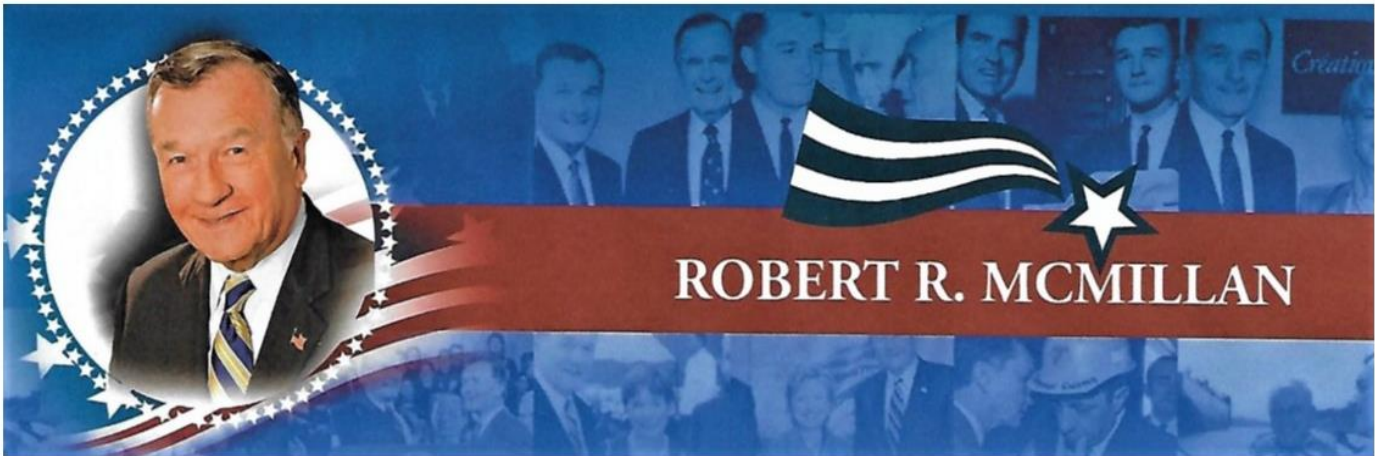




Punta Gorda Historical Society

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Presents First in a Series of Historical Presentations in conjunction with the Punta Gorda History Center - Monday, March 26th, 6:30 p.m. Punta Gorda Woman's Club, 118 Sullivan St., Punta Gorda.



Transformation of Panama and the Panama Canal

Former Chairman of the Panama Canal Commission, Robert McMillan, offers a fascinating Power Point insider's look at the history – and the future – of Panama and the Panama Canal starting with the continuing efforts of Christopher Columbus to find a shorter path to the Orient and continuing through to today covering the transformation of Panama through over eighteen years of democracy, while looking forward to the future of one of the most important global passages in the world's economy.

Learn about the adventurers and explorers who came to Panama as early as 1502, the efforts of France to construct a canal across the Isthmus, the construction of the canal under Teddy Roosevelt and the Panama Canal's strategic role in the security of the free world.

McMillan outlines the historical and strategic importance of the canal. He also supplies fascinating details of its history including the role of dictator Manuel Noriega and his forced removal in "Operation Just Cause."

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