

TEAM PG focuses on economic development at annual meeting

TEAM Punta Gorda's annual meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 16, at the Punta Gorda Isles Civic Association.

The topic, "Economic development: it's our future," will be presented by keynote speaker John M. Rhodes, senior principal of Moran, Stahl and Boyer. Mr. Rhodes will discuss the steps Charlotte County needs to take to jump-start economic growth and the importance to its residents.

Mr. Rhodes' firm was hired by Charlotte County and the Enterprise Charlotte Economic Council to develop strategies to expand the economy, create more jobs and expand the tax base. He will share his findings at the TEAM annual meeting.

"We have made a lot of progress rebuilding our community after Hurricane Charley," said Nancy Prafke, CEO of TEAM Punta Gorda. "But now it is of vital importance that we focus on creating economic opportunity..."

Mr. Rhodes has led the consulting practice of Moran Stahl and Boyer since 1994, focusing on site selection for both corporate and nonprofit

organizations as well as community economic development consulting. Corporate assignments have included location analyses and deployment strategies and relocation analysis for companies in financial services, technology, transportation, healthcare and diverse manufacturing industries.

The annual meeting will also highlight the organization's accomplishments during the past year and projects for next year.

Guests are asked to bring a non-perishable food item for local food pantries.

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