

# Parrot Talk

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER



#### **CHRISTMAS PARADE**

Saturday 12/13 @The Polo Field See Page #2 for details

#### **CLIQUE CORNER**

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## CHRISTMAS and NYE PARTIES

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#### **CRUISE 2015**

**Book now** for next April See flyer Page #8 for details

#### YTB TRAVEL AGENCY

Book through our own travel agency. 60% of the commissions are returned to the Club

www.ytbtravel.com/villagesphc

Hard to imagine another year is about to end.

But it has been a great year for our club and it's members, from a great Poker Run to one rocking Anniversary Party. Along the way many great road trips thanks to the travel committee's hard work and all the volunteers that make it happen.

And some changes to the club which I know will make us a better club for our members and the charities we support. Do we like change? Most times no. But we need to look to the future, and keep this club fresh and I know we will accomplish that plan.

We have made a change to the 5 O'clock Somewhere, having them only quarterly, which I think will allow us to have a good turnout.

Changes to the dues, allowing us to continue to participate with the country clubs in our phlockings. Things we needed to do to protect this club and it's members.

Thank you for your support and understanding.

A TEAM DRINK FOR ALL!!!!!!

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## **DECEMBER 2014**

#### **PHLOCKINGS**

- 1) Wednesday December 3 @Palmer CC@4:00PM
- 2) Tuesday December 16 @ Havana CC @4:00PM
- 3) Wednesday December 17 @Mallory Hill CC @4:00PM

#### 5 O'CLOCK SOMEWHERE

No event scheduled for December.

8:30PM-12:30AM

**BYOB - Party Favors provided** 

Shalda Nelson, Chair @352-259-2869

Joette West, Co-Chair @352-259-9314

#### **EXCOMM MEETING**

Monday December 22 @Arcadia Home Care & Staffing (Pinellas Plaza) @2472 Burnsed Blvd 9:00AM-Noon

All Members welcome to attend

NEW YEARS EVE PARTY

Tix \$15PP on Sale @ December Phlockings (No Points req)

**Music by Dunning Shaw** 

Wednesday December 31st @Paradise Rec Center

## **CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Saturday December 6th @Paradise Rec Ctr 5:00PM-10:00PM (Dinner at 5:30PM) Tix @\$30PP on sale at Palmer (no points reg'd) **Dinner catered by Athens NY Restaurant** Music by Jim Asbell & The Tropiholics Glenny Kinder, Chair @259-3832 Joyce VandeMaele Co-Chair @751-0754

## VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION PARTY

Monday January 26 @3-6PM @Belle Glade CC By invitation only-details to follow Katy Alosi, Chair 352-751-4877

#### CHRISTMAS PARADE

Saturday Dec 13 10AM-1PM @Polo Field Parade starts @Noon. Need decorated carts and walkers in Holiday attire Signup @ Palmer Phlocking 12/3 or contact: Reecie Dolan, Event Leader @919-602-5529 or email at reecied@yahoo.com. Deadline is 12/10

More detailed information just prior to parade

#### NIGHT GOLF

Tuesday January 6, 2015 Saddlebrook at Dusk. Rescheduled; if you cannot play contact Carol O'Neal @751-0035. Call or see Carol @December Phlockings for signups/waiting list

#### CHILI COOK OFF

SPRING FLING DANCE

Tickets on sale in January

Saturday February 7th @Lake Sumter Landing Bob Munro, Chair @352-391-1962

Sunday March 1@Colony Cottage Rec Center

Music by Second Slice w/Mark Seymour

Bonnie Simpson, Chair @352-259-9586

#### CLIQUE CORNER

Note--the Villages Parrot Heads cliques are not official Club functions, just a group of people getting together to enjoy like interests outside the club.

Friday night Friends -- meets almost every Friday

night for a few drinks at various establishments; want to join in? Contact Skip Todd at skip0358@gmail.com

Caribbean Chillers' fans -- go to Katie Belle's and other places where Jason entertains; want to join in?

Contact Gary Blanchard at dixied39@embargmail.com

The Sumter Landing Bin Bunch, almost every night, for the 5 to 6 happy hour, at the bar shack across from City Fire; just stop by, at Will's Bin and join in.

The amalgamating group (unattached and friends of unattached)-- meet at various establishments; for fun, for planning, and preparation for joining together at Parrot Heads functions; want to join in? Contact Cathy Spino at cas14221@vahoo.com

Dunning Shaw's Friends and Fans get together at the various places Dunning entertains; want to join in? Contact Bonnie Simpson at basimp@comcast.net

5:00PM-10:00PM

If you have a clique you want to share, contact Ren Titus, the Parrot Heads Volunteer Coordinator, at rtitus@thevillages.net



#### **OUT OF TOWN EVENTS**

#### BILOXI MISS BUS TRIP

Sunday Dec 7-Wednesday Dec 10
Beau Rivage Hotel+\$25 Slot Play+\$24 Bkfst Buffets
See Flyer <a href="http://www.thevillagesparrotheads.com">http://www.thevillagesparrotheads.com</a>
Victoria Privott, Chair @(757) 869-8975

#### **BUS DAY TRIPS**

- 1) Saturday January 15, 2015
  St Augustine Trolley tour and Christmas Light
  Show
  Hop on/Hop off and Light Show after dark
  \$55PP on sale at December Phlockings
  Trudy LaBonte, Chair @508-776-4756
  See flyer http://www.thevillagesparrotheads.com
- 2) Saturday January 31, 2015

  Gasparilla Pirate Fest in Tampa
  Tix \$65PP on sale at December Phlockings
  Cost includes bus to Tampa & Grandstand seats
  Dinner at Spaghetti Warehouse is extra
  Check website <a href="http://www.gasparillapiratefest.com">http://www.gasparillapiratefest.com</a>
  JoAnn Todd, Chair @ 352-561-4923
- 3) Saturday February 14, 2015

  <u>Tampa Bay Downs</u>

  Villages Parrot Heads/Valentine's Day Featured
  Tickets \$45PP on sale in December
  Debbie Sobota, chair @352-633-2599
  Paul Kinder, CoChair @259-3832

#### MUSIC ON THE BAY

Thursday 2/26-Sunday 3/1/2015
Whiskey Joe's Barefoot Beach Bar, Tampa
Registration \$75PP (\$85 after 1/1/2015)
Go to website <a href="http://www.musiconthebay.org">http://www.musiconthebay.org</a> for registration details and music lineup.
We are a sponsoring club; volunteers needed.
Joe &Susie Dobrowolski, CoChairs @751-2566

#### CRUISE ON CARNIVAL LIBERTY

Sunday April 26-May 3, 2015 from San Juan PR See flyer, page #8 for details

#### **HUDSON'S DINNER THEATER**

Thursday May 28, 2015 "A Chorus Line" Details to follow Paul Kinder. Chair @352-259-3832

#### JAMAICA ALL INCLUSIVE TRIP

Wednesday June 17-June 24, 2015
See flyer <a href="http://www.thevillagesparrotheads.com">http://www.thevillagesparrotheads.com</a>





## **DECEMBER 2014**

#### **CHARITY NEWS**

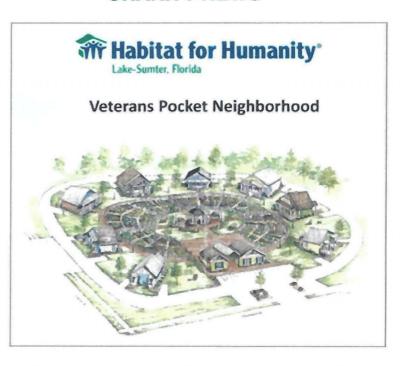
#### HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

The EXCOMM has commited to donate \$1000 to Habitat to support the planned "Veteran's Pocket Neighborhood", a community of 1 bedroom units which will house 11-14 vets at a time on land donated to Habitat. The plan is to offer rentals or purchase (with the stipulation that resales can only be made to veterans).

The property is in Leesburg near the VA facility and LifeStream, which serves to help returning Veterans reintegrate into the community.

Construction plans are being developed by Habitat of Lake-Sumter and will be announced when approved.

The \$1000 check will be presented to Habitat December 15th at 9:00AM at the American Legion Hall at CR 466 and Rolling Acres Road.



#### **CORPORATE SPONSORS**

New Corporate Sponsors approved by the EXCOMM will be recognized at the Phlockings and a page will be developed for the Website with a link to the business's website. Corporate Sponsors will be invited to the Volunteer Appreciation party and be individually recognized.

- 1) <u>Cody's Original Roadhouse</u>, located in Lake Sumter Landing and Brownwood was the first local business to become a Corporate Sponsor. The owner, John Demetriadis (known by many as "Mr. D") has been very generous in providing \$7450 in food and \$1500 in entertainment supporting the Club's fundraisers during 2014.
- 2) <u>Arcadia Homecare and Staffing</u>, located in the Pinellis Plaza Shopping Center, is a homecare agency providing care for clients in the client's home according to Cody McGraw, Business Development manager. Arcadia is providing space to the Club for the monthly EXCOMM meetings.

Members are encouraged to support these businesses, as they are recognized, for their support of the Club.

#### CHRISTIAN FOOD PANTRY ITEMS ALWAYS NEEDED

Potato dishes, beef stew, canned meat, chili beans, crackers, dry pasta, french-fried onion rings, canned gravy, macaroni & cheese, dry soup mixes, pancake mix,

syrup, canned milk, stuffing mix, tuna helper, diced tomatoes, tomato sauce, carrots, canned chicken & dumplings, canned chili, cooking oil, pork & Beans, flour, canned fruit, hamburger helper, muffin mix, peanut butter, rice, spaghetti sauce, sugar, paper towels, toilet paper, Kleenex, dog food, cat food

#### LAKE PARADISE CLEANUP

The last Thursday of each month, Virginia and George van Santen (750-6269), plus Bob and Cathy Snyder lead a cleanup of the area around Lake Paradise. Volunteers are asked to wear covered shoes and gloves and meet next to the Dog Park across the bridge from Spanish Springs at 9:00AM for the one hour task.



## **Membership News**

#### WE WELCOMED 12 NEW MEMBERS AND 1 RENEWAL IN NOVEMBER

Joanne Anderson Fred Buckendorf Nancy Goldsmith John Graham Karen Stearley Larry Jones Sharen Jones Joannie Nammari Mary Otrquist Jim Petrakis Joe Scerca Margie Simcuski (Renewal) Mary Tutterow

Members enjoying Meeting of the Minds Key West October 30th-November 2nd



#### **ATTENTION MEMBERS**

PLEASE contact our Membership Chair Julie Harris at the Membership table or email her at halldrama1@outlook.com if your address, phone number or email address changes. this is vital to keep our records up to date and assure that you receive our club communications.

#### **MEMBER EXPECTATIONS**

Members of The Villages Parrot Heads Club are encouraged to adopt the laid back tropical lifestyle immortalized by our founder and spiritual leader Jimmy Buffett. We recognize that our Club's strength comes from a positive member experience and the fellowship we share. As Parrot Heads we expect our members and each of us individually to do the following:

- 1)Be welcoming. Introduce yourself to new members and members you don't know. Wear your name tag.
- 2)Attend events: We urge members to attend as many of our events as possible and get involved
- 3)Be positive: Always assume that your fellow Parrot Heads have the best intentions
- 4) Have fun: We have chosen to leave our old homes, move here and become Parrot Heads. We should try to live up to our mission statement: "Party With A Purpose". Grow older but don't grow up!

#### **MEMBER PASSINGS**

To remember loved ones who have passed away, please notify the Media Trustee, Bob O'Neal, @352-751-0035 or email @boneal1939@gmail.com with key information which should be included in this notice.





## **EXCOMM NEWS**

#### NOMINEES FOR OFFICE

The terms of the following EXCOMM positions expire December 31, 2014. Nomination of candidates for these offices was accepted through midnight October 31st, 2014.

The nominees are:

VICE PRESIDENT

Will Stone

**SECRETARY** 

Lori Hollister

**VOLUNTEER TRUSTEE** 

Ren Titus

**EVENTS TRUSTEE** 

Skip Todd

Since the nominees, all presently in the same offices, are unopposed, there will be no election in December.

The members will be asked to affirm the nominees at the December Phlockings for the term of office commencing January 1, 2015

Job descriptions for each EXCOMM position may be found on the Club website at <a href="http://www.thevillagesparrotheads.com/">http://www.thevillagesparrotheads.com/</a> in the SOP's and By-Laws under the "By-Laws and Code of Conduct" tab.

#### **FACEBOOK**

The club now has a facebook page administered by Jack Casto, our webmaster. To find the page, hit the search icon and type "The Villages Parrot Heads". Or go to <a href="https://www.facebook.com/">www.facebook.com/</a>
thevillagesparrotheads

#### MARGARITAVILLE WEBSITE

http://www.margaritaville.tv/

OFFICE PHONE # TERM		
OFFICE	PHONE #	EXPIRES
E-Mail		
PRESIDENT	352-259-1722	6/30/2015
Lee Caron	Chryparts@aol.com	
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SECRETARY	352-430-0500	12/31/2014
Lori Hollister	Lkhollystar@aol.com	
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VOLUNTEER TRUSTEE	352-751-1282	12/31/2014
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EVENTS	352-561-4923	12/31/2014
TRUSTEE	skip0358@gmail.com	
Skip Todd		
MEDIA	352-751-0035	6/30/2015
TRUSTEE	boneal1939@gmail.com	
Bob O'Neal	Editor of the Newsletter	



#### **MEMBER ADVOCATE**

Any member who has an issue with the Club or another member may seek resolution by contacting our Member Advocate, Paul Kinder (shown at left) at 259-3832 or paulfkinder722@aol.com. Paul will work with the parties or the EXCOMM to resolve the issue.



#### **EXCOMM NOMINEES FOR AFFIRMATION IN DECEMBER**

#### WILL STONE VICE PRESIDENT



I have had the privilege of serving as your Treasurer for many years and your Vice President for the past year. I now know the axiom that says; you can teach an old dog new tricks is true!!! I really enjoy serving with Lee Caron, our President, because, like me, I believe he really wants to make TVPHC the best in the world and I support his

efforts. I believe this Club is about our members and I personally want to hear from everyone how you would like to see our membership proceed. Sue and I personally have met so many nice people since I have been so lucky to be on our Club's Executive Committee; we would be lost without you. Will

## REN TITUS VOLUNTEER TRUSTEE



I was born and raised in a small town in northern Pennsylvania, and worked for IBM, and Lockheed Martin in upstate New York. My career was associated with many aspects of development engineering including management and middle management as well as an engineer; aspired to

and retired as a technical leader in New Business Development. Have three children, Dawn & Bonnie in the Ocala area, & Todd in Baltimore. Also, have been your Village Parrot Head Human Resource Trustee (Volunteer Coordinator) since 2011.

#### LORI HOLLISTER SECRETARY



Lori has served as secretary on the EXCOMM since January 2013. She is a licensed California attorney who still works remotely from her home in the Villages. She was born in Rockford, Illinois, graduated from NIU and taught school for a year in Chicago. She moved to

Denver, where she graduated from the University of Denver College of Law with a JD. She moved to California, married and had two children. She and her husband moved to The Villages in 2012, joining other family members already here. Lori still represents a few clients in California. Besides Parrot Heads, she enjoys golf, gardening, line dancing, water aerobics and travelling.

#### SKIP TODD EVENTS TRUSTEE



Skip was elected to the EXCOMM a year ago and has, along with the Travel Committee, put together, a series of popular trips.

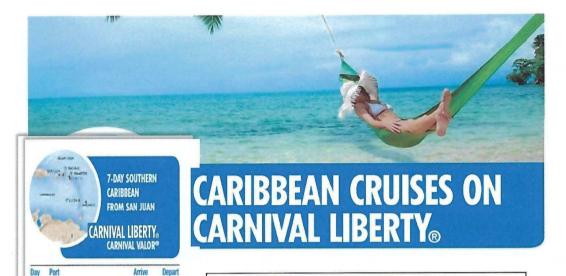
Skip moved to the Villages from Long Island, where he was a firefighter for 41 years, serving as President of the Firefighter's Association for a number

of years.

Skip and his wife Joann and their daughter Jennifer are very active with the Travel Committee.



### **DECEMBER 2014**



Join The Villages Parrot Head Club on a Great Cruise,
sailing from San Juan, Puerto Rico!
April 26, 2015 – May 3, 2015

5:00pm
6:00pm
Interior Ocean View Balco

From \$518

Ocean View Balcony
From \$608 From \$829

Includes \$50 on board credit per cabin & shared Cocktail Party
Prices are per person & include taxes & fees.
Gratuities are an additional \$161 per cabin.
Vacation protection is available and highly recommended
Airfare is additional.

Cancellations are subject to Carnival policies



San Juan, Puerto Rico

7:00am

8:00am

8:00am

8:00am

7:00am

7:00am

5:00pm

St. Thomas, USVI

"Fun Day" at Sea

St. Lucia, WI

St Kitts, WI

St. Maarten, NA

San Juan, Puerto Rico

Wed Barbados

Fri

Sat

For additional information or to book your cruise, Contact us at the following –

Barbara Hopper – (352) 750-8082 Victoria Privott – (757) 869 – 8975 Jennifer Costello (352) 895-1838

