

The Villages Coconut Telegraph



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BIRTHDAYS FOR NOVEMBER

Kathie Actis	11/
Glenda Banta	11/26
Gary Blanchard	11/14
Al Bross	11/12
Richard Brown	11/17
Joanne Charleston	11/09
Debbie Cooper	11/09
Mike Daley	11/02
Susie Desch	11/11
Dot Donnelly	11/19
Gary Edwards	11/27
Virginia Gaulden	11/23
Kay Glessner	11/04
Peggy Hariland	11/04
Rich Lee	11/18
Bo McElroy	11/04
Ralph Mongolier	11/12
Maria Petrocelli	11/25
Brenda Stafford	11/10
Diane Spencer	11/11
Brenda Stafford	11/10
Bob Szot	11/25
Susan Walsh	11/20
Ron Wolf	11/
Randy Wood	11/05

BIRTHDAYS FOR DECEMBER

Bill Banta	12/13
Judi Bolter	12/08
Dee Corcoran	12/14
Dan Donnelly	12/13
Sarah Dress	12/05
Kristine Flowers	12/31
Kathleen Fraley	12/10
Dennis Hoffmann	12/03
Cindy Hughes	12/
Barbara Jeter	12/12
Rod Jones	12/02
Carol Kemp	12/16
Joyce LeRoy	12/27
Mary Lombardo	12/08
John Lord	12/15
Rush Loughry	12/09
Edmund Loverde	12/08

BIRTHDAYS CONTINUED

Chris Maiz	12/06
Joan McKenna	12/28
Rob Reinke	12/07
Nellie Richards	12/02
Mary Schaefer	12/03
Sally Szot	12/15
Dean Tilman	12/06
Terry Voss	12/04
Peggy Watson	12/29
Denise Woodland	12/21
Jack Yeager	12/14

If your birthday is not listed, I apologize.

**GASPARELLA PIRATE
FESTIVAL**

SATURDAY, Jan. 28, 2006

Remember the upcoming bus trip to Tampa to: "Gasparella Pirate Festival" (includes bus to Tampa, reserved grand stand seats for parade, Mardi Gras parade with beads, candy and doubloons – lastly, an authentic Cuban dinner at La Teresita restaurant. For more information, contact Rich at 751-5250.

MEETING OF THE MINDS

By: David Macdougall

What a great time we had again in Key West at our Parrothead Convention. The trip down was different as we saw the aftermath of the hurricane. The roads were lined with trash because everyone was gutting the homes and businesses and had to set their stuff on the road so it could be picked up. There were still boats, cars and mobile homes laying around that were damaged. When we took a MOTM van downtown the driver showed us pictures of her daughter standing in 4 foot of water and the dog swimming in the house, but the most interesting thing was that she told us about a nurse shark that was swimming around her living room. According to the oldest living historian there has never been a storm surge until this time.

Key West and the Reach where the Convention was held, were in great shape and we all enjoyed the music by the ocean and the street festival under perfect weather. The registration was cut off at 3500 and only 300 Parrotheads did not show up, what a great turnout.

The first Villages Parrotheads arrived Wednesday night and we ended up down on Duval Street for dinner. The next morning we went for breakfast at the original restaurant where Jimmy Buffett wrote Cheese Burger in Paradise and you can still get a burger for only \$2.95, the best price in the Keys.

Thursday night the rest of the group arrived, and after registering (we ended up with 38) half the group went to Mallory Square for the sunset and the other half went to an Italian restaurant and then we all met

at the reach for the Thursday night concert and the night was perfect.

Friday morning we went to Blue Heaven, a great and unusual outdoor place for breakfast and then to a Bloody Mary party sponsored by the Sarasota club. At noon we met at Sloppy Joe's for a group web cam shot with the help of Rich Courmettes who downloaded it and then forwarded the photo to the web master to be placed on our web site. After the web shot, it was time for the street festival and it is customary for clubs to have stickers that we place on other club members and it looks like the Subers were our sticker champs. I don't think anyone or thing passed by them that they didn't get a logo sticker attached. We wore out after the festival and gathered around the pool at the Southern Most Hotel where most of us stayed. A few went back into town where the party continued until eleven, but most of us started to bounce back and get ready for the Saturday night party on the beach.

Saturday morning everyone went on their own to go shopping down Duval Street. A lot of our members rented scooters to get around, so we made sure we stayed far away from the Main Street, as much as possible, especially with lead foot Pat Subers riding around. It looks like the scooter bug got Paul and Kathie Actis and you may find one parked in their driveway soon. Paul was gracious enough to invite everyone who was sitting around the pool on Saturday at 5:20pm. To their 50th wedding anniversary and will pay for all the rooms. The catch is, their 50th will be in 2045 and Paul will be 98. Deanna and I had a new find at a place called Sunset Peir. A Tiki Bar of course, but with a magnificent

view of green and blue water with a island in the distance.

Saturday night, our last night for a party on the beach and the music was great. This is the night that the raffle for baskets from different clubs are done and thanks go out to Jan Brooks for making one up for our club. A lot of money is raised from the basket raffle.

If you did not make it this year, registration starts again in January 2006. Get your rooms right away and don't let anything stop you from 4 days of perfect weather, great music, food & fun. Myself, I really enjoyed spending time with old friends and meeting new ones. Go to the web site www.phip.com and scroll down to MOTM, then follow directions.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Have a safe and happy
Thanksgiving!