll gladly help. They are looking to promote your business while doing good for others. Thank you - John

The Punta Gorda Rotary Club Foundation is pleased to present the 15th annual Taste of Punta Gorda at Laishley Park, from 11 AM to 5 PM, Sunday, March 5.

The Taste features leading restaurants from Punta Gorda and Port Charlotte serving "tastes" of signature dishes. Additionally, some 60 arts, crafts, and non-profits will participate. There will be a 50-50 drawing and information about Rotary's many humanitarian and charitable projects. There is a special Fun Kids' Zone and musical entertainment all day featuring the BoogieMen and the Charlotte High School Silver King Jazz Band! VIP seating in the shade is available.

In recognition of our restaurant community's hits from persistent staffing issues and Hurricane Ian, we are waiving restaurant entry fees this year.

This means more sponsors are needed for the event that previous years, and we invite members of our Chamber of Commerce to participate as a sponsor.

Sponsor levels and benefits are can be found HERE, along with a sponsor commitment form HERE.

As always, the funds raised are dispersed over the following year to charitable organizations, so sponsorships for the Taste always go to good causes.

Please accept this invitation to sponsor the 15th Annual Taste of Punta Gorda.

More information about the Taste and advanced tickets are available at: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/taste-of-punta-gorda-and-beyond-2023-tickets-411995548777.