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As the year winds down, and our PHlock returns to the nest to enjoy the holiday season, it is time we all stop and give thanks for all we were able to accomplish this year as Parrot Heads. We have managed to touch the lives of so many, not only in this community, but around the globe, as part of the PHiP Organization Through your financial generosity and giving of your time, we have made the place a little better than when we arrived.

The current Board would like to thank each and every one of you who stepped up to the plate this year and took on responsibility, sometimes well beyond the call of duty, to make our PHlock shine.

As we look forward to Year 2010, please know that the journey has not yet ended for the PHlock. There is a lot more to do, and when we all pitch in, the job becomes easier and a lot more fun.

So here's to 2010...may it be a very good year!

KUDOS TO THE PHLOCK

Thanks to the generosity of the Phlock, several families in the local area were able to enjoy a Thanksgiving dinner, and are now picking up food items for their Christmas dinners. The Club donated well over \$500 in cash and food items to Love, Inc., St. Theresa's Soup Kitchen, and The Christian Food Pantry for holiday meals.

In addition to the food contributions, several truckloads of toys were donated for the Toys for Tots campaign and distributed at the Fruitland Park location. Don't forget, if you did not make your donation in November, the Marines will still be collecting toys at the December 2nd PHlocking at Hacienda.



MAK YOUR CHENDAR

Christmas Lights Golf Cart Tour January 30 Gasparilla Parade, Tampa, FL December 8 Super Bowl Party, Miona Rec Center December 11 Christmas Party, La Hacienda Center February 7 December 12 Christmas Parade, Polo Field Poker Run, Polo Club March 27 December 31 New Year's Eve Party, Bridgeport April 23-24 Relay for Life, Villages High School

DECEMBER PHLOCKINGS

December 2 Hacienda Hills Country Club

December 16 Mallory Hill Country Club

Both PHlockings start at 4pm. Please remember to wear your name tags and club shirts.

EXCOMM MEETING

The Board Meeting will be held on December 16th at Hacienda Hills Country Club at 9am.

Please contact Jan Brooks if you would like to make a presentation to obtain a place on the agenda.



SUPER BOWL PARTY

The first ever Parrot Head Super Bowl Party will kick off on February 7th at Miona Rec Center starting at 5:30pm. Tickets will be on sale at PHlockings in December.

The cost is \$10 per person and includes TV and room rental, "\$5 foot long" subs and chips. BYOB and snacks to share.

We are limited to 150, so get your tickets early. There will be no advance table reservations.



CHRISTMAS PARTY RECAP

The Party is on December 11th at LaHacienda Rec Center starting at 5pm. (not before) for social hour. Each table is responsible for their own decorations (not mandatory) and hors d'oeuvres. Dinner will be served starting at 6pm. Music and dancing to follow by Jason and the Caribbean Chillers. BYOB.

The dress is casual, and you do not need to wear your name tag or club shirts.

Everyone is asked to bring canned goods to be donated to the local food bank. See your ticket flyer for ideas of what is needed.

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY RECAP

The Party is at Bridgeport Rec Center starting around 8:30pm. Jimmy Parrish and the Ocean Wave Band will provide the music. There will be light hors d'oeuvres and a champagne toast provided by the Club. Please bring a snack to share. BYOB. There will be door prizes drawn throughout the evening. The party will wrap up around 1am.

The dress is casual, and you <u>do not</u> need to wear your name tag or club shirt.

There are still a few tickets left, so call Thurman Shurtleff at 205-7837 for information.

BE A PIRATE FOR THE DAY

The PHlock will travel to Tampa again this year to enjoy the Gasparilla Pirate Festival and Parade on January 30th.

The bus will leave from Lake Miona Rec Center at 9am, and return from Tampa after the parade and a stop on the way back for dinner. Tickets are \$50 per person which includes bus fare and grandstand seating for the parade. Dinner is on your own.

This trip is limited to 56 Parrot Head members only on a first-come first-served basis. Tickets can be purchased now by mailing your check to: Ed West, 2234 Marlboro St., The Villages, Fl 32162.





GOLF CART CHRISTMAS LIGHT TOUR

Meet the PHlock at the Oasis Bar at Lopez Legacy for Happy Hour which starts at 4pm. The tour will kick off around 6:15-6:30 and wind it's way through Chatham, El Santiago, then cross over to Paradise Drive to see some great light displays. The plan is to end up at Gator's Dockside in Spanish Springs for some Christmas cheer after the drive.

Those with an electric cart living south of Lake Sumter may want to do the tour in a car—just drive slow!!

EVERYONE LOVES A PARADE

The Villages Christmas Parade is on December 12 at the Polo Field starting at 10am. The PFlock will be represented by a bunch of fun-loving elves who are decorating their golf carts with a "Buffett" theme in mind. The group still has room for some walkers, so call Dave Macdougall at 750-1389 to get in on the fun.

EXCOMM UPDATE

The Board has selected Tove Huges to fill the Trustee position that was left vacant after the elections. The new Board will begin their term on January 1st. We all wish them a lot of luck!

BUFFETT TRIVIA

ONE PARTICULAR HARBOUR

This is one of those songs, like Cheeseburger in Paradise, where fans wonder where that harbour really is. Jimmy made a trip to Tahiti and met an expatriated American by the name of Hugh Kelly, who invited Jimmy to his home in the mountains of Moorea. While looking down over Cooks Bay, the song came out as if it was waiting for the moment to be written.

By the way, if anyone can translate the opening lines, we would sure like to know what it means. Email Steve Hopper if you can at shopper126@gmail.com

ATTENTION TRAVELLERS

Don't forget to check out the Parrot Head travel website at www.ytbtravel.com/villagesphc for your travel needs. The website's prices are comparative to all the others: Travelocity, Orbitz, Expedia, etc. The best part is, the Club will be paid commission on everything you book. That money will help pay to support the Club's charities as well as all those parties throughout the year.

PHLOCKING ATTENDANCE

Another record has been broken. There were 455 Parrot Heads in attendance at last month's PHlockings. We had 177 at Hacienda and 278 at Mallory.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

All Club memberships must be renewed in January or February regardless of when you joined the PHlock. The renewal fee is \$15 per person. You must have your current ID tags with you for renewal. To expedite the process, please visit the website at www.thevillagesparrotheads.com, print and complete the membership application before standing in line.

Remember, you must be an active member to participate in all Club activities, parties, and MOTM in Key West.

NEW MEMBERS IN OUR NEST

David Smith **Bob** Casey Jerry Emery Nancy Effer Yvonne Perry Mary Casey Connie Emery Mary Anne Dowling Bob Barber Chuck Johnson William Nadaraski Jim Dowling Bette Croll Trish Johnson William Busker Gary Halse Stuart Lipman **Edward West** Terry Busker Cindy Halse Larry Cohen Joette West Steve Prater Bill Simington Ron Girotti Shalda Nelson Wendy Prater Jane Girotti Rober Nelson Sam Etter



