

Larson's Latitudes

The Villages Parrot Heads Newsletter

Abide.

February 2025 "Year of the Pirate" Edited by Marty Guilliouma



President's Corner

"Mark the Shark" Woodland



I am still utterly amazed at what our club members do to help others. As I put out our 2024 Annual Report (attached -pages 16– 18), I am so proud of all of you. We did over \$1,300,000 of charity work during 2024. Just unbelievable. And we had so much fun doing it.

We started off the month of January 2025 with our first ever Redneck, Hootenanny, Hoedown. If you missed this, you sure missed a lot of phun. Thanks to Lee Caron & Ann Blanchard for organizing such an interesting event with great music from the Alan Dover Band.

We also had a very successful first Blood Drive for this year. There is always a need for blood and one pint of blood can help save the lives of up to three people. So please donate if you can. Our next one is March 7 & 8. Watch you emails !!

We also had our 3rd Annual Gasparilla Golf Cart Parade, where many of us decorated out golf carts and invaded Brownwood Square — causing Havoc and Mayhem. We settled in at Bluefin Grille & Bar, all dressed as Pirates, and Danny B played our phavorite tunes. What a phun day !!

February 1st brings the Rotary Club Chili Cook-Off. We have won the "People's Choice" award for 11 years in a row. We aim to make it an even dozen this year . We will once again, bring a 40' Pirate Ship to Lake Sumter Landing Square. Always a lot of phun, so come on out and volunteer.

Our first club cruise in years will be February 15-22. Over 200 of us will board the NCL Epic for a high seas adventure. I'm sure there will be lots of stories to tell after this one as we all look forward to a great time.

That's all for now, but on a personal note, I must put in a

"Go Birds" for the Super Bowl !!

C U all soon Parrot heads. Keep your Phins Up always __/__ !!!!!



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The 2024 Villages Parrot Heads Club Annual Report is also on the PH Website: https://www.villagesparrotheads.com/_files/ugd/f58552_8ed67ac259d14be08cb65fb429ea1c58.pdf

Meet New Members

Pat Anderson-McLeod and Phillip McLeod

A LOVE STORY

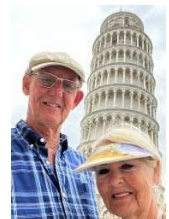
Pat Anderson-McLeod was born and raised in Michigan. She graduated from Spring Arbor College and taught Elementary School in Hazel Park, MI until she retired. She was then a caregiver for her mother for 3 1/2 years until her mother passed. She was married 35 years to Don and was his caregiver the last 7 years of his life due to Alzheimer's disease. In 2013, Pat bought a home in The Villages and was a snowbird until 2017. She stayed in The Villages after her husband passed in 2018, enjoying her volunteer work at Hope Lutheran Church where she was a member.

Philip McLeod was born in Roswell, New Mexico. He graduated from Notre Dame and returned to New Mexico for law school. He worked for the Federal Government in Seattle until promotions took him to Pittsburgh and Atlanta and he became a Judge in 1981. In 1999, he moved to New Orleans where he continued as a Judge until he retired in 2015. Philip came to The Villages in 2018. Eventually, he found his way to Hope Lutheran Church where he and Pat met at a weekly social dinner.



They started dating in March 2022 and quickly fell in love. They got married on Valentine's Day, 2023 on Clearwater Beach at sunset! They had a beautiful small ceremony with their Pastor and his wife. And, before the ceremony was over, everybody on the beach was cheering them on!

That summer in 2023, they took a 4+ month Honeymoon trip to Europe. Their trip started with an 18-day cruise to Europe and then trains throughout Europe. They saw 19 countries and 51 cities. They then took a 21-day Mediterranean cruise ending in Amsterdam, to board another 18-day cruise stopping at Greenland, Iceland, Nova Scotia, and landing in New York. They spent a few days in New York City before taking the train back to The Villages. They continue to grow more in love with each other, every day. They both agree, they are LIVING THE DREAM!!!



They joined the Parrothead Club because they believe in donating to local charities and the volume of volunteer work done by the Parrotheads. They immediately joined and started attending different activities and phlockings.



Their advice to new members is to get involved beyond phlockings. Volunteer!

They love to travel, play golf, dance, cruise, and enjoy all the activities the The Villages' club have to offer. They are looking forward to the February NCL cruise.

Phillip's favorite Jimmy Buffet song is One Particular Harbor and Pat's favorite song is Margaritaville!

They absolutely love the idea of "Partying With a Purpose"!!

When you see Pat and Phillip at a Phlocking or around the Squares, introduce yourself and welcome them to The Villages Parrot Head Club.

1/15/25

HEY PARROTHEADS, WHAT TIME IS IT?

2025



CANCELLED
Jan 1 @ Cane Garden CC

Nancy Walker
Jan 8 @ Havana CC

VP Lisa MacLeod
Lead the Phlocking
Jan 19 @ Belle Glade CC

2024

John Swift Dec 4, 2024



Johnny Ward Dec 11, 2024



Mark-the Shark Dec 15, 2024



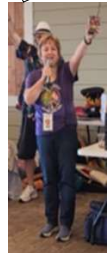
Jim Dieleman Nov 6



Skip Todd Nov 13



Carolyn Barger Nov 17



Club

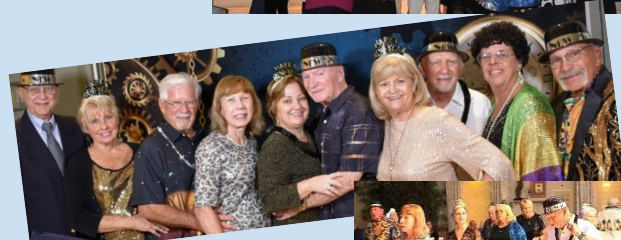
January Wrap-Ups

Dec 31, 2024

New Year Party

THANK YOU, BOB ALOSI, RUTH KUNZE QUEVEDO & TEAM.

HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE!



Club

Jan 9

RedNeck Hootenanny

THANK YOU, LEE CARON, ANN BLANCHARD

& IT WAS A HOOT!!

OUTHOUSE



"Beer is proof that God loves us and wants us to be happy."

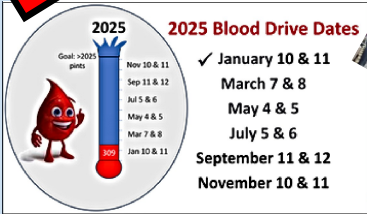


Blood

January 10 & 11

Blood Drive

Skip Todd & Franny Durr & Kevin Berry



309 Pints in January!!!

Club

Jan 14

New Members Orientation

Judy Turner



Club

Jan 24

Gasparilla Pirate Golf Cart Parade

3rd Annual Event



February Phlockings & Future Events

Club

Parrotheads gather at phlockings to hear about upcoming activities/ events while enjoying good food, drink, and great live music.

Wednesday, Feb 5th, Cane Garden CC
3:30pm - 6:00pm

Dan Flock will provide the entertainment for our 1st phlocking of the month.

Dan's song selection includes over 500 songs covering Standards, Oldies, Rock, Country, Motown and Disco

February Clothing Drive # 1 Flyer page 7 & 20

Wednesday, Feb 12th, Havana CC
1:00pm - 3:30pm

Cathy Kerns will provide the entertainment for our 2nd Phlocking this month.

Cathy will keep you dancing with an awesome mix of live entertainment.

February Clothing Drive # 2 Flyer page 7 & 20

Sunday, Feb 23rd Belle Glade CC
3:30pm - 6:00pm
"Phins-Up Shop" -Open

Hollywood and the Tropix will provide the entertainment for our 3rd Phlocking this month. It's always Happy Hour. Dance, Sing-A-Long or just tap your feet.

Note: Date Change due to Club Cruise 2/15-2/22

February Clothing Drive # 3 Flyer page 7 & 20

Lady Lake Food Pantry: All canned foods: fruits, veggies, beans, soups, etc. Peanut butter and Jelly, shelf Real milk, box meals.

ATTENTION-2025:

EVENT CHAIRS and EVENT VOLUNTEERS!!!!

If you need to go to the TV Parrot Head STORAGE UNIT for your upcoming events, you MUST contact:

Carolyn Barger
352-638-3681

ExtraSpace Storage

5420 Sundance Trail
Wildwood, FL 34785

Club

Feb 1 The Villages Rotary Chili Cook-off
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Sumter Landing

Dress Like a Pirate

Music by Mike & Gary. A 40' Pirate Ship. Come out and support our club. Cheer us on - It will be a PHUN day!

Charity

Feb 5, 12, 23

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February Clothing Drive

Bob Williams, Chair
bigsky2223@gmail.com
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Club

Feb 15-22

Judy & Larry Turner
352-308-7645

Lets Go Cruisin'!!

Wait List

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Additional BUS info added—Review. Flyer page 22

Blood

Mar 7 & 8

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Blood Drive

Skip Todd, Chair
Franny Durr
Kevin Berry

Club

Mar 17

St Patrick's Day Parade

NEEDED: PARADE WALKERS

Contact Mr. Al or signup at a Phlocking

Mr. Al, Chair
alphie1013@me.com

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Charity/Club

Mar 22

TVPHC Poker Run Fundraiser

Kathi Purdy, Chair
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Kathy Newstat, Co-Chair
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Club

Apr 15

New Members Orientation

Judy Turner

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Earn Parrot Points!!!!

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Other Club

Apr 24-26

Rendezvous 2025
Panama City Beach

2025 Registration is NOW open!

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WebMaster News

Membership

CLUB



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1/28/25

February Webmaster News

January has been a busy month with 2025 webpage updates and new events. Webpage updates include changes to charities and sponsors, and of course an update to the Board Members page with our new Membership Director, Bonnie Menard. The 2024 Annual Report is available. For completeness, webpage HTML code has also been modified so that webpage calendars print for 2025 vice 2024, a nuanced change but members use this functionality.

Looking forward to February, we have a Chili Cook-off Feb 1, an exciting Club Cruise planned Feb 15-22, and the Tampa Bay Parrothead Club has Music On The Bay Feb 26 – Mar 2. The flyers for these events are on the Webpage homepage Upcoming Events section and Other Parrothead Events panels; and links to all Florida Parrothead Clubs are available from the Quick Links panel for those looking to visit other Florida Parrothead Clubs. Together with the three Phlockings at our country clubs, February looks to be a lot of fun for our Parrothead members!



CLUB



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QR Developer
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January New Members as of 1/29/25

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|-----------------|
| Darien Bond |
| Joelle Cerlenko |
| Nancy Crowe |
| Timothy Crowe |
| Ken Crowell |
| Maggie Crowell |
| Claire Donahue |
| Timothy Donahue |
| Dave Frevert |
| Susan Frevert |
| Chris Geaghan |
| Richard Guthrie |
| Pat Guthrie |
| Dale Haataja |
| Mindy Haataja |
| Rebecca Hardy |
| Amber Humphrey |
| Tamio Humphrey |

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| Daniel Hurlburt |
| Susan Hurlburt |
| Ken Hutchison |
| Nancy Hutchison |
| Barbara Lernihau |
| Jessica Mallat |
| Serge Mallat |
| John Perkins |
| Sandy Perkins |
| Sharon Piepmeier |
| Amy Sanker |
| Len Sanker |
| Anna Schiliro |
| Al Simpler |
| Pamela Vallarelli |
| Angie Wilson |
| Jerry Wilson |

A Parrothead Welcome to our 35 new January members!

Don't forget, we are having a random drawing for a \$25 Havana gift card for our January winner at the Havana CC phlocking on February 12th. So, keep wearing your lanyards and checking in with your QR Codes for a chance to be the next gift card winner!

CHERYL BLACK ATKINS was our December winner!
Congratulations Cheryl!

A few notes about Membership Renewal / New Membership:

- Please do not use ALL CAPITALS or all lower case! This will be your new name in our system, so your QR Code will no longer work, as they are case sensitive.
- If you renew with a different name (using a nickname, changing to your formal name, etc.), that is absolutely fine – we want you to use the name you prefer! However, you will need to get a new ID badge with a new QR code, your old one will no longer work for you.

Bonnie Menard
Membership Director

Welcome

Charity News

Charity

2025 CHARITY DONATIONS

Alzheimer's Assoc-Rob Ainsley Memorial Golf Outing
 American Society for Suicide Prevention
 Angel Wigs of Hope
 Cody's Fundraiser
 Combat Veterans to Careers in Feb
 3 Food Pantries: Fruitland Park, Lady Lake, & Lake Panasoffkee (Wildwood)
 Hands of Mercy Everywhere (Trafficking)
 It Takes a Village
 Local Humane Society (Lake Pan)
 Operation Shoebox - Cody's Fundraiser May
 Patriot Service Dogs for Vets - Cody's Fundraiser Oct
 Pet Supplies Local Pet Shelter Drive
 Project Support Our Soldiers
 Shepherd's Lighthouse
 Sons of the American Legion
 Special Olympics of Clermont (PH Christmas Tree)
 Tri-County Women Veterans
 Veterans Helping Veterans
 Veterans to Careers Clothing Drive
 Wildwood Middle High - Cody's Fundraiser Jul
 Wildwood Soup Kitchen
 Ziggy's Haven Bird Sanctuary

All charities are 501(c)3 charities and are local.

February 23rd Food Drive @ Belle Glade

Items requested by the Lady Lakes Food Pantry:

All canned foods: fruits, vegetables, beans, soups, etc.

Peanut butter & Jelly. shelf Real milk, box meals.

Thanks everyone for giving.



Charity



Charity Trustee, Marsha Herring

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2025 Monthly Charity Food Drives

Drop off at one of the below Phlocking each month:

| HAVANA 2nd Wed of Month | BELLE GLADE 3rd Sun of Month | CANE GARDEN 1st Wed of Month |
|----------------------------|---|---------------------------------|
| ✓ JAN 8 Fruitland | FEB 16 23 Lady Lake <div>Note: Date Change due to Club Cruise 2/15-2/22</div> | MAR 5 Panasoffkee |
| APR 9 Wildwood | MAY 18 Fruitland | JUN 4 Lady Lake |
| JUL Panasoffkee | AUG Wildwood | SEP Fruitland |
| OCT Lady Lake | NOV Panasoffkee | DEC Wildwood |

2025 FEBRUARY CLOTHING DRIVE

What's in your closet that you no longer want or need?

Bob Williams, Chair

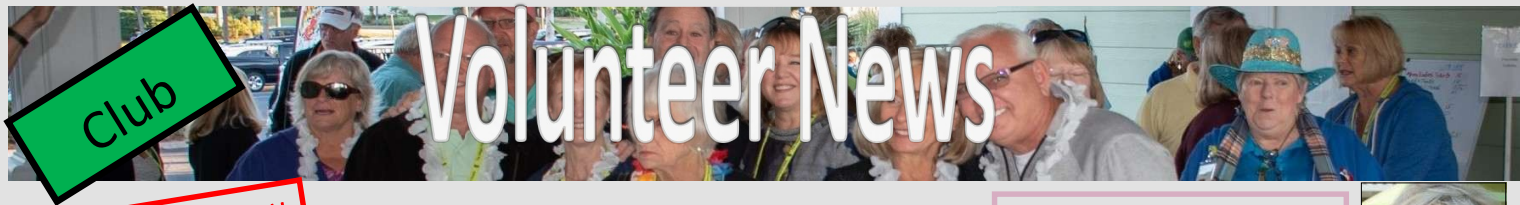
At all 3 February Phlockings (2/5, 12, 23), we will be accepting donations of men and women clothing, and accessories such as shoes, belts, hats, purses and jewelry. All items must be clean and in saleable condition. Help us by putting items in plastic bags with ties and jewelry in a separate zip lock bag. Cash donations accepted.

This drive will support the Combat Veterans To Careers (CVC). Their re-sale store, "The Restoring Hope Clothing Boutique", is adjacent to the Wildwood City Hall at 104 E Wonders St.

www.combatveteranstocareers.org.

CVC helps post 9/11 combat veterans transition from military service to productive civilian life. When a veteran returns from a combat zone, they are different, many having physical and/or mental disabilities. In the tri-county area, CVC helps reintegrate them into both their families and the community. CVC provides assistance with vocational training, employment, education, housing, mental/physical wellness, and Veterans Administration. There is a very high success rate with clients

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Volunteer News

Earn Parrot Points!!!!

HELP WANTED: Volunteers

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 312-209-9090



MAR 22 Poker Run

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Kathy Newstat
 609-674-7278

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 -Deb Warren, Co-Chair
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BASKET RAFFLE COMM

-Eileen Murray, Chair
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Looking for someone to train for 2026

Earn Parrot Points!!!!

**SEE FLYER ON PAGE 26
FOR MORE DETAILS.**

Mar 22 TVPHC Poker Run Fundraiser

Kathi Purdy, Chair
phpurdy22@gmail.com
 352-792-4024

Volunteers are needed to help with the poker run, both before and after. Drivers will be needed the day of to transport the baskets to Laurel Manor. You must have a truck or SUV. And volunteers are needed for various tasks.

If interested in helping out, please contact Kathi Purdy (phpurdy22@gmail.com) for further information.

SECURITY Dave Walls, Chair

dmwalls2001@yahoo.com
 904 506 1156

At each phlocking and other special events (poker run, golf outings, fundraisers, etc.), at least 1 of our members is a Security volunteer.

If you are interested in volunteering for this position, please contact Dave. He will explain more about the position.

Attendance:

Jaci Burdash
jlb2500@gmail.com

Membership:

Bonnie Menard
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50/50:

Deb Warren
Warrendeborah7@gmail.com

New Members Table:

Judy Turner
jturner2833@yahoo.com

Phins-Up Shop:

Jim Dieleman

2025 Volunteer Appreciation Party

364 members were invited to the Volunteer Appreciation Party held on January 27 at Cody's Brownwood to honor those members who earned 5 or more Parrot Points during the year for volunteering at various events. In addition, 26 members received a gift certificate for earning 60 Parrot points.

5 Parrotheads were awarded a Golden Parrot Award for their outstanding contributions to the club: Mark Woodland, Bob Veurink, Mary Wallace, Paul MacLeod, and Johnny Ward (absent)

CONGRATULATIONS!



Golden Parrot Award Recipients Past & Present



Travel News

Trivia & Drink

Travel



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Next Travel Meeting

February 13th, Thursday

The Travel Committee meets the 2nd Thursday every month. Get involved, you'll be glad you did.

Time: 1:00pm - 3:00pm

Where: Churchill Downs RC

Village resident ID required by the Rec Center

Receive 1 Parrot Point for attending

UPCOMING TRIPS!

2025 Travel Committee Activities



Feb 15-25 Lets' Go Cruisin! Norwegian Epic
 Judy & Larry Turner

SOLD OUT!
 WAIT LIST ONLY

2025 is going to be full of exciting and phun trips. The committee is working hard researching and checking out trips that can be planned for our Club members. And come join us at a Committee meeting the 2nd Thursday of the month.

GET READY FOR THE UPCOMING PHUN!
 Sheila Hughes

WEAR YOUR
 LANYARDS



Trivia of the Month

Barb Hopper



After the royalties began rolling in from "Come Monday" and subsequent albums, Jimmy treated himself to a 33 foot sail boat. What did he name the boat?

Answer on page 22

Drink of the Month

"Fuller's Favorites"

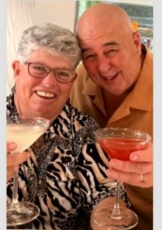
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Peach Fizz

The Peach Fizz is a light, refreshing cocktail combining the sweetness of peach with a zesty kick from lemon and a bubbly finish from soda water. It's an easy-to-make cocktail that will brighten your mood on a dark winter's eve.



Ingredients

1 oz peach schnapps
 1 oz vodka
 1/2 oz peach nectar
 1/2 oz lemon juice
 1/2 oz simple syrup
 Soda water

Instructions

Rim a highball glass with sugar.
 Fill a cocktail shaker with ice.
 Pour in everything but the soda water.
 Shake until chilled.
 Pour the mixture into the sugar-rimmed highball glass.
 Top the rest of the way with soda water

**WELCOME: OUR CLUB'S NEW
 "DRINK OF THE MONTH" MIXOLOGISTS
 "Fuller's Favorites"**



2025 January Smiles





Volunteer Parrot Points

LEARN HOW YOU EARN THEM

January 2025

Jaci Burdash
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Earning Parrot Points

Some of you might ask, What are volunteer Parrot Points and what are they used for? Members can earn Parrot Points from volunteering at our club's various events. For example: taking attendance at Phlockings, selling 50/50 tickets, donating blood, volunteering at the blood drive, helping at parties, and/or volunteering at any of our 3 big events per year (chili cook off, poker run, golf tournament).

Accumulating Parrot Points

Points are accumulated on a "rolling" 12 month period, i.e., from February to January or July to June. The rolling system works when points for a new month are posted and the points for the prior or year period are dropped. For example: July points for the current year are posted, the July points for the previous year will drop off. The only way your accumulated Parrot Point totals will change is when a new month is tallied and posted.

Posting Monthly Parrot Points

The total of all Members' Parrot Points are posted each month on our website: villagesparrot-heads.com, Quick Links, Check Earned Points. Monthly, event chairs submit the earned Parrot Points to me to track, tally, and post for the member's review. Check your points each month and let me know if you think any Parrot Points are missing.

Thanking you, our Members

Parrot Points are given to those members rewarding the volunteer work they have done for our club. And this is one of the ways we thank you for volunteering.

Parrot Points are then recognized to purchase advance ticket sales, advance priority event seating, receive an invitation to the annual Volunteer Appreciation event (specific yearly total must be accumulated), and to receive a Volunteer Appreciation Pin in recognition for your Volunteer efforts.

And, you do not lose Parrot Points if you use them to purchase advance ticket sales or priority seating.

Created 7/22/24



Volunteer Opportunities Outside Our Club

To be an approved charity, it must be a “not-for-profit” organization and registered with the State of Florida. Also, the contact or assistance must be willing to track the volunteer’s hours worked each month and report them back to our Volunteer Trustee.

Receive Parrot Points

Email the charity contact below if you are interested and tell them you are a Parrothead.

Wildwood Soup Kitchen: A church based not-for-profit organization that feeds the hungry in Wildwood Florida, complete the application, and include that you are a Parrothead.

Contact: Barbara McManus: 352-299-6494.

Email: barb.mcmanus@yahoo.com

Website: wildwoodsoupkitchen.org

The Villages Regional Hospital:

Contact: Gloria Counselman: 352-751-8176

Email: tvrhvpo@centflhealth.org

Cornerstone Hospice:

Email Heidi Gamet: hgaumet@cshospice.org.

Operation Homebound: A Meals on Wheels program for The Villages and surrounding areas.

Call: 352-689-1023, Email OHB@northlakepc.org

Best Buddies International: The charity is dedicated to ending the social, physical, and economic isolation for people with disabilities, i.e. Downs syndrome, autism, cerebral palsy and traumatic brain injury.

Call: 407-898-0787

Email: centralflorida@bestbuddies.org

Shepard’s Lighthouse: The charity helps homeless women, and mothers with children, get back on their feet by providing temporary shelter and training. The charity also has open positions on their Board of Directors.

Contact: Kathie Niesem: 847-641-3287

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No changes 2025



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Our 2025 Corporate Sponsors

Please support our Sponsors*. Last updated 1/12/25



Cody's has been a Corporate Sponsor for over 10 years. Without their support, we could not hold the Charity Fund Raisers our Club is known for. Cody's Original Roadhouse is a fun, casual, family friendly Roadhouse that serves "Just plain Good Food". You won't go home hungry or broke.



The Cane Garden Country Club is our newest venue. They have a great reputation for food and friendly service. Their location reflects the changing demographics of our Club's membership.



Havana Country Club hosts our Lunch Phlocking each month. Havana is proud to offer one of the best dining experiences in The Villages. They specialize in fine steaks, fresh seafood and pasta.



Belle Glade Country Club hosts our 3rd Phlocking each month. They invite you to come and promise to serve up what it takes to make you happy.



Jack Maiz is a Club Member and the owner of Safe Harbor Financial & Insurance Services LLC. He specializes in Medicare Planning for Veterans on Tricare and Eligible Seniors, age 65 and over. He also specializes in Fixed Guaranteed Annuities. You can visit his website at www.jmaizsafeharborllc.com or call him at (352) 205-6911.



Owned by Club member Scott Larson, the Lake-Sumter Dryer Vent Cleaning LLC does just what the name says. Each year there are over 15,000 house fires caused by lint filled dryer vents. This local business can make sure your house is not one of them. Call for an appointment at (352) 787 5202 or visit www.lakesumterdryerventcleaning.com.



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Diane Smallwood is a Realtor with the Keller Williams Cornerstone Agency capable and she is ready to help you buy or sell a home. She is also one of the Club's favorite entertainers Caribbean Chillers. Diane can be reached at (352) 787-4325, email at DianeSmallwood@kw.com, or website is www.dianesmallwoodrealty.com.



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The First Responders of Station 44 host our Blood Drives. We always appreciate their support.

* Note: club corporate sponsors sign a memorandum of understanding and pay an annual fee. Their names and/or logos appear herein and they may sponsor a charity event. This differs from event sponsors who sign up for a specific event and are recognized therein.

IMMEDIATE PRESS RELEASE

The Villages Parrot Heads Club breaks the \$1 Million dollar mark in volunteer and charity work

The Villages Parrot Heads club is a not-for-profit Social Club who is constantly thriving to “Leave the World a Little Better Than We Found It” each day.

With over 1,000 members ourselves, we are the largest Parrot Head Club in the world with over a thousand members. We are a charter member of our parent organization “Parrot Heads in Paradise” (or PHIP) which has almost 200 clubs worldwide and close to 20,000 members.

Our club gets together almost every week at our club meetings which are called “Phlockings”. Even though these phlockings are our business meeting, there is entertainment at each, and our members get to socialize with each other. We have three phlockings so our members can choose which one to attend or attend all. We also have get togethers such as fundraisers, Pop-up parties, 5 o’clock somewhere parties, driveway parties, etc. Our club enjoys socializing.

Our club has major fundraisers such as our golf cart poker run and basket raffle in the spring, and our golf tournament in the fall which we raise thousands of dollars for charities. We also have fundraisers during the year as we thrive to “Party with a Purpose” which is our club motto. We are also very proud of our blood drives which are now the largest in the state of Florida.

But most of all, we are proud of our members, who put so much time in volunteering for numerous activities. In 2024, our members were responsible for over 27,000 volunteer hours and over \$1,308,280.00 in Volunteer and Charity work.

If you are interested in joining this wonderful club, just go to our website at www.villagesparrotheads.com and sign up.

Please check out our 2024 Annual Report which highlights some, but not all of our activities in 2024, which follows:

2024 Villages Parrot Heads Club Annual Report

Once again, it is my honor to submit The Villages Parrot Heads Club's annual report highlighting major club events undertaken by our members. We are fortunate and proud to have the world's largest Parrot Head club membership of over 1000 members in 2024, and our membership is very generous and active as you will see. In this annual report, I would like to highlight just some of our activities.

First, I would once again like to praise our members who helped raise **\$246,209.00** in cash and in-kind donations and worked **27,741** volunteer hours. In Florida, the value of one volunteer hour is \$29.41, with the value of these hours being **\$815,862.81**. **In total, our club was responsible for over \$1,308,280.00 in charity work and Volunteer hours in 2024 which is unbelievable.**

2024 saw a rise in corporate support for our functions and fundraising activities. This resulted in donations by these corporate sponsors to help with our fundraising activities as well as the use of their facilities. With the help of these corporate sponsors, we were able to hold a few major fundraisers at a local restaurant. We were able to raise and donate **\$2,500.00** to Patriot Dogs for Veterans, **\$4,650.00** to Wildwood Middle School, and **\$2,500.00** to Operation Shoebox.

Over the course of the year, we hold three (3) Phlockings each month where our members gather, listen to music, and enjoy the comradery of each other's company. One phlocking each month is designated as our Food Pantry Donation Phlocking. At our Halloween party we also ask for donations of cash and/or gift cards to help the hungry. I am happy to announce that we were able to donate **\$7,495.00** in cash, gift cards, and in-kind donations to help the local food banks feed the hungry.

Also, at each phocking, we hold a 50/50 raffle with all the proceeds going to our charities. This year we designated all the money raised in October and November to be donated to Hurricane and Natural disaster relief. We were able to donate **\$4,500.00** to the Lone Palm Foundation, which is an organization of Parrot Heads helping Parrot Heads when a disaster strikes.

In February, we participated in the Rotary Club Chili Cook-off and raised **\$2,821.00** for their charities. We won the People's Choice award for the 11th year in a row. This is awarded to the club that gets the most donations for their charities in four hours. We are very proud of this accomplishment and are gearing up to make it an even dozen years in a row in 2025.

In April we held our annual Golf Cart Poker Run and basket raffle. My annual goal is to reach \$12,000 to \$15,000 for charity. I am happy to say that we not only reached that goal but surpassed it by raising over **\$18,559.00** for local charities. Because of this we were able to donate **\$300.00** to the Sons of American Legion Post #347 for their Golf Tournament, **\$2,000.00** to Combat Veterans to Careers, **\$2,000.00** to Veterans helping Veterans, **\$2,000.00** to It Takes A Village, **\$2,174.00** to Friends of SOZO kids, **\$2,000.00** to YOUR Humane society, **\$2,000.00** to Shepherd's Lighthouse, **\$300.00** to Tri-County Women's Vets, **\$300.00** to Suicide prevention, and **\$1,825.00** to Special Olympics as well as many other charities.

In February we had a slightly used clothing drive. We collected **550** bags of clothes which were donated to the thrift shops of Combat Veterans to Careers (CVC) which is a non-profit organization that works with transitioning combat veterans to help them find employment and establish themselves in civilian society. The value of these donations was **\$55,000.00**.

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In July, we were asked if we could help with a charity function for “Angel Wigs of Hope”, which is a charity who helps provide wigs and support for women who are undergoing cancer treatment. Well, our club jumped in and filled the place. Both the hall and the music were donated, and we were able to present a check for **\$5,200.00** to this wonderful organization.

Our club is extremely proud of our blood drives. This year we held 6 blood drives at Firehouse #44. I am excited to tell you that we set a record by collecting **2419** pints of blood or **302.38** gallons. As one (1) pint of blood can help save the lives of up to three (3) people, we helped save **7,257** lives this year. I am now ecstatic to tell you that we have surpassed Daytona Speedway with blood donations, and we are, once again, the leading blood donation site in the state of Florida. Wow – What an accomplishment!

In September, we held our second annual “Rob Ainsley Memorial Golf Tournament” which was named after our beloved Vice-President who passed away last year. We have dedicated our tournament, in his memory, to the Alzheimer’s Association / The Longest Day, for Alzheimer’s research. With the help of our sponsors, our members, and everyone who played and/or volunteered, I am astounded to tell you that we presented a check to the Alzheimer’s Association / The Longest day for **\$56,000.00**. This brings our 3-year total to over **\$145,000** raised for Alzheimer’s. We also donated another **\$1,000.00**, in the name of Terry Wallace, our member and friend, who passed away in December, as he was an integral part of taking our club to the heights of our charity raising. We will be doing something special in his name to honor him at our next tournament. A TEAM DRINK goes out to everyone who participated or helped in this endeavor. Hopefully, someday there will be a cure for this disease.

In December, a few of our veteran members held our 4th annual Toys-4-Tots Candy Cane Golf Cart drive-by to help the Marine Corp Toys-4-Tots program. Our members and friends donated **\$7,684.00** worth of toys and cash for the kids.

Our club continues to expand, to get together with the memory of Jimmy Buffett, and to aim to help those less fortunate. The dedication of our members who step up to volunteer their precious time is unsurpassed as they always strive to leave the world a little better than we found it each day and it sometimes overwhelms me. We definitely live by our motto: “Party with a Purpose”.

I am extremely proud of the members of our club who participate and work so hard to make our club the success it is. I am humbled and proud to be the President of this outstanding organization !!

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Woodland

Mark Woodland

President, The Villages Parrot Heads Club



February 1



2/1/25 Annual Chili Cookoff

This year's Rotary Club Chili Cook-off is Saturday, February 1, 2025 at Sumter Landing. We have won the People's Choice award 11 years straight, so let's extend the streak this year!!

We have decided to run the event by committee this year and still need the below coordinators to complete the committee. You must have some experience with the Chili cook-off to fill these positions. Each position will receive at least 3 Volunteer "Parrot" points for their efforts that day, and days leading up to the event.

✦ Set-up Coordinator to arrange truck/ transportation

✦ An Event Volunteer Coordinator to keep track of volunteers and inform the Club coordinator of all volunteers

✦ Cookie Donations Coordinator to collect cookies during event and distribute them to the event

ALL POSITIONS ARE FILLED. WE NEED ALL OF OUR MEMBERS TO COME OUT, CHEER US ON AND HAVE A PHUN DAY!!! DRESS LIKE A PIRATE!

✦ Anything is getting done with anything is getting done with

✦ Signs/Money to Rotary/ Rotary Signs/Money to Rotary/ Rotary

✦ Coordinator to have members working the booth. people to come to our booth.

If you are interested in being a coordinator and being part of our committee, please contact Mark Woodland at MarktheSharkDJ@gmail.com for more info. You will have other volunteers working with you and you will NOT have to do all the work

Lots more info coming soon, so mark your calendars !!



February 5, 12, 23

Bob Williams, Chair
bigsky2223@gmail.com
773-480-7430



What's in your closet that you no longer need?

At all 3 Phlockings in February we will be collecting men's, women's and children's clothing to support a local charity.

Accessories are also welcome, such as shoes, belts, hats, jewelry, and purses. Items donated need to be clean and in sale-able condition.

Help us expedite our loading and delivering efforts by putting items in plastic bags with ties. Please put all jewelry donations in a zip-lock plastic bag.

Donations will be delivered to Restoring Hope Clothing Boutique, a thrift shop supporting Combat Veterans To Careers(CVC). It is located adjacent to City Hall in Wildwood.



CVC helps post 911 combat veterans transition from military service to productive civilian careers. In the tri-county area, CVC helps veterans and their families with employment, education, housing, physical/mental wellness, Veterans Administration help and more.

www.combatveteranstocareers.org for more information

Cash donations will also be accepted

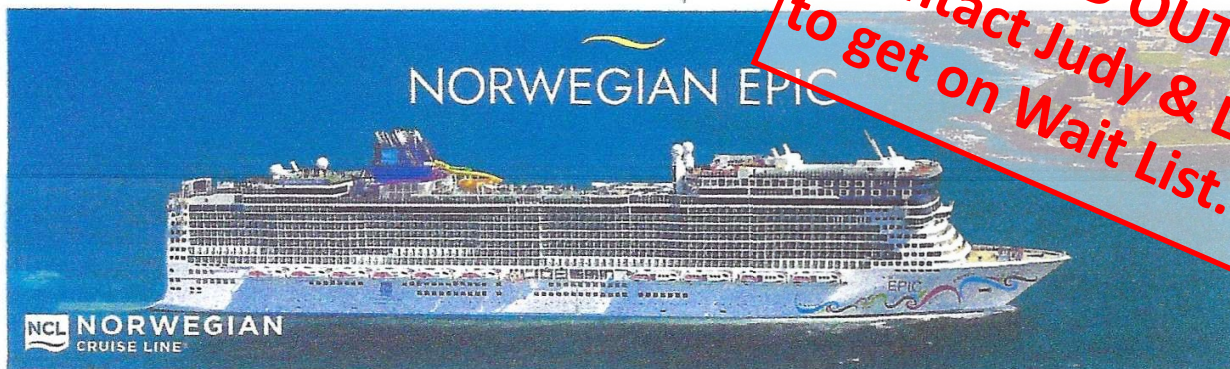
Chair: Bob Williams bigsky2223@gmail.com 773-480-7430



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February 15-22

SOLD OUT -
Contact Judy & Larry
to get on Wait List.

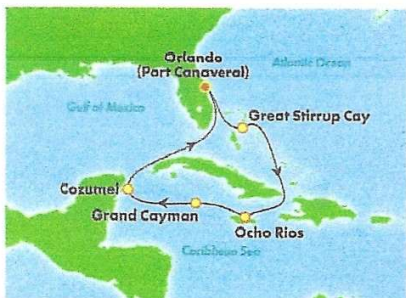


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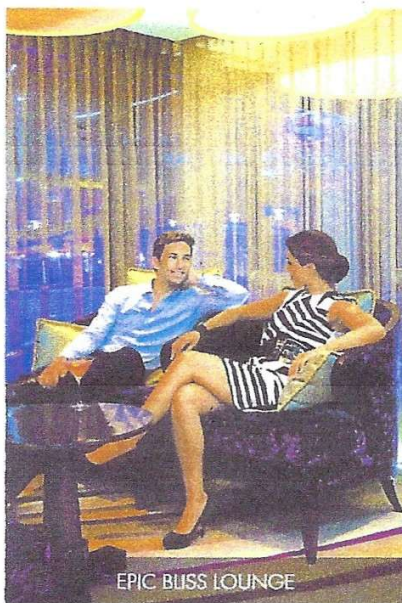
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\$100 OBC PER CABIN, DRINK PACKAGE (not including gratuities), 2 SPECIALTY DINING MEALS PER CABIN, \$50 SHORE EXCURSION CREDIT PER CABIN, 150 MINUTE WIFI PER PERSON

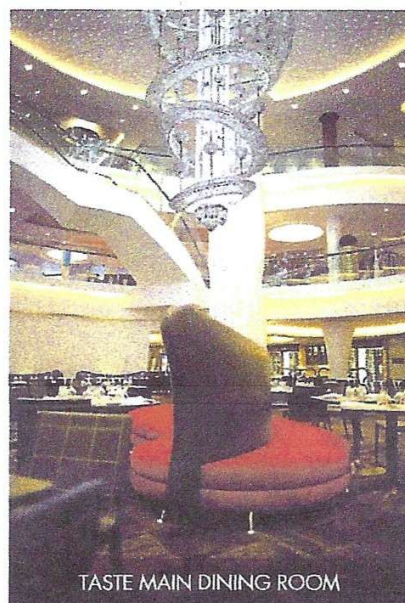
7-DAY WESTERN CARIBBEAN FROM ORLANDO (PORT CANAVERAL)
FEB 15, 2025 to FEB 22, 2025



| DAY | PORT | ARRIVE | DEPART * |
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| Sat | Orlando (Port Canaveral), Florida | - | 5:30 PM |
| Sun | Great Stirrup Cay, Bahamas | 8:00 AM | 5:00 PM |
| Mon | Relaxing day at sea | - | - |
| Tue | Ocho Rios, Jamaica | 8:00 AM | 5:00 PM |
| Wed | George Town, Grand Cayman | 8:00 AM | 4:00 PM |
| Thu | Cozumel, Mexico | 10:30 AM | 6:30 PM |
| Fri | Relaxing day at sea | - | - |
| Sat | Orlando (Port Canaveral), Florida | 7:00 AM | - |



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Updated Info - NCL Cruise Bus



NCL Epic Cruise Bus Arrangements February 15-22

A reminder that the bus will arrive approximately 8:30am at the Walmart parking lot on 466. Our anticipated arrival at the port will be 11:00 to 11:30. That all depends on everyone arriving on time to load luggage. IF YOU ARE GOING TO BE LATE.... PLEASE CALL ME at 352-446-5757.

There will be three busses to take us to Port Canaveral. You all have been PREASSIGNED to a bus and if you have forgotten you can give me a call at 352-446-5757. Load your luggage on your assigned bus and then proceed to the front of your bus. There will be *NO assigned seats*. Simply line up near the front bus door and board when you are directed to do so.

Your Bus captains will board first, and the first 4 seats are reserved for them. There are also two reserved seats near the front with those who have notified me about any special needs. All other information about the bus was distributed at the Bon Voyage meeting with a printed copy in your bags.

Thank you and see you soon

Mitzi Daggett

Sent 1/27/25

Blood

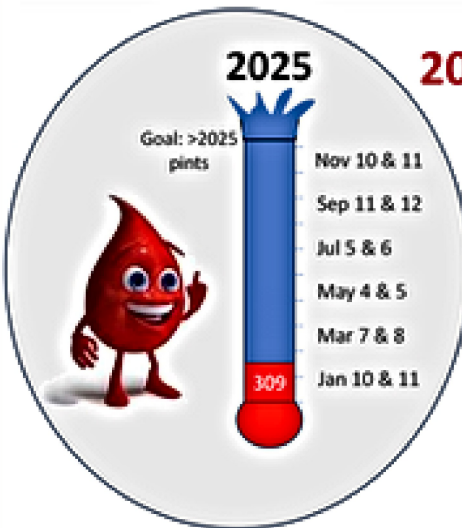
March 7 & 8

Blood Drive

Fire Station 44, 3035 Morris Ave
The Villages FL 32163



Bring Your Lanyards



2025 Blood Drive Dates

✓ January 10 & 11

March 7 & 8

May 4 & 5

July 5 & 6

September 11 & 12

November 10 & 11

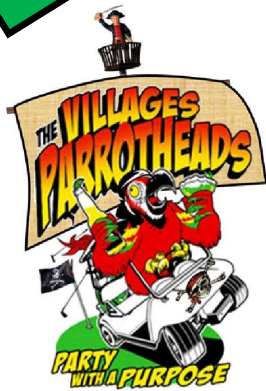
Contact Skip Todd at skip0358@gmail.com to register



Each blood donation is enough to save 3 lives!
And score volunteer points for donating 👍

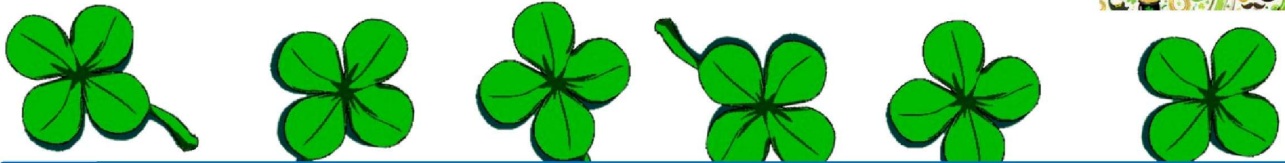
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March 17

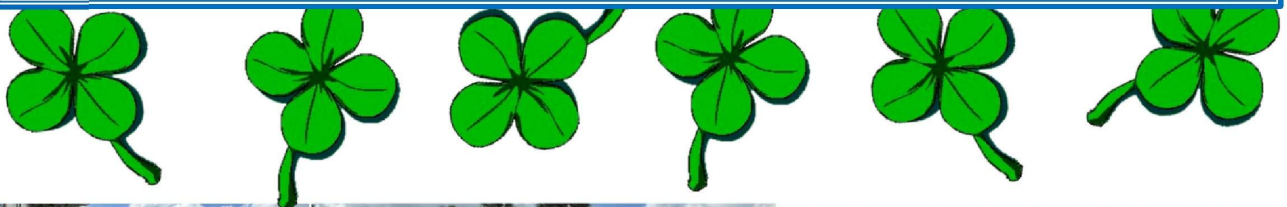


St Patrick's Day Parade

**March 17, 2025 Spanish Springs
Assembly behind Rialto Theater**

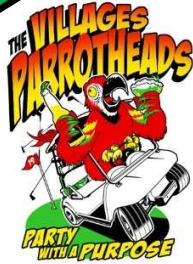


- ❖ Parade participants are asked to be in the staging area behind Rialto Theater no later than 2pm, please sign in when you arrive. Group picture will be around 2:30pm.
- ❖ We traditionally bring bag chairs, Beverages and munchies that must be picked up before the parade starts at 3:15pm
- ❖ Parking outside staging area is tight, so carpooling encouraged
- ❖ Dress in either Irish/green attire, or one of your PH club shirts. There MAY BE a shark swimming among us!
- ❖ Walkers will HAND OUT (no throwing!) trinkets to the crowd
- ❖ Please follow our Parade Marshall! It will be lots of phun!



March 22

Club



**THE VILLAGES PARROT HEAD CLUB
ANNUAL POKER RUN FUNDRAISER**

Saturday, March 22, 2025
(Rain Date - Sunday March 23, 2025)



POKER RUN 10am-1pm
Start at any Station

Burnsed Gazebo
Colony Cottage Gazebo
Sea Breeze Gazebo
Lake Miona Gazebo
Laurel Manor Gazebo

\$5 Poker Hand
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Limit

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AFTER PARTY 1-5pm
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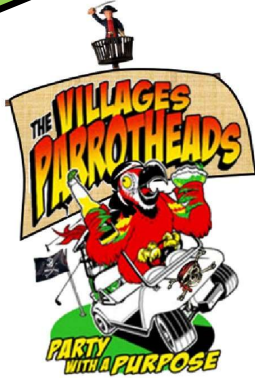
To Donate Baskets Please Contact
Eileen Murray at (347) 680-0977

Chair - Kathi Purdy (352) 792-4024
Co-Chair - Kathy Newstat (609) 674-7278

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April 15



Parrot Head New Member Orientation

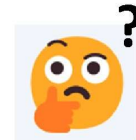
April 15th, 10am



Havana Country Club (on the Breezeway)

2484 Odell Circle, The Villages

Learn



How our club was founded
What is a Parrothead & How did it start
**Our volunteer point system and
benefits of volunteering**
Parrotheads around the world
Our charities and fundraisers
Our club get togethers
Our club structure
What you can do with our club
And much, much more



Score a Volunteer Point for attending!!





Other Club

April 24-26



Rendezvous 2025
April 24th - 26th, 2025
Panama City Beach !!

It's time!

Rendezvous 2025 Registration is open!

For those of you who don't know about Rendezvous, it is a 3 day event on Panama City beach where they bring in bands all day and evening. It is usually the highlight of the year.

Last year over 100 Villages PHC members attended, and we had 11 tents on the beach. We were well represented and hopefully we will be again in 2025.

There is a limited amount of tickets available

NOTE: I know nothing about tent sites yet and won't know for a while. Hopefully we will get as many as last year but I don't know and can't guess.

IMPORTANT: ***If you register, you will be expected to chip in for the tent sites.*** They range from \$75-\$200 each and that is a big way they raise money for their charity. Usually, we chip in \$20 each to cover the costs. We bring club tents.

If you register, you will need to email me at MarktheSharkdj@gmail.com and let me know you have registered. I will need EACH name, phone number and email address.

Click on the link below for more info about places to stay etc.
Here is the email from Panama City PHC:

We are excited to announce that ticket prices for our exhilarating 3-day event are set at just \$130 (same as last year!), offering an incredible value for the unforgettable experiences that await you!

You can soak up the vibrant atmosphere filled with music **ON THE BEACH** throughout the **ENTIRE 3 days event**.

Every dollar raised supports our 2025 Rendezvous Charity, The ARC, making your participation not only fun but impactful. Whether you're a Parrot Head or just curious about the tropical vibes, everyone is welcome! Imagine sipping on boat drinks, enjoying the changes in latitudes, and soaking in the Margaritaville state of mind with your fellow fans.

We're confident that once you experience the camaraderie, live music, and the joy of this island escapism, you'll be tempted to become a part of our vibrant community. Tickets are ON SALE NOW, so don't be the last pirate to join the party!

Secure yours today and be part of something truly special.

Don't miss out on this opportunity—secure your tickets and get ready for an unforgettable experience!

<https://panamacityparrotheadclub.ticketspice.com/2025-pcphc-rendezvous>



(last updated 1/29/25)

2025 Complete Calendar of Events

WEAR YOUR LANYARDS
TO ALL EVENTS!



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