

Parrot Talk

PRESIDENT'S CORNER



You Guys Surprise Me

First, we were a little nervous that we would not be able to sell 400 tickets to the May 4th Anniversary Party by March 31st. No problem, over 500 sold at this point and still counting.

Then, we stuck our necks out and supported a Blood Drive, January 18th at Colony. Tony from One Blood said it would be great if we got 200 donors. Under my breath, I thought good luck with that. Well, we got over 300 blood donations and that is not counting those who got turned down.

Did you see me give out five (5) Golden Parrot Awards at the Volunteer Appreciation Party? Paul Kinder, Bonnie Simpson, Sue Kermis, Joyce VandeMaele and Jack Casto all got them. Good Parrot Head workers. There will be more as folks become eligible.

If you keep working events or just come and support them, we will keep bring them your way. What a great club.

Bob

YTB TRAVEL AGENCY

Book through our own travel agency. 60% of the commissions are returned to the club. The link:

www.ytbtravel.com/villagesphc

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MEMBER ADVOCATE

Any member who has an issue with the Club or another member may seek resolution by contacting our Member Advocate, Paul Kinder (shown at left) at 259-3832 or paulfkinder722@aol.com. Paul will work with the parties or the EXCOMM to resolve the issue.



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FEBRUARY 2014

5 O'CLOCK SOMEWHERE

Wednesday February 12 @ 4:00PM
Sonny's BBQ in Lake Sumter Landing

EXCOMM MEETING

Monday February 24@PALMER CC
@9:00AM. Members welcome to attend

CHILI COOK OFF

Saturday February 1st @ Lake
Sumter Landing Market Square
\$5 Wristbands on sale @ LSL
Cooking starts @9:00AM
Judging at Noon
Chili available to eat @ Noon
Bill Busker, Chair @954-295-9510



SPRING FLING DANCE

Sunday February 23rd @Colony Cottage @5:00PM
Tickets \$12.50 PP on sale at February Phlockings
Music by Dunning Shaw @6:30PM
Bonnie Simpson, Chair @259-9586

POKER RUN

Saturday March 29th at Noon Open to the public
Start at the Polo Field: the first four (4) poker stations
will be (in no particular order) Hacienda CC, Mallory
Hills CC, Palmer CC and Cody's. Eat at one of these
locations and return to the Polo Field.

*The fifth poker station will be at Lord Lyall's farm
behind the Polo Field:the location will be marked by
balloons. Additional poker cards may be purchased
There will be music, auction, raffles, polo match*

Tickets @\$5/card on sale @ February Phlockings
No limit on number of cards

Bob & Michele Wilhite, Co-Chairs @259-3715

Judy Turner, Chair of Baskets@753-4968

****Baskets & items to fill baskets Needed****

Joe & Susie Dobrowolski Co-Chairs of Pinata
@751-2566

Kevin McLaughlin, Chair Windjammer Raffle 430-0719

****Raffle tickets @\$5 or 3/\$10 on sale at Phlockings****

PHLOCKINGS

- 1) Wednesday February 5
@Palmer CC@4:00PM
- 2) Tuesday February 18
Evans Prairie CC@2:00PM*
- 3) Wednesday February 19
@Mallory Hill CC @4:00PM

Note Evans Prairie @2-5PM*

*****Bring portable chairs in
case we run out of seats at the
Phlockings

*Wear your Parrot head shirts
and name tags*

Please bring food items for the
Christian Food Pantry (See
Page #5 for suggested items)

BOCCE BLAST

Thursday April 24th @Locations TBD @ 1:00PM
Friday April 25th Playoff@Lake Miona @10:00AM
Entry fee \$15 PP Party only \$10 PP
Fri. April 25th Celebration Party @Lake Miona
@5:00PM

****Pizza, Salad & Dessert (BYOB)****

Music by "3 for the Road"

Cash Prizes, Gift Card Drawings, 50/50

Doug & Kathy Pietro, Chairs @352-633-6010

Fran & Franny Durr, Co-Chairs @302-542-3124

11th ANNIVERSARY PARTY

Sunday May 4th @Katie Belle's @4-10PM
Tickets \$25 PP (no points) on sale in February
Dinner included +happy hour drink pricing
Music by Caribbean Chillers & Key West Fruities

Windjammer Raffle drawing

Ann Blanchard, Chair@352-750-6287

Glenny Kinder, Chair Ticket Sales@259-3832

See Flyer <http://www.thevillagesparrotheads.com>

FALL DANCE

Wednesday October 29 @LaHacienda Rec Ctr
Details to follow

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saturday December 6 @Paradise Rec Ctr
Details to follow

Glenny Kinder, Chair @259-3832

NEW YEARS EVE PARTY

Wednesday December 31 @Paradise Rec Ctr
Details to follow

Shalda Nelson, Chair @352-259-2869



OUT OF TOWN EVENTS

MARDI GRAS PARADE

Saturday Feb 22, in Leesburg @7:00PM
Float: *"Drinks on the House"*

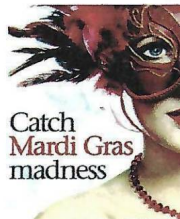
Float workers meet @Noon
Walkers, riders meet @6:00PM

Parade starts on Magnolia Street and goes down Main Street past reviewing stand

BEADS NEEDED FOR PARADE:
BRING TO PHLOCKINGS

Meet after parade at Magnolia's Oyster Bar & Cafe at 201 West Magnolia Street

Ann Blanchard, Chair @750-6287



MUSIC ON THE BAY

Thursday February 28-Monday March 3
Whiskey Joe's Barefoot Beach on Tampa Bay
Many top Trop Rock musicians.

Check the website for registration:

<http://www.musiconthebay.org/index.php>

Joe & Susie Dobrowolski, Co-Chairs @751-2566

CITY WALK-UNIVERSAL ORLANDO

Tuesday March 4th bus leaves Sumter Landing @2:00PM

Bus leaves City Walk @11:00PM; @LSL approx. 12:30AM

****Fat Tuesday celebration events****

Tickets @ \$25 PP on sale at February Phlockings

Victoria Privott, Chair @757-869-8975

GUMBO FESTIVAL JACKSONVILLE

Friday & Saturday March 14-15

Host hotel: Crown Plaza Jacksonville Riverfront

Gumbo cooking contest

Trop Rock Music

Benefits Mandarin Food bank

See website for details and registration

<http://www.phinsjax.org/id30.html>

LA CAGE AUX FOLLES

Thursday March 27th Bus leaves LSL Bus Sta @9:00AM

The *musical comedy* is a matinee @1PM (return @5-6PM)

Tickets \$65 PP on sale at February Phlockings
Includes bus, driver tip, show and buffet lunch

Paul Kinder, Chair @352-259-3832

Dian Harvey, Assistant Chair @352-630-8942

FT LAUDERDALE WATER TAXI PUB CRAWL

Friday May 16-Saturday May 17 Water Taxi to bars and restaurants. Live Entertainment, Duck Race, Silent Auction and Room Crawl Saturday at host resort for free drinks and raffle prizes.

Registration open February 14th-flyer to follow

Host resort is Bahia Cabana Hotel (954)524-1555

****Ask for Parrot Head Rate****

Karolyn Holmes, Barefoot Children of Fort Lauderdale PHC

JEWELS DUNNS RIVER BEACH RESORT & SPA, JAMAICA

Sunday June 22-Saturday June 28, 2014

All inclusive trip (except air fare)

\$100 PP deposit signups @ February Phlockings

Three categories of rooms start @\$810 Dbl Occupancy

<http://www.jewelresorts.com/resorts/dunnsriver/>

Jennifer Costello, Chair @352-8951838

Skip Todd, Co-Chair @352-446-9424

MEETING OF THE MINDS KEY WEST

"Havana Daydreamin'" October 29-November 2, 2014.

Register by going to the PHIP website:

<http://www.phip.com/motm.asp>

The registration cost is \$90 PP. The convention is held at the Casa Marina Resort. Rooms may be booked at:

www.casamarinaresort.com

Other accommodations may be found through

<http://www.fla-keys.com/propsearch/accomloc.cfm>



Membership News

NEW MEMBERS IN JANUARY

We welcomed 97 new Parrot Heads into the Club in January!!

Rick & Sylvia Anderson
Rick & Carol Andrews
Peter & Rosie Aylward
Tony Banner
Bill Bollin
Art & Marilyn Bond
Craig & Bonnie Bradley
Bob & Mary Braghelli
Ben & Pat Buczynski
Don & Cindy Carpenter
Pete & Katherine Coccionitti
John & Sue Donnelly
Jerome & Dianne Duguay
Amy Dunigan
Ken Ekkert
Ron & Roseann Elsey
Andrea Evans
Richard Frost
Bob & Linda Gaertner
Teri Gray
Helen Grinstead

Kathy Guerin
Jim & Mary Halloran
Bev Harrell
Nancy Hartshorn
Duane Hess
Jim & Susan Howley
Bob & Sharon Kirtley
Debbie Kovalsky
Chuck & Katie Kratz
Jim & Susan Krysiak
Linda Kuehn
Ray Lamia
Warren Litavsky
Lou & Kerry Martarano
Jim Martin
Thomas & Prudence Martinez
Lou & Sue Maruzo
Leo Mcgrath
Christy Mikuta
Rob Newton
JoAnn Olah

Joe & Betty Pane
John & Joanne Platt
Dennis & Jane Porter
Tom & Emile Ring
Monica Rizzo
Ann Romrell
Phil & Bonnie Schnorr
Wendell & Doris Sherman
John & Dot Shewchuk
Jack & Kim Siegel
Corrine Smith
Joe & Theresa Thiel
Jesse & Janet Torregrossa
Sharon Tuttle
Cheryl Veltman
Amanda Warner
Tim & Sharon Warner
Bill & Ursula Wells
Buddy & Maureen West
Diane Williams
Mary Wimberly

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Membership renewals for 2014 are available at all the Phlockings. Cost: \$15 (through March)

Current members who wish to rejoin the club, please come to the Phlocking of your choice with a filled out application form (to expedite the signup) which is found on our website:

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

Look under the membership button.

ATTENTION MEMBERS

PLEASE contact our Membership Chair Carolyn Barger at the Membership table or email her at cdbarger01@gmail.com if your address, phone number or email address changes. this is vital to keep our records up to date and assure that you receive our club communications.

LAKE PARADISE CLEANUP

The last Thursday of each month, Virginia and George van Santen (750-6269), plus Bob and Cathy Snyder lead a cleanup of the area around Lake Paradise. Volunteers are asked to wear covered shoes and gloves and meet next to the Dog Park across the bridge from Spanish Springs at 9:00AM for the one hour task.



CHARITY ACTIVITIES

FUNDRAISER AT CODY'S

Cody's will be hosting the following fundraiser sponsored by our Club per the Charity Committee:

1) Tuesday, **March 25, 2014 @4:00PM** Cody's is hosting a fundraiser for the Veterans' Honor Flight. We can show our support by attending this Club fundraiser and "Partying with a purpose."

The only "up front" cost is a \$5 wristband.

Members may make additional donations to the VETERANS' HONOR FLIGHT

Cody's will provide music, food, happy hour drinks, a raffle and an auction.



Pictured above: Terrie Fox, Julie Litzsinger, Lee Caron, Sandee Lorenzen, Beth Pendergraft, Sharon Couture, Linda Leggett, Will Stone, Bob Alosi and Cindy Mosier

CAMP BOGGY CREEK

The Villages Parrot Heads and the Sweet Potato Queens teamed up Tuesday, January 15th at the PH Phlocking at Mallory Hill Country Club, to present Checks totaling \$2900 to Sharon Couture of Camp Boggy Creek.

The Sweet Potato Queens, a group of seven ladies who conduct fundraisers for charities, raised \$2400 and the Parrot Heads chipped in \$500.

Julie Litzsinger, Beth Pendergraft and Linda Leggett are Parrot Heads as well as Sweet Potato Queens.

Linda Leggett, spokesperson for the Sweet Potato Queens, may be reached at (352)750-9857 for more information about the group.

Camp Boggy Creek is a year round camp for seriously ill children throughout Florida.

Their website is <http://www.boggycreek.org/>

ANNIVERSARY PARTY FUNDRAISER FOR HABITAT

Attention members:

As part of the activities associated with the 11th Anniversary celebration, the organizers are asking members to donate the following items to be used in the auction and raffle to benefit the Habitat For Humanity Veterans' Housing Initiative:

1. (Raffle Tickets) for auction/raffle items & 50/50
2. Any Parrot Head items picked up at MOTM or items related to Parrot Heads to fill foot locker/trunk
3. Any unwanted bottles of liquor/wine for the little red wagon

If you wish to make a donation, please contact Gary Blanchard @ Cell 352 636-8004 or Home 750-6287

CHRISTIAN 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



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GOLDEN PARROT AWARD



Paul Kinder

At the Volunteer Appreciation Party Monday January 20th at Evans Prairie President Bob Alosi presented the prestigious Golden Parrot Award to five club members in recognition of their outstanding service to the club. They are all continually involved, often behind the scenes, in making the club "tick"



Bonnie Simpson



Sue Kermis



Joyce VandeMaele



Jack Casto



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EXCOMM NEWS

EVANS PRAIRIE

Serious concerns by the owner of EP were addressed by Bob Alosi, Lee Caron and Paul Kinder 1/28 with the agreement:

- 1) Meetings will be @2-5PM to help parking for PH members and for diners
- 2) Smoking will be permitted only in designated locations front and rear of golf shop
- 3) Servers will be instructed to get names of members to stop non-payment of bills
- 4) Members will not be permitted to bring outside drinks into the meeting
- 5) Happy Hour 11AM-5PM

We can not afford to lose EP; the owner wants to work with us. PLEASE COOPERATE WITH THESE FEW REQUESTS SO THAT WE CAN CONTINUE TO ENJOY THIS VENUE.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION PARTY

Monday January 20th, the second annual Volunteer Appreciation Party was hosted by Katie Alosi at Evans Prairie.

275 of 550 eligible members who had at least one point for volunteering last year enjoyed a free drink.

230 of 331 members with at least three points received pins.

**The remaining 101 members who are entitled to pins may pick them up from Ren Titus at any Phlocking

VOLUNTEER POINTS

How to receive credit:

- 1) Make sure your chair persons have your first and last name & the hours worked
- 2) At Habitat: put PH after name on log in sheet (Gary Blanchard, Chair)
- 3) At Operation Shoebox: give hours to Barbara Pace plantwoman2@aol.com
- 4) At Helping Hands: put PH after name on log in sheet (Susie Newland, Chair)
- 5) For questions about volunteering or points, see Volunteer Coordinator Ren Titus at any Phlocking. (1 point for 2 hours; 2 points for 5 hours of volunteer work)

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