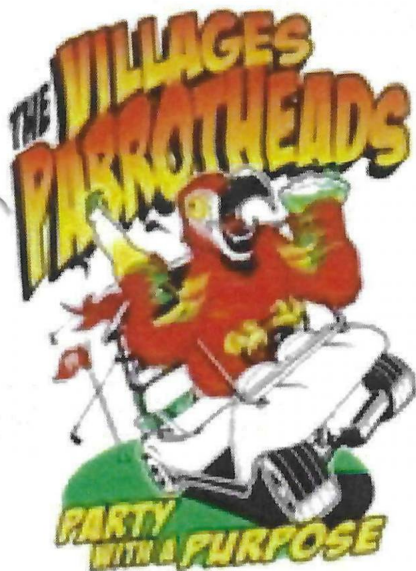


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# Parrot Talk

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER



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### CERT FUNDRAISER

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### HELP US HELP KIDS

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### HELPING HANDS

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### CORPORATE SPONSORS

Support our Corporate Sponsors who donate at least \$600 to our Club:

- 1- Parady Financial
- 2- Cody's Roadhouse-LSL&Brownwood
- 3 Rescare Homecare in Pinellas Plaza  
(Rescare has bought out Arcadia)  
[www.rescare.com](http://www.rescare.com)
- 4- Villages Ear
- 5- Fresh Market
- 6- BB&T Bank

### HOSPITAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Hospital expansion created a need for more volunteers

*Please Note: All departments especially need volunteers Saturdays and Sundays and the 4-8PM shifts*

Contact Carol Hughes in the Volunteer Placement Office @352-751-8176 or email [carhughes@cfhalliance.org](mailto:carhughes@cfhalliance.org)

Here we are 5 months into the New Year and so much has been accomplished by you the members doing what you do best. In the first quarter you volunteered over 2900 hours to help with charity. We have helped 9 charities with donations made possible by what we do best- PARTY WITH A PURPOSE.

We ended the month with some fun at a great 5 O'clock Somewhere party at Gator's Dockside in Brownwood and the pool party that The Waterfront Inn in Sumter Landing sponsored.

Now we are going to have some fun months with some neat trips put together by the travel committee, and some great new music at our Phlockings. We will have some all new artists that have never played for us before, including a great duet from Texas, Thom Shepherd and Coley McCabe, at the Mallory Phlocking May 18th.

Another great job by Sandi Senator finding new music to keep your club new and exciting.

There was a great article on your club in the Daily Sun April 25th and it is all about you the members, the people that make this club great!

Thank You,  
Lee

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Club Website: <http://www.thevillagesparrotheads.com/>

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

PHlockers Magazine Website: <http://phlockersmagazine.com/magazine>





## OUT OF TOWN EVENTS

### SARASOTA BAY PH CLUB 20TH BIRTHDAY BASH

Friday May 13-Sunday May 15

Ramada Venice Resort <http://www.ramada.com/hotels/florida/venice/ramada-venice/hotel-overview>

### MEETING OF THE MINDS 2016 25TH ANNIVERSARY NOVEMBER 2-6, 2016

Registration opened January 1st for MOTM online at <http://www.phip.com/meeting>

The Casa Marina, host hotel, is sold out/ waiting list:

[https://secure3.hilton.com/en\\_US/wa/reservation/book.htm?](https://secure3.hilton.com/en_US/wa/reservation/book.htm?inputModule=HOTEL&ctyhocn=EYWCMWA&spec_plan=ZZPAR8&arrival=20161030&departure=20161108&cid=OM,W,W,HILTONLINK,EN,DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT)

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THE BOOKING CODE FOR THE PARROT HEAD DISCOUNTED RATE IS: ZZPAR8

Here is the link to the Reach Resort (suggested by the MOTM Committee for waiting list): <http://www.reachresort.com/about-en.html>

Quite a few Parrot Heads stay at the Best Western Hibiscus on Simonton Street (parking for one car per room and includes breakfast) [www.BestWesternHibiscus.com](http://www.BestWesternHibiscus.com)

For help finding a place to stay, contact Suzy Rodnon @1-305-295-6366 or 1-800-881-7321. Her website is <http://www.keywestkey.com/>

If you have questions, please contact Sue Kermis @352-753-7709 [skermis1@yahoo.com](mailto:skermis1@yahoo.com)

Sue Kermis will hold a Meet & Greet October 26th for all those members registered to attend. An email will be sent to those members with the details.

### WATER TAXI PUB CRAWL BAREFOOT CHILDREN OF FORT LAUDERDALE

Friday May 13-Saturday May 14

Riverside Hotel Fort Lauderdale to Margaritaville Hollywood & Margaritaville Hollywood to Riverside Hotel Las Olas Blvd with travel aboard the water taxi Island Adventure

Registration @ <https://barefootchildrenphc.com/>

### FLORIDA LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Friday August 12th to Saturday August 13th

Crown Plaza Hollywood Beach, Florida

Friday evening party at Crown Plaza Lava Tiki Bar

Saturday meetings at Crown Plaza

Saturday eve party at Margaritaville Hollywood Resort

Book reservations directly with hotel:

<http://www.crowneplaza.com/redirect?path=hd&brandCode=cp&localeCode=en&regionCode=1&hotelCode=FLLSO&PMID=99801505&GPC=BFC>

## FUTURE EVENTS

- 1-Bus trip to Ybor City August 29th
- 2- Blood Drive @Fire Station #44 September 11th
- 3- Hospice/Macdougall Golf Scramble @ Mallory 9/15
- 4- Dunnedin Bus Trip & Boat Tour 10/8/16
- 5- Halloween Dance 10/15 @La Hacienda Rec Ctr
- 6- Sanibel Island (not a club function) 10/22-10/29
- 7- Cody's LSL Fundraiser Operation Shoebox 10/25
- 8- Night Golf 11/22 @ Saddlebrook Golf Course
- 9- Biloxi/Beau Rivage Bus Trip 11/27-11/30
- 10- Christmas Party 12/1 @ LaHacienda Rec Ctr
- 11-Capone's Christmas Show & Dinner 12/16
- 12-Bus Trip to Gaylord Palms (Date &Details TBD)
- 13-New Years Eve Party @LaHacienda Rec Ctr
- 14- Valentine's Dance @LaHacienda Rec Ctr 2/11/17





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## **CHARITY NEWS**

### **HELP US HELP KIDS GET READY FOR SCHOOL**

Collection boxes will be at the July PHlockings for school supplies (cash also accepted) to help kids at Villages Elementary School of Lady Lake. This drive is chaired by Renie Larson and Marsha Herring.

Dry Eraser Markers  
Baby Wipes  
Disinfectant Wipes  
Crayons  
Zip Lock Bags  
Thank You Cards

Nonperishable Snacks & Treats  
Craft Supplies: (such as Glue  
Sticks, Elmer's Glue, String, Yarn,  
Glitter, Paints, Popsicle Sticks)  
Individual White Boards  
Construction Paper  
Treasure Box items

Colored Index Cards  
Reading & Math games  
Paper (3 holed lined paper)  
Pencils  
Hand Sanitizer  
Post It Notes

### **HELPING HANDS**

Saturday May 7th helping hands is dedicating a new home, built with volunteer labor (including a number of Parrot Heads) to the proud owners in a ceremony at 2:00PM. The location is 9377 CR 231, Wildwood, FL (off CR462 West of I75).

Suzanne Barry ([barry.Suzanne.John@msn.com](mailto:barry.Suzanne.John@msn.com)) is inviting everyone to attend. Since its creation in 2006, Helping Hands has helped 22 families in the community and raised over one million dollars. They work with families which may not qualify for assistance from other organizations such as Habitat. For each qualifying family, Helping Hands builds a home, furnishes it, and stocks it with all the necessities. Each family is assigned a mentor and is required to help "pay it forward" so that other families will have a chance at a new home.

The next building project will begin in October. Contact Suzanne (Volunteer Coordinator) to sign up



### **APRIL CLOTHING DRIVE RESULTS**

298 bags of clothing were donated by members: 158 bags of women's items to Haven House and 140 bags of men's items to Habitat for Humanity. The women narrowly beat the men this year. Thanks to all who gave.

### **FOOD ITEMS ALWAYS NEEDED**

Please remember to bring food to the phlockings. The food pantry shelves are in dire need.

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





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## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

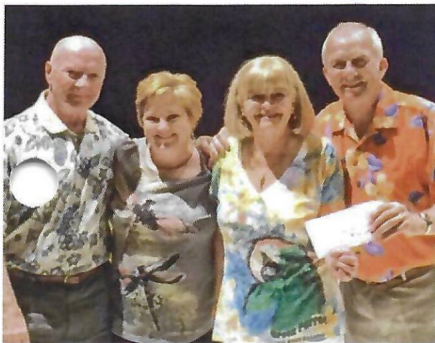
### WE WELCOMED THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS IN APRIL

Jo Baxley  
Roy Catt  
Larry Cukjati  
Helen Ferguson  
Richard & Lorrae  
Flanders  
Bob Furphy  
Jeff & Shawn Gold  
Lorraine Gregory

Bill George  
Kris Jacobs  
Jerry & Janelle  
Johnson  
Russ & Kathy  
Kortendick  
Carl & Sandy Kruger  
Bill & Fran Lau  
Tracy Little

Rick & Sharon  
McCelland  
Laurine Mennell  
Karla Millsap  
John & Peggy Mintus  
Kimberly Morin  
Jim & Loretta Morris  
Kenny & Karen  
Mroczek

Mark & Theresa  
Mussario  
Patsy Plummer  
Myrna Sheikowitz  
Mike Sulkowski  
Anna Marie Symonds  
Mary Anne Touart  
Greg & Kimberly  
Watson  
Joyce Wichie



### BOCCE TOURNAMENT WINNERS

April 14th and 15th the Club's annual Bocce Tournament was held at several recreation centers culminating in the finals at Lake Miona.

1st Place: The Pirates: Bill & Carolyn Barger and Katie & Bob Alosi (at left)

2nd Place: Kick Ass: Gregg & Brenda Toshach and Peter & Chris Keim

3rd Place: TC's: Doug & Polly Moffatt and Tom & Pat Campion

The tournament was followed by a party at Lake Miona Recreation Center

### CLIQUE CORNER

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

**NEW** 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](mailto: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](mailto:jlb2500@gmail.com).

Ladies Shopping Trips- Periodic day trips to interesting off-site destinations; contact Debbie Sobota at [debbie\\_sobota@comcast.net](mailto:debbie_sobota@comcast.net)

Gathering of Friends-- Meets for a few drinks at various establishments; want to join in? Contact Skip Todd at [skip0358@gmail.com](mailto: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 and Flipside fans who enjoy the music of these two bands & want to find out their schedules should contact Amy Dunigan at [amydunigan1@gmail.com](mailto:amydunigan1@gmail.com)

If you have a clique you want to share, contact Ren Titus, the Parrot Heads Volunteer Coordinator, at [rtitus@thevillages.net](mailto:rtitus@thevillages.net)





## EXCOMM NEWS

### EXCOMM ELECTION

a) The nomination period for the June election ended at midnight April 30th

b) The nominees for this election for the term beginning July 1st are:

- 1) President Lee Caron
- 2) Treasurer Gerald Brown
- 3) Membership Julie Harris
- 4) Community Relations Trustee Steve Larson
- 5) Media Trustee Bob O'Neal

c) Nominees will introduced to the members at the May Phlockings. All of the nominees except Gerald Brown, presently Assistant Treasurer under Larry Roeder, are incumbents in their respective positions

d) There will be no election since all the nominees are unopposed.

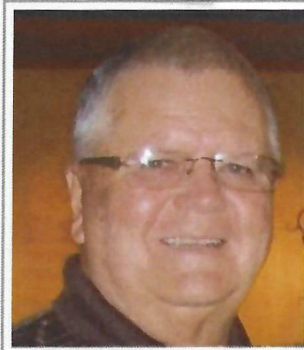
e) Diane Minio has resigned as Secretary due to family medical issues, and the EXCOMM has appointed Lori Hollister to fill the remainder of her term expiring in December

OFFICE	PHONE # E-Mail	TERM EXPIRES
PRESIDENT Lee Caron	352-259-1722 <a href="mailto:Chryparts@aol.com">Chryparts@aol.com</a>	6/30/2016
VICE PRESIDENT Will Stone	352-461-3871 <a href="mailto:will1005sue@aim.com">will1005sue@aim.com</a>	12/31/2016
TREASURER Larry Roeder	352-633-1447 <a href="mailto:ldr1947@yahoo.com">ldr1947@yahoo.com</a>	6/30/2016
SECRETARY Lori Hollister	352-430-0500 <a href="mailto:lkhollystar@aol.com">lkhollystar@aol.com</a>	12/31/2016
MEMBERSHIP Julie Harris	352-205-8713 <a href="mailto:halldrama1@outlook.com">halldrama1@outlook.com</a>	6/30/2016
VOLUNTEER TRUSTEE Ren Titus	352-751-1282 <a href="mailto:Rtitus@thevillages.net">Rtitus@thevillages.net</a>	12/31/2015
COMMUNITY RELATIONS TRUSTEE Steve Larson	352-633-2934 <a href="mailto:sklarson01@gmail.com">sklarson01@gmail.com</a>	6/30/2016
EVENTS TRUSTEE Skip Todd	352-561-4923 <a href="mailto:skip0358@gmail.com">skip0358@gmail.com</a>	12/31/2015
MEDIA TRUSTEE Bob O'Neal	352-751-0035 <a href="mailto:boneal1939@gmail.com">boneal1939@gmail.com</a> Editor of the Newsletter	6/30/2016

### ELECTION CHAIR

Paul Kinder wears many hats in the Club, including Election Chair.

Paul is a great example of someone who gives back in so many ways.



### MEMBER ADVOCATE

Any member who has an issue with another member or with the Club should contact Paul Kinder (shown at right) @ (352) 259-3832 or email: [paulfkinder722@gmail.com](mailto:paulfkinder722@gmail.com) Paul will work confidentially to resolve the issue with the other member or with the EXCOMM





## INTERVIEW WITH JACK AND LINDA CASTO



Jack and his wife Linda bought their first home in the Village of Summerhill in 2004, and became Parrot Head members that same year. The club had just been founded and had only 35 members. Jack developed The Club's first website and served as the Webmaster for the next 10 years. Jack serves currently as an Assistant Webmaster and also provides photographs and videos of group activities and events. Jack and Linda currently live in The Village of Virginia Trace.

**Please name 2 of your favorite things about The ParrotHeads** "I love the activities and the camaraderie. Some of our best friends are Parrot Heads. The annual convention, Meeting of the Minds held in Key West in November is a favorite event. It gives everyone an opportunity to share ideas and get acquainted with other Parrot Head Chapters across the world."

**What advice would you give to a new Parrot Head member about getting involved in the club?** "Get involved and volunteer. If you just attend the meetings; have something to eat and drink, you won't necessarily meet people. Volunteering is the best way to get acquainted. Helping with Parrothead events and community activities through the club like Habitat for Humanity are great ways to build friendships with other club members."

**What are your 2 favorite things about The Villages?** "The activities and the people. I took up golf and bicycling here. My wife Linda took up twirling after taking a class at The Lifelong Learning College, and now she's a Villages Twirler. We have more friends here than we've had in our entire life. Photography is another interest, and The Villages is a great place to take pictures and videos of people and Parrot Heads involved in various activities and events. The physical activity here is great, and it makes me more aware of observing a healthy lifestyle. Since coming to The Villages, I have lost about 40 pounds due to exercise and nutrition. I was recently hospitalized, and almost died due to an intestinal complication caused by a birth defect. But, according to my doctor, I survived this medical crisis due to my general good health and fitness. I attribute that good health to biking here in The Villages. It's been a gateway to better health, along with water aerobics, yoga and Tai Chi. My all time favorite source for health, nutrition and exercise advice is Villager Dr. Gabe Mirkin's website , <http://www.drmirkin.com/weekly-ezine>."

**Before you became a Villager, what kind of work were you involved in?** "Linda and I were both teachers. I taught High School reading specialties and then spent the last 5 years of my teaching career in computer technology staff development. Linda was a first grade teacher."

**What other kind of volunteer work and activities are you involved in here at The Villages?** "I was the webmaster for the Lifelong Learning College for about 8 years, and also used to do the website for The Villages Retired Educators. I developed The Virginia Trace website <http://virginiatrace.com/>. There's a link on the Virginia Trace website called, "NEXT DOOR" that provides a geographical, on-line social network for people. I helped develop that web link and have introduced the same NEXT DOOR web network to our summer friends back in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware. I am a member of The sunset Point Photography Club and do presentations at the Computer Plus Club. Linda and I are also very involved in The Sumter Landing Bike Club which we joined in 2005. We became group leaders for the social bike riders, and did a bike trip from Key Largo to Key West which was about 200 miles round trip." Three interesting videos: [www.tinyurl.com/tvphleesburg2014](http://www.tinyurl.com/tvphleesburg2014) and [www.tinyurl.com/tvphmotm2006](http://www.tinyurl.com/tvphmotm2006) and [www.tinyurl.com/tvphnye2007](http://www.tinyurl.com/tvphnye2007)