

Kuharski Bio

Mark Kuharski, an Eagle Scout, was born in Minneapolis, grew up in New York City, and returned to Minneapolis to attend the University of Minnesota where he earned a B.A. Degree in Economics and Political Science. Minneapolis is also where he met his wife Debbie and began his 37 year career in the automotive industry. Mark and Debbie just celebrated their 40th anniversary and have no children, unless you count their two Siberian Huskies, Nikki and Kya.

Mark and Debbie moved some twelve times over his working career as a result of corporate relocations. In 2017 Mark retired from Nissan and they moved to Punta Gorda which is the first place they CHOSE to live. When the Kuharski's moved here, they did not know a single person other than maybe their realtor or builder. So, Mark made it a point to get involved in the community and to put down roots.

Mark joined the Isles Yacht Club even before the moving van arrived and was elected to its Board some four years ago. He has since progressed to his current position as Commodore. Mark has volunteered his time and boat to assist the Punta Gorda Sailing Club with their weekly races and has also assisted with the Conquistador Cup Regatta and the Yacht Club's Leukemia Cup Regatta. Mark has served as a Director of the Florida Council of Yacht Clubs, as a Grant Reviewer for the Charlotte Community Foundation, and is a member of the PGI Canal Advisory Committee and the Punta Gorda Chamber of Commerce. Mark and Debbie are members of the PGI Civic Association, the PGI Islanders Cruising Club, and the Sacred Heart Parish.

Mark has often said Punta Gorda is the friendliest and most welcoming place he's ever lived. He has gotten involved in the local community. Now, he is looking forward to getting more involved in local government and representing the citizens of our city.