

NOVEMBER 2016

Parrot Talk

PRESIDENT'S CORNER



HOSPITAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Hospital expansion created a desperate need for more volunteers. By the end of the year, the hospital will be staffed to support 300 beds.

There are currently 1064 shifts covered by volunteers, and the hospital is requesting more. *Earn PH points!*

Please Note: All departments especially need volunteers Saturdays and Sundays

Contact Bob O'Neal at 352-350-4932
or the Volunteer Placement Office
@ 352-751-8176 or email @
trhvpo@centflhealth.org

CORPORATE SPONSORS

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

- 1- Parady Life & Annuity
- 2-Bill Bryan Chrysler/Jeep/Kia
- 3- Cody's Roadhouse-LSL&Brownwood
- 4 Rescare Homecare in Pinellas Plaza
www.rescare.com
- 5- Villages Ear
- 6- Fresh Market
- 7- BB&T Bank
- 8-Juice Plus
- 9-Palmer Country Club
- 10- Mallory Hill Country Club

As we move into November and some fun times, I look back at what you the members have accomplished. At another great fundraiser at Cody's, over \$2000.00 was raised for Operation Shoebox as once again we as a club reacted to a needy and worthy cause. So, I want to Thank all of you who without your giving and volunteering this just doesn't happen. Thanks to all the Chair people and all the assistant chairs, volunteers and their families who understand the time they put into these endeavors to make them successful.

We move into the months where we have some fun things scheduled, but also the time when the needy in the surrounding area need the most help, from the food banks to Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners, to the Toys For Tots, Helping Hands and others.

I tell people that the thing that drew me to this club was I was so happy to be here and now be able to give back to people less fortunate. Many people also come and tell me that this is the friendliest club that they belong to and this is because of you the members who welcome new people to your club. So off to some fun and giving and again

THANKS ALL OF YOU!!!

Lee

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

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

OUT OF TOWN EVENTS

MEETING OF THE MINDS 2016

25TH ANNIVERSARY

NOVEMBER 2-6, 2016

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

Coupons for some of the places in Key West.
These websites and at the Visitors Centers.
<http://www.keyscashsaver.com/category/bars-restaurants/>
<http://floridakeyskeepsake.com/>
<http://www.keywestchamber.org/coupons/keywestdiscountcoupons.aspx>
<http://www.keyscoupons.com/>

BILOXI/BEAU RIVAGE BUS TRIP

Sunday 11/27-Wednesday 11/30
Day trip to New Orleans on Tuesday 11/29

TRIP IS SOLD OUT

Victoria Privott Chair (757)869-8975
Sue Kermis Assistant Chair (352)753-7709

CAPONE'S CHRISTMAS SHOW

Friday December 16 4:00PM-12:00AM
Bus will leave from Walmart on 466 @4:00PM
TRIP IS SOLD OUT

Skip & JoAnn Todd Co-Chairs
352-561-4923 or 352-446-9494

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

HURRICANE DOCKSIDE GRILL

Bus Trip cancelled

VICTORY CASINO CRUISE

Sunday January 15, 2017 1/2 Day Cruise from Port Canaveral

Cost = \$40 Per Person on sale @Palmer November 2nd includes bus trip, driver tip, 5 hours of FREE drinks while gambling, \$20 match play and FREE lunch buffet

Bus leaves from Walmart on 466 behind Perkins at 9:00AM. Please arrive by 8:45. Bus returns by 8:30PM
No glass containers allowed on the bus

Susie Dobrowolski Chair 352-751-2566

Victoria Privott Assistant Chair 757-869-8975

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

TAMPA BAY DOWNS BUS TRIP

Saturday February 25, 2017 day trip to horse races
Tickets @\$45.00 Per Person on sale @Palmer 12/7

See flyer <http://villagesparrotheads.com/flyers.htm> for details of everything included

Bus leaves from Walmart on 466 at 9:00AM

Susie Dobrowolski Chair 352-751-2566

Paul Kinder Assistant Chair 352-259-3832

FUTURE EVENTS

1-Poker Run	3/18/17
1a-Poker Run rain date	3/19/17
2-All-Inclusive Trip - Cancun	4/23-29/2017
3-Blood Drives@Fire Station#44	5/11/17
4-Blood Drive @ Fire Station #44	9/11/17
5-Halloween Party@LaHacienda	10/21/17
6-Cruise on Celebrity Silhouette	1/7-1/14/2018

CHARITY NEWS

TOYS FOR TOTS

The annual drive for toys for needy children ages 0-12 kicks off this month with collection boxes and cash donation boxes at all three Phlockings. Bob Alosi will be manning the collection boxes for our Club and is asking for our support. Any time you are shopping, look for appropriate toys and bring them unwrapped to a November Phlocking.

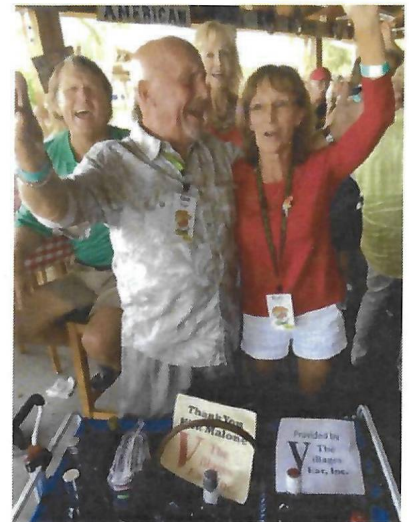
Cash donations are tax deductible (you will get a letter if you write a check payable to "The Toys for Tots Foundation").



OPERATION SHOEBOX FUNDRAISER

\$2086 was raised for Operation Shoebox Tuesday October 25th @Cody's Original Roadhouse @Lake Sumter Landing as an enthusiastic crowd of Parrot Heads partied and gave back to the cause for our troops. Steve Larson, Community Relations Trustee and organizer of the fundraiser (with his wife Renie and the Charity Committee) handed the proceeds to Joanne Hall, a volunteer with Operation Shoebox.

Kent Fout from the village of Buttonwood, seen here with his wife Judy, won the cart load of "adult beverages" donated by Kirk Malone of The Villages Ear, a corporate sponsor.



HELPING HANDS

The current home build is in Coleman (East of 301 South of 462).

Contact Suzanne Barry @630-251-2940 or barry.suzanne.john@msn.com for details and to sign up.

There are still many opportunities to help this great cause AND earn Parrot Head points.

Bargains and Blessings, the Helping Hands thrift store in Wildwood at 301 North Main Street, could use some "muscle" when their truck arrives with donations, and truck drivers are also needed to pick up and deliver merchandise.

Volunteers can work as many or few hours as they wish. There are many opportunities for the ladies as well.

Stop at the store Tuesday-Saturday for an application to volunteer.

FOOD PANTRY ITEMS ALWAYS NEEDED

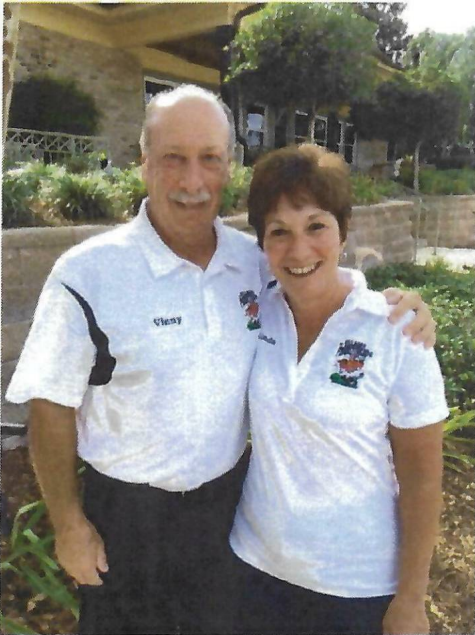
Please remember to bring food to the PHlockings. The food pantry shelves are always in need.

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

Parrot Head Profile of Vinny Caso



Vinny and his wife, Linda, bought their home in The Village of Gilchrist in May 2013 and made it their full time residence later that August. They joined The Parrot Heads within a year of arriving in The Villages.

1. Vinny, how did you first become acquainted with the Parrot Heads?

Our neighbors were Parrot Heads, so we attended a Phlocking as their guests and joined shortly thereafter.

2. Where are you from originally?

I'm from Kings Park in Suffolk County, Long Island, New York

3. Before you became a Villager, what kind of work were you involved in?

I worked for Con Edison in NYC as a first responder for gas leaks in Manhattan. I was working in The Bronx on 9-11 and was called into Manhattan that night at 5 pm to start work restoring and rerouting gas mains throughout lower Manhattan. My work with Con Ed continued in Manhattan from that time forward until Linda and I relocated here to The Villages.

4. What sort of work do you do now?

Like a lot of folks, I've gotten too busy to work now that we're in The Villages. I'm on 2 softball leagues, play golf three times a week, horse shoes once a week, and pickle ball four times a week. I play Poker, volunteer at The Wildwood Soup Kitchen three times a week and am a first responder for AED and CPR in our Gilchrist Village. I'm also a caregiver for my 95 year old Mother who lives at Sumter Place.

5. What kind of volunteer work are you involved in as a member of The Parrot Heads?

I have a pickup truck that I use to set up and pick up tents after events. If they need help with the Poker Run, I help with my truck to handle set up and cleanup activities. Whatever the Parrot Heads need, I've got the wheels and I am ready to help.

6. What are your 2 favorite things about The Villages?

The diversity of the people who come from all over is something I like. It's wonderful to hear stories about other people and places, and I also like all the variety of activities you can get involved in here. There are so many choices available; you can stay as busy as you want.

7. Please name 2 of your favorite things about The Parrot Heads.

It's great fun, and I also really like all the local charities they get involved in. The Parrot Heads offers us so many opportunities to give back to charities that we support. I had a chance to do this with a 50/50 Hospice raffle I won which enabled me to donate the \$250 winnings back to Hospice which meant a lot to me. I also like all the different day trips that The Parrot Heads sponsor and the Phlockings. There's so many neat people involved in The Parrot Heads. It's just a terrific organization.

Thank you Vinny for your time today.

If you have any questions for Vinny, please contact him at: vinnyatv13@gmail.com

EXCOMM NEWS

EXCOMM ELECTION

The next election was scheduled for December for the January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017 office terms.

The nomination period ended October 31st at midnight . Since there were no nominations opposing the incumbents, the following Board members will continue in their respective positions and will be affirmed by the members at the December Phlockings:

- 1) Vice President: Will Stone
- 2) Secretary: Lori Hollister
- 3) Volunteer Trustee: Ren Titus
- 4) Events Trustee: Skip Todd

OFFICE	PHONE # E-Mail	TERM EXPIRES
PRESIDENT Lee Caron	352-259-1722 Chryparts@aol.com	6/30/2017
VICE PRESIDENT Will Stone	352-461-3871 will1005sue@aim.com	12/31/2016
TREASURER Gerald Brown	352-561-4007 brown2338@CenturyLink.net	6/30/2017
SECRETARY Lori Hollister	352-430-0500 lkhollystar@aol.com	12/31/2016
MEMBERSHIP Julie Harris	352-205-8713 halldrama1@outlook.com	6/30/2017
VOLUNTEER TRUSTEE Ren Titus	352-751-1282 Rtitus@thevillages.net	12/31/2016
COMMUNITY RELATIONS TRUSTEE Steve Larson	352-633-2934 sklarson01@gmail.com	6/30/2017
EVENTS TRUSTEE Skip Todd	352-561-4923 skip0358@gmail.com	12/31/2016
MEDIA TRUSTEE Bob O'Neal	352-751-0035 boneal1939@gmail.com Editor of the Newsletter	6/30/2017

ELECTION CHAIR

Paul Kinder is the Election Chair.

Nominations are submitted to Paul@352-259-3832 or by email paulfkinder@gmail.com

Paul and his committee conduct the elections



MEMBER ADVOCATE

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

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