

FEBRUARY 2018

Parrot Talk

PRESIDENT LEE'S CORNER



CHILI COOK OFF

Saturday February 3 @LSL

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VALENTINES DANCE

Wednesday February 14

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CASINO NIGHT

Wednesday February 28

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POKER RUN

Saturday March 24

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HOSPITAL VOLUNTEERS

Contact the Volunteer Placement

Office @ 352-751-8176 or

TVRHVPO@centflhealth.org

CLUB SPONSORS

Support our Sponsors who each donate at least \$600 annually in dollars or services to our Club:

- 1- Parady Life & Annuity
- 2-Bill Bryan Chrysler/Jeep/Kia
- 3-Cody's Roadhouse: Mulberry, Lake Sumter Landing & Brownwood
- 4 Rescare Homecare in Pinellas Plaza
- 5- Villages Ear, Inc
- 6- Fresh Market
- 7-Palmer Country Club
- 8- Mallory Hill Country Club
- 9- Fire Station #44
- 10-Exeter Trust Legal (new)

I don't know about you, but I'm glad January is over and hopefully the cold weather. So on to February and now the fun starts with the Chili Cook Off to start the month on the 3rd at Sumter landing. Come out and support this great cause (The Rotary Club) and defend our championship.

Then, what should be a fun time at the Valentine dance on the 14th. We end the month with Casino Night on the 28th to benefit our veterans with all the money raised going to Save Our Soldiers.

Many times people ask me about the money we raise for charity and wonder if it's too much. I would like to address that issue by saying we have more fun events for our members then we have charity events. We spend around \$12,000.00 each year to subsidize different parties we have. I know we charge for them, but in order to keep the ticket prices down we help with the event.

So do we give money to charities, yes, but I think we have a good balance because we have fun events that raise that money: the poker run, casino night, Hospice golf, 50/50 and various raffles and events at Cody's. I hope this helps answer some of the questions.

Lee

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ClubWebsite: <http://villagesparrotheads.com>

Club Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/TheVillagesParrotHeadClub/>

CLUB EVENTS IN THE VILLAGES

PHLOCKINGS

1) Wednesday Feb 7 @Palmer CC
@4:00PM

Music: Hollywood & The Tropix

2) Monday Feb 12

@Mallory Hill CC @4:00PM

Music: Pat Murphy

3) Wednesday Feb 21

@Mallory Hill CC @4:00PM

Music: Retro Express

**5 O'CLOCK
SOMEWHERE**

Next event TBA-Stay tuned

Mike Peacock Chair
352-484-4755

Gerry Emery Asst Chair
352-750-8398

EXCOMM MTG

Friday Feb 23

9AM-12P

@Rescare Home

Care & Staffing 2472

Burnsed Blvd

*All members in good
standing are welcome
to attend the meeting*

CHILI COOK OFF

Saturday February 3, 2018 at Sumter Landing

Cooking starts at 9:00AM Judging at Noon

Annual event sponsored by the Rotary Club

We are defending Peoples' Choice Champs

Dale Ross had the winning recipe at the pre
cook off January 11th . Come out and taste
this chili and help us win the trophy again.

Volunteer opportunities to prep, cook, serve,
sell water, pop, cookies, etc will be available.
Contact Jerry Emery to sign up by email

(perch333@sbcglobal.net)

Bob Munro Chair 352-391-1962

Jerry Emery Asst Chair 352-750-8398

VALENTINES DANCE

Wednesday February 14, 2018 @5PM-9PM

Lake Miona Rec Ctr Open to Family & Friends

Tickets \$20 (6 seats left as of February 1st)

Dinner catered by Oakwood (Ribs, Chicken +)

Music by Steve Tolliver & Trop Rock Junkies

Theme: Love is All Around

King and Queen to be crowned

Wall of Beer & Wine returns

Susie Dobrowolski Chair 412-779-8235

Sue Kermis Asst Chair 585-576-7622

CASINO NIGHT

Wednesday Feb 28 @Wildwood Community

Center 6300 CR 139 (Powell Rd) 6-9PM

Tickets \$25 on sale at all PHlockings

Buffet Dinner, Live Music: Hollywood & The Tropix

Games and prizes

Proceeds to Save Our Soldiers (SOS)

Carol O'Neal Chair 352-751-0035

Jean Howlett Asst Chair 352-259-8134

POKER RUN

Saturday March 24 (Rain date Sunday March 25)

Tickets @\$5 (no limit) on sale in February

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC; invite friends and family!

First four stations (in no particular order):

Havana CC, Mallory CC, Palmer CC, Cody's LSL

Final Poker Station@Laurel Manor after 1:00PM

Music: Mike & Terrie

Games (details to come later) & Basket Auction**

Larry Ridgley Chair 352-259-7450

Mark Woodland Asst Chair 609-929-9455

Renie Larson Asst Chair 352-633-2934

****Basket Chair:** Barb Beil 847- 609-5304

Asst Chair Maureen O'Connor 402- 210-2732

Baskets and items to fill baskets accepted at
all PHlockings. See flyer for items: [http://
villagesparrotheads.com/flyers](http://villagesparrotheads.com/flyers)

OUT OF TOWN EVENTS

TAMPA DOWNS HORSE RACES

Saturday February 17, 2018

Tickets \$45 per person on sale until remaining 20 seats are sold at Palmer: includes admission and racing program + buffet lunch in private room

Bus leaves Walmart 466 at 9:00AM

Paul Kinder Chair 352-259-3832
Susie Dobrowolski Asst Chair 412-779-8235

NEW ORLEANS BUS TRIP

March 11-16, 2018 6 Days and 5 Nights

Beau Rivage Casino Resort in Biloxi, Miss

Staybridge Suites in New Orleans

****6 Seats Available: \$1470 per couple****

NON-ADA Compliant Trip per Bus Co.

<http://villagesparrotheads.com/flyers.htm>

Victoria Privott, Chair 757-869-8975

Susie Dobrowolski Asst Chair 412-779-8235

VICTORY CASINO CRUISE

Sunday April 8, 2018 Margarita Madness

\$40 PP on Sale @ Palmer

Includes 6 hour cruise, buffet, \$20 match play,
5 Hours free drinks & Music by Highway 1

****Must have State or Military ID**

Leaves 466 Walmart @9AM-returns 8:30PM

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Victoria Privott Asst Chair 757-869-8975

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MEETING OF THE MINDS

October 31-November 4, 2018

Registration is Open <http://>

phip.motmregistration Register by April 1 for
JB Concert Ticket drawing

Casa Marina: <http://>

group.waldorfasteria.com/MOTM2018

Booking code: ZZPAR1 (888)-303-5717

HOMOSASSA BIRTHDAY BASH

Saturday and Sunday 5/5/18 & 5/6/18

Homosassa Riverside Resort 352-628-2474

Use Code "Parrothead" for reservations

Note: Easy to make reservations online

<http://www.riversideresorts.com/>

Stay weekend or come for the day

Music: Saturday: Mike & Terrie & Retro Express

Sunday: Dangerous Dave & Danny B

Just Mike & Just Gary

Wristbands @\$20 on sale in March and April

Group Cookout Sunday May 5th

Ann Blanchard Chair 352-750-6287

Glenny Kinder Asst Chair 352-259-3832

FUTURE EVENTS

1-Deliver the Difference Packing 3/22, 4/26, 5/24
Cheryl Amato, Chair

2-Himalayan Golf April 3
Carol O'Neal, Chair

3-Clothing Drive April PHlockings
Bob & Donna Lazzara Chairs

4--Blood Drives, Fire Station #44 5/14, 9/11
Skip Todd, Chair

5-Summer Golf Scrambles 5/20, 6/24, 7/22, 8/19, 9/16
Lil Roe Chair

6--School Supply Drive July PHlockings
Renie Larson Chair
Marsha Herring Asst Chair

7-Hospice Golf Tournament October 11
Rob Ainsley Chair
Bill Thesier Asst Chair

8-Halloween Party @LaHacienda Rec Ctr October 27
Judy Koch, Chair

9-Night Golf @ Saddlebrook November 6
Lil Roe Chair

10-Christmas Party @Mulberry Rec Ctr December 9

CHARITY NEWS

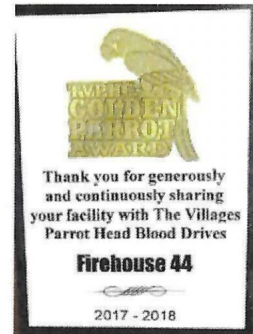
BLOOD DRIVE

Monday January 22nd at Fire Station #44 One Blood brought six (6) buses and collected 205 pints of blood! 83 members donated and there were 210 volunteer hours logged.

The next blood drive is Monday May 14th at Fire Station #44



Skip Todd presented a Golden Parrot plaque to Firehouse 44 for their continued support and generosity in sharing their facility with the Parrot Heads. The plaque was accepted by Captain Bob Ramage, Jr and Battalion Chief Bob Gonzalez



CLOTHING DRIVE

April PHlockings; members only (last year we advertised in the newspaper and were overwhelmed and buried the charities). The Chairs of the drive are requesting only clean non-contaminated gently used men's and women's clothing. It is time to start going through your closets.

DELIVER THE DIFFERENCE

Next packing is 3/22

Thursday February 22nd @Coconut Cove Recreation Center, Parrot Heads joined a host of volunteers who packed 14,000 breakfast meals for distribution to needy kids by Sumter and Marion County Kidpacks, SOZO Kids. Our Club supports this program by donating 50/50 proceeds. Amazingly, each meal pack costs \$.30 so for every \$1.20 donation, 4 kids are fed a nutritious meal.

Contact cheryl.amato@aol.com for more information



The assembly lines begin with measuring ingredients for the individual meal bags

The assembly lines end with sealing the individual meal bags and packing in boxes for delivery to the locations for distribution to the kids



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

This Month we feature Barb Beil, Poker Run Basket Chair

Barb has lived in the Village of Bonnybrook for the past year and a half. She **had** visited The Villages for over ten years because her best friend whom she has known since kindergarten lives here. She rented for a year and then made her decision to buy the house she was renting and now lives next door to her friend! She particularly likes Bonnybrook because of its central location but also because it is an especially friendly neighborhood and she loves the people there.

Barb has always been a Jimmy Buffet fan so when she moved here she looked at The Villages Parrot Head Club website and was pleased to see that they had a Getting Acquainted Clique and thought that it was a perfect way for someone new to feel comfortable in the group.



Barb also belongs to the Bonnybrook Social Club and a ladies neighborhood group called the Bonny Belles, as well as being a member of the Chicagoland Club, and the Cubs World. She was born and raised in Chicago, as you can probably tell from her club affiliations. Before she retired five years ago she was the Assistant to the Finance Director for the village of Park Ridge which is a suburb of Chicago.

Barb had heard of the Parrot Heads from other people since there are clubs all over the country but moving down to The Villages was the time to start investigating all these things. After being here for just a few months, she went to the club's website and liked what she saw. There was such a wide variety of activities offered by the club and it felt so inclusive even for singles that she decided to join.

Barb has taken advantage of many volunteer opportunities with the club including helping out with the blood drive, Toys for Tots, the Chili Cook-off, Himalayan Golf, and the New Year's Party. She found that working with people at the various events she has gotten to know a lot more of the club members than she would otherwise have done.

Currently Barb is the Chairperson for the basket portion of the Golf Cart Poker Run which will be held on March 24th this year. The Poker run is always a fun time and a great fundraiser to support local charities.

Some of her favorite things about The Villages Parrot Head Club are the friendship and camaraderie and the dancing!

Her advice to new members is to find a volunteer opportunity. Introduce yourself to Ren Titus, Volunteer Coordinator. Sell 50/50's or something at a Phlocking. And definitely come to the Phlockings because that's where you will find out about all the activities and trips, and can sign up to participate in them. And of course, you can dance to the great music provided at all the Phlockings!

Look for Barb on the dance floor, that's where you'll find her!

Interview by Alma Scheer

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL REVISION

- 1) Members may renew online for 2018. Go to <http://villagesparrotheads.com>
**Avoid the long lines by renewing online. Pick up 2018 badge sticker at next PHlocking
- 2) Renewals also accepted at Phlockings. Look for Membership table.
- 3) Members need to renew by March 31st to remain on active membership database
- 4- Renewals at any time during the year will be \$20. New membership is \$25.

23 new members joined the Club in January

Please make them feel welcome and encourage them to join in the fun with your group

Jeanette Balady
Bruce Campbell
Gen Deland
Audrey Desrochers
Frank Edmondson
John & Lisa Fasanella

John & Evelyn Flecha
Don & Norma Goodman
Jack & Sue Main
Elaine Miller
Howie & Mary Ann
Pfeiffer

Marty Snook
John & Dot Sullivan
C.J. & Mary Wilcox
Jenny Wolchick
Kathleen Yulke

CLIQUE CORNER

Note--the cliques are not official Club functions, just groups of people getting together to enjoy like interests outside the Club

The Chic Clique Ladies, come join your fellow Parrot Head PHemales for "ladies night out" every 3rd Tuesday of the month.

Email Gypsy Ginchereau at gypsygewells@gmail.com to be added to the list

Get Acquainted—For new members and unattached members interested in making new friends and getting together to jointly attend Parrot Head parties, events or trips; meet every month@3:00PM at Palmer CC, way around in back, prior to the Parrot Head PHlocking. Show up or email Jaci Burdash jlb2500@gmail.com

Gathering of Friends-- Meets for a few drinks at various establishments; want to join in?
Contact Skip Todd at skip0358@gmail.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 Stone's Bin and join in.

3 For The Road fans who enjoy the music of this band & want to find out their schedule should contact Len Stein at lmsteinod@hotmail.com

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

EXCOMM NEWS

NOMINATIONS FOR JUNE ELECTION

Believe it or not, it is almost time to submit names in nomination for the next election. The nomination period is March 1-April 31.

The five positions up for election are: President, Treasurer, Membership Director, Community Relations Trustee, Media Trustee.

Nominees must be members in good standing and must agree to have their names placed in nomination.

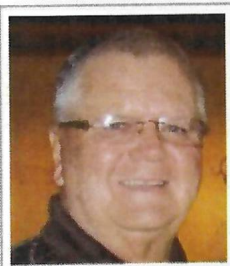
Paul Kinder, Election Chair, will accept names of nominees from March 1st until Midnight April 31st. The names of the nominees will be published after the nomination period ends.

Paul's phone number and email are listed below.

ELECTION CHAIR

Paul Kinder is the Election Chair.

Paul may be contacted @352-259-3832 or by email at paulfkinder722@gmail.com



PRESIDENT Lee Caron	813-480-0833 Chryparts@aol.com	6/30/2018
VICE PRESIDENT Mark Woodland	609-929-9455 markthesharkdj@gmail.com	12/31/2018
TREASURER Larry Roeder	352-633-1447 ldr1947@yahoo.com	6/30/2018
SECRETARY Lori Hollister	352-430-0500 lkhollystar@aol.com	12/31/2018
MEMBERSHIP Danny Roe	317-508-6465 dannyroe@prodigy.net	6/30/2018
VOLUNTEER TRUSTEE Ren Titus	352-751-1282 Rtitus@thevillages.net	12/31/2018
COMMUNITY RELATIONS TRUSTEE Steve Larson	352-633-2934 sklarson01@gmail.com	6/30/2018
EVENTS TRUSTEE Skip Todd	352-561-4923 skip0358@gmail.com	12/31/2018
MEDIA TRUSTEE Bob O'Neal	352-751-0035 boneal1939@gmail.com Editor of the Newsletter	6/30/2018

MEMBER ADVOCATE

Any member who has an issue with another member or with the Club should contact Paul Kinder at 352-259-3832 or by email at paulfkinder722@gmail.com

He will work confidentially to resolve the issue with the other member or with the EXCOMM.