



MARCH 2009

PARROT TALK

The Villages Parrot Head Club Newsletter

CHANGE ! YOU ASKED FOR IT!

The Parrot Heads will PHlock 3 times a month starting in March to provide flexibility and more seating for members.

The Club will no longer have monthly meetings effective immediately. Instead, there will be three PHlockings a month. There will be no business transacted at these Phlockings nor will there be anyone speaking on a mic trying to talk over the members. There will be Board members and volunteers at each PHlocking with hand-outs, selling party tickets, 50-50's, trivia, collecting items for charity, etc. All other information will be available on the website, Parrot Talk, or via e-mail.

Meeting locations have moved. The locations are El Santiago, Tierra del Sol, and Mallory. Meeting dates will be conveyed to you each month.

There will be no 5 O'Clock Somewhere in March. They will resume in April.

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Deadline for items is March 21st

PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT

www.thevillagesparrotheads.com

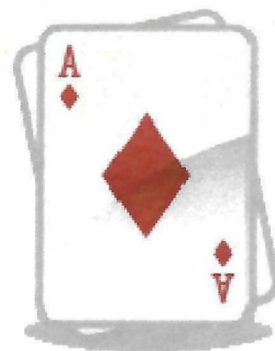
POKER RUN MARCH 21st

Charlie Howlett 259-8134 Paul Kinder 259-3832

Time is almost up to get you tickets for this super fun event on March 21st. Remember the importance of supporting this event as it is our largest fundraising effort of the year with all proceeds going to different local and national charities.

After checking in at the Polo Field around 1pm, you will visit, in any order, El Santiago, Hacienda Hills, Tierra del Sol, Mallory, and Palmer's Country Clubs. At each location, you will pull a playing card and have your sheet stamped. Upon returning to the Polo Field the person with the best hand wins! There will be a light lunch and entertainment while waiting for all to complete the course, and prizes to be awarded.

If you do not have reserved seating, it is recommended that you bring your own table & chairs. Alcohol will not be sold but you can BYOB. Remember, this is not a race. You can purchase tickets for your friends, family and neighbors. So make a day of it!



GET OFF YOUR PERCH PARROT HEADS

WE NEED BASKETS!!!

Carolyn Barger 259-2758 Molly Boatman 430-3163

A large part of the success of the Poker Run and our ability to fill the charity coffers for the coming year depends on your generosity. Baskets, or items to put in baskets, are desperately needed. Complete baskets are great. Theme baskets are the best. Or if you can, a bottle of wine and some crackers would be good too.

Please call one of the ladies listed above for ideas. Items will be accepting at all 3 PHlockings this month, and right up until the day of the Poker Run.

We don't like to beg, but we will **HELP !!! TIME IS RUNNING OUT**

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RELAY FOR LIFE

Judy & Larry Turner 753-4963 Carolyn Barger 259-2758 Barb & Steve Hopper
750-8082

While being a Parrot Head is all about '*Wastin' away in Margaritaville, it's your own damn fault*' if you don't support our Club's Relay for Life team on April 24th & 25th. The event will be staged at The Villages High School starting at around 4pm and continue all night until 9am the following morning.

We need a few good parrots to fly on over and volunteer for such positions as to assist with camp sight set up, walkers, and other tasks not yet determined. We do have team leaders for each category, so we just need your assistance to make this happen.

ON-LINE GIVING

As Parrot Heads we are known to be very charitable individuals and we give to many things. We also work very hard at various fundraising events to raise the money.

Rather than "passing the hat" at meetings or standing on the street corner with a bucket, the Club has established an on-line giving account with The Villages Relay for Life. Credit for all donations made to this account will go directly to the Parrot Head's. Our goal would be for our whole PHlock to pass this on to everyone on their buddy list. I'm sure the results would be astounding.

Go to www.thevillagesrelay.net

Click on "**donate**" then click on "**search for a team**" and type in "**Parrot Heads**". Click on Parrot Head 1 or 2 (no difference) and click "**donate**" again then follow the prompts. It is so easy a parrot can do it. You will receive a confirmation of your donation back within a few minutes that you can print out for tax purposes.

SURVIVORS

Gini Harris 205-8713 Carol Mosier 391-9107

The worst thing a person can hear is when your doctor tells you that you have cancer. I know, because I am a cancer survivor and have been fighting the fight for eight years. Participating in Relay for Life is one of the most rewarding things I have done for myself. It makes you realize you are not alone, and there are thousands of people out there waiting to help you in your battle.

If you are a cancer survivor, and would like to walk with other Parrot Head in the Survivor round, please see me at the next PHlocking for sign-up. I'll be the one in the purple shirt.



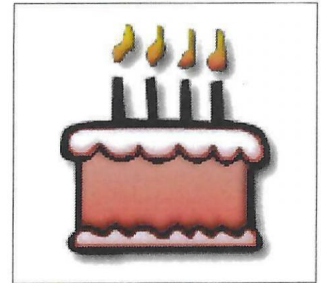
THE NEXT PARROT HEAD RELAY FOR LIFE TEAM MEETING IS ON SATURDAY, MARCH 14 AT MIONA REC CENTER AT 9AM. ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.

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BIRTHDAY BASH

The 5th Annual Birthday Bash is scheduled for Saturday, April 18th at the Polo Field starting at 4pm until 10pm. Tickets go on sale this month. The cost is \$17.50 per person and includes a dinner of teriyaki chicken breast and pulled pork, veggies and potatoes served at 5pm. The fabulous T. Scott Walker band will provide the music entertainment starting at 6pm. BYOB.

You may reserve seating for eight, providing you have the names of all the Parrot Heads at your table and payment in full. This event is limited to Parrot Head members only.



PARROT HEAD AUSSIE CLUB NEEDS OUR HELP

As many of you have read in the newspaper lately, areas of Australia have been devastated by fires. In an effort to help out the Aussie Parrot Heads, our Club along with PHiP is doing a t-shirt drive during the month of March.

Please bring all Parrot Head, club and otherwise, t-shirts to any March PHlockings for collection. I am sure that many members have stock-piled t-shirts from MOTM, C&L tours etc. Now is the time to clean house and donate them to a very worthy cause.

THE PHLOCK WILL PARTY WITH ST. PAT!

The Parrot Heads will once again party with St. Pat at the St. Paddy's Day parades here in The Villages on March 17th at both town squares.

The deadline is March 4th for submitting your name to Dave Macdougall if you are interested in joining the parade as a walker. There are a limited amount of spaces available. E-mail Dave at dmacdougall@thevillages.net if you are interested. The golf cart allotment is full.

If not, be sure to come out and support our PHlock as they make their way around the square.



TRIVIA QUESTION FOR MARCH

Who was the first captain to play a large role in Jimmy Buffett's life?

HAVEN HOUSE

We will be collecting gently used women's clothing during the month of May for this worthy charity.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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| March 21 | Poker Run, Polo Field |
| April 18 | Birthday Bash, Polo Field |
| April 24 | Relay for Life, The Villages HS |
| June 12-14 | Sarasota Birthday Bash, Venice, FL |
| September 20 | Pool Party, Lake Miona |
| November 5-8 | Meeting of the Minds, Key West |



MARCH PHLOCKINGS

There will be 3 PHlockings in March all starting at 4pm as follows:

March 4th—El Santiago

March 10th—Tierra del Sol

March 19th—Mallory Hill

The EXCOMM meeting will be on March 23rd at Tierra del Sol starting at 8:30

MEETING OF THE MINDS (MOTM)

Some of you may not be familiar with the annual Parrot Heads in Paradise Meeting of the Minds that takes place in Key West every fall. Our PHlock was well represented last year with 85 members making the trek. This is absolutely the best time, and we do party as only Parrot Heads can!

This year's theme is "Floridays" (don't ask, I have no clue) and the contest to design the convention t-shirt and other paraphernalia is under way. Visit the website for information

You can also visit www.phip.com for more information regarding the convention, registration and hotels in the area. Or ask one of use—we would be happy to share our war stories with you!

BUFFETT TRIVIA

The first captain to play a large roll in Jimmy's life was Capt. James Buffett, his Grandfather. During his life, he sailed around the world and as far north as the Artic Ocean and to the southern tip of South America. During World War II he served as a navy commander and was stationed in the Pacific Ocean. It was the tales of these adventures that he shared with the young Jimmy, giving him the urge to travel and to become the avid sailor he is today. When the elder James Buffett passed away, it inspired Jimmy to write "The Captain and the Kid".

When Jimmy was trying to sell his music in Nashville, one potential buyer asked Jimmy to change the ending; he said it was too sad to have the man die. Jimmy said he couldn't change the ending, because he did die

This song was released on Jimmy's first album, "Down to Earth" and later re-released on several other albums, including greatest hits and live albums.

TIDBITS

- T. Scott Walkers band with special guest "Fingers" (formerly with Jimmy Buffett) on harmonica will be playing at Margarita Republic on March 8th. Call the restaurant at 753-4660 for information & tickets.
- Get well wished go out to Shirl Beacher who had surgery in February. We look forward to your rapid return to the nest.
- Congratulations go out to PHlockmate John Jeffries for making The Villages Softball All-Star Team!

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GOING SOMEWHERE?

Did you know that we have our own travel agents right here
in our PHlock.

And the best thing is that when you book with them, our
Club gets a piece of the action.



The Villages Parrot Head Travel/YTB Travel is owned and operated by our PHlockmates Larry & Judy Turner. This is an online travel service providing many of the same things a local travel agency would provide. You can book everything from air, hotel and car reservations up to cruises and all-inclusive vacations.

Please visit their website at www.ytbtravel.com/villagesphc. You will see a plethora of great travel bargains to destinations all over the world. Also, be sure to visit Larry's "table" at all 3 PHlockings this month. I'm sure he'll have some exciting new trips he is working on.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance for the February meetings was 343— 158 at El Santiago and 185 at Margarita Republic. We had 36 new members in February, bringing our PHlock total to 463.

PHLEDGHLINGS IN OUR NEST

The PHlock is growing, and us "old timers" need to remember that we were all new at one time. We need to reach out and give a warm PH welcome. Introduce yourself, have someone new join your table, answer questions, or whatever it takes to have them enjoy their Parrot Head experience.

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| Zielinski, Carolyn | Schlick, Anne | Dush, Edie | Hughes, Mike |
| Zielinski, Norbert | Anderson, Robert | Gramke, Phyllis | Hughes, Tove |
| Christoffersen, Dot | Anderson, Eileen | Sheffer, Tricia | Paravano, Billie |
| Zook, Dean | Dare, Virginia | Buchanan, Pamela | Paravano, Dominic |
| Zook, Marlene | Golden, Jeannine | Gebhardt, Larry | Pavey, Lionel |
| Mason, Joyce | Golden, Rick | Gebhardt, Sandy | Pavey, Sue |
| DiCioccio, Joan | Oakes, Roy | Moore, Ben | |
| Conderman, Bud | Oakes, Peggy | Moore, Mary Jo | |
| Conderman, Linda | Dush, Ted | Devries, Leilani | |
| Heron, Bill | Marks, Jack | Trapp, Tom | |
| Heron, Bunny | Ferguson, Suzy | Trapp, Betsy | |

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