



## Mark the Shark

Mark Woodland was born, “Prince” Mark, the son of the King and Queen of Sharkovia. Since birth, his enviable charm, outgoing personality, and his unbelievable sense of humor were only overshadowed by his amazing intelligence.



Mark started school at age 3, and by age 11 was graduating from high school with honors as #1 in his class. At age 12, he entered the University of Sharkovia and lettered in such sports, as football, baseball, track, tennis, as well as many others, too many to name. At age 15, he graduated with a Master’s degree in such subjects as Parrotheadism, and was Valedictorian at graduation. Mark later got a Doctorate in Ichthyology i.e. study of sharks, or Jaws for short.



Prince Mark joined the Sharkovia Navy at age 16 and was promoted to the rank of Admiral by age 18. He was a decorated officer receiving medals for heroism and bravery. He once saved his crew after his ship, the Crystal Shark I, was torpedoed during the war and sank off the Coast of Gilligan’s Island. All his crew were in the water when a school of sharks approached. Admiral Mark talked the sharks into giving each of the crew members a ride on their fins until they were brought to safety. Hence, he was dubbed “Mark the Shark” forever.

In his early twenties, Mark the Shark traveled on a slow boat, as Ambassador to China. It is there that he earned his doctrine in cooking, and mastered the language. He is noted for such uncommon dishes as “Brocore and Fried Lice”, while mastering plumbing, as to fix all the hot water heaters in the land.



In his late twenties, Mark met his wife Denise and immediately nicknamed her “Dee Dee”. She wanted to live a more subdued life, in the country of South Jersey, where Mark later explained was a state call New Jersey, in the U.S.A. The couple had three children, Sean, Kristina, and Bryan, and now a grandchild named Tyler.



As our hero looked at 40, he decided to change his attitude and is known to quote Jimmy Buffett as saying, “If we couldn’t laugh, we would all go INSANE!!!!” Keep Your PHINS UP \_\_\_/\\_\_\_ Mark has been a dedicated Parrothead ever since, accepting the position of President & Big Kahuna with The Villages Parrothead Club.





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## **Lisa Macleod**

Lisa was born in San Diego, CA to a government contractor and Navy-enlisted mother who worked at the Naval Base. Lisa relocated with her family to Laurel, MD when her mother's job transferred to Crystal City, VA. Her early years were absorbed with following sports teams in the local area, specifically with taking amateur photographs of the Washington Redskins football team and Capitals hockey team. Unsatisfied with the dynamics and transitory nature of living in the Washington, DC area, Lisa moved to the Woodford, VA area, taking a job at Dominion Raceway. Under the tutelage of a married senior photographer at the racetrack with whom she had an affair, Lisa learned about high-speed precision photography of races and photography in general. Having a love for photography and the senior photographer, Lisa took courses at VCU in photography and film. In 2002, while taking practice pictures at the race course parking lot, Lisa unknowingly took a picture of the perpetrators for the Beltway Sniper Attacks. Knowing they were caught on film gave the snipers pause to move on to another location, and the pictures were later used as evidence in their trials.

Lisa left the senior photographer, who was unwilling to leave his wife despite repeated promises to do so. With her photography and film credentials, and proximity to Washington, DC, Lisa secured a job as a photo-journalist for Women Journalists of Washington (WPOW), a 501.C.3 non-profit organization. Lisa's job took her to numerous locations and symposiums across the country and overseas. It was while Lisa was photographing an orphanage in South Korea that an apartment building caught fire. Being on scene and aware of the dangers, Lisa put down her camera and helped the orphans escape the fire. Putting herself at personal risk and potentially not taking that Pulitzer-prize winning photograph got the attention of Jimmy Buffett, who was putting together a photo-collage of his 57 albums at the time. He reached out and took Lisa under his wing, and she has been a Parrothead ever since accepting the position as Vice President & First Mate with The Villages Parrot Heads Club.



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## Kathi Purdy

Kathi was born in Trenton, NJ to a minister and a mother working for the State of New Jersey. Kathi was athletic in her younger years, playing women's hockey with an affiliate of the New Jersey Devils. One night while carousing in Princeton, NJ at Tommy Bar & Tap, part of the Devils Bar Network, Kathy got involved in a fight with patrons who supported the opposing team. Implicated in the serious wounding of a patron by a senior member of a local white supremacist group, Kathy reached an agreement with the courts to testify for the prosecution in exchange for a reduced charge and entry into the Witness Protection Program.

While on a tour with the Devils, Kathi had become intrigued with the United States Peace Corps headquartered in Washington, DC. Under the Witness Protection Program, Kathi joined the Peace Corps under an assumed name and took on a 2-year commitment as an Emergence Relief Advisor. Kathy was deployed to Tuva, Spain in 1977 following a major landslide that took several lives, and Singapore in 1978 who was suffering from major catastrophic flooding.

At the end of her 2-year deployment with the Peace Corps, Kathi took a job with the United Nations office of Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief. Here Kathi traveled to foreign countries during times of crisis, providing emergency preparedness and crisis/emergency relief management. Often, the locations of crisis were along a coastline, and Kathi had always been a lover of the beach. With her athletic background and keen sense of balance, she took up surfing when time would allow, and traveling the world allowed her to refine her surfing skills in many exotic countries.

In 2008 while deployed to Yemen during a food and sanitation crisis, Hurricane Ike struck the United States coastland causing widespread damage and disruption. Kathi left Yemen for the United States to assist in the emergency response along the Louisiana and Florida panhandle coastlines, where she happened upon Jimmy Buffett playing at a Jazz Festival in New Orleans. Intrigued by Kathi's past and stories of her sacrifices to help the needy, Jimmy was inspired to write the song "Surfing in a Hurricane". Kathi has been a Parrothead ever since, accepting the position as Secretary & Phlock Messenger with The Villages Parrot Head Club.



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## Barb Beil

Born in Sicily, Barb's father was an accountant in charge of the finances for the Family business. They moved to the [Chicago Outfit](#) when she was a young girl, where Barb had a happy childhood with her new friends who were children of other Family members. Together they would play in the parks under the watchful eye of the Family, occasionally getting ice cream or seeing a movie.

As she got older, Barb loved math in school and started picking up on her father's profession. On one occasion, when it was found that a Family member had disappeared after cooking the books and embezzling money, Barb was asked by her father to take over the book keeping. She accepted and could often be seen with her mechanical calculator with ticket register, generating the financial records for the Family. She was a mastermind in the ways of book keeping. She always kept two sets of books for the Family, one for tax purposes and the other showing cash flows for internal purposes. When the fellas would get rowdy watching a Cubs game while Barb was hard at work, she had been known to tell them "Hey, I'm working here – keep it down would 'ja?" Barb would often take cruises and expense them back to the Family business under the umbrella that she was checking up on the off-shore accounts, making sure there's no funny business. And where there was funny business, Barb would call her cousin Guido knowing she could count on him to "make adjustments".

The FBI had been investigating the Family for racketeering and money laundering, but Barb had been diligent with her book keeping. Despite the occasional concrete shoes, the Family had been moving towards making everything legal, which included investing in Margaritaville Casinos across the country. Barb would visit the site families to enjoy the entertainment and gambling, and of course to check their books to make sure there wasn't any funny business. Being from the Chicago Outfit, Barb was always treated well by the Families.

It was on one visit that Barb noticed all the tailgating at a casino where Jimmy Buffett was playing. Getting caught up in the excitement and after attending a concert, Barb became a Parrothead and stepped down to let the Family accountants take over the books. Barb has been a dedicated Parrothead ever since, accepting the position of Treasurer & Purser with The Villages Parrothead Club.



## Bonnie Menard

Bonnie was born in the suburbs of Detroit, MI to a poor rail worker and a mother who worked as a restaurant waitress. Bonnie was in constant trouble with the law during her early years, often involving arrest and detention. On one occasion, to defend the honor of her sister, Bonnie and her boyfriend Slash had to climb and whitewash the town water tower. Bonnie and Slash took off during their adolescence, making their way across the state to the shores of Lake Michigan. There they purchased a fishing vessel and set about making a living off of catching fish and selling to local restaurants. Tired of cleaning fish and being the attention of salty fishermen, Bonnie left Slash and jumped on a train heading south to Nashville where she began a career of singing backup to Janis Joplin who had taken her under her wing. Missing home, Bonnie returned to Detroit to visit family, where she was promptly arrested on an outstanding warrant for delinquent debt. Having settled her debts, Bonnie set her sights on dancing with a local troupe. Working with couples and being creative by nature, Bonnie originated a dance which later became known as the “Detroit Hustle” and adopted as a city staple.

Bored with city life and tired of cold weather, Bonnie hopped on a plane and traveled to the Philippines where she lived in a tree house uniquely situated on a banyan tree. There Bonnie went about studying Buddhism and Charya Nritya (dance as a spiritual discipline). In November, 1988, Bonnie was attending a Jimmy Buffett concert in Brisbane, Australia where she happened upon Jimmy while tailgating in the parking lot. Intrigued by Bonnie’s singing and dance background, Jimmy invited Bonnie to perform with him at the venue. Bonnie has been a dedicated Parrothead ever since, accepting the position of Membership Director Wiz & Pandemonium Control with The Villages Parrothead Club.





## Marsha Herring

Daughter of French immigrants, Marsha was born on the Cajun Bayou south of Baton Rouge, LA. Living with her parents on a houseboat, she would frequent the bayou – fishing, catching gators, and listening to the hound dogs as they would chase down hoodoo spirits. It was on the Bayou where she met John who was a musician and living in a trailer. Together, John and Marsha bought a double-wide trailer, where she felt she was living like a princess

As John's musical career flourished, Marsha followed John to San Francisco where she became a flowerchild, was working soup kitchens, and staying in shelters. She did this for a period before she got bored and caught a train up the coast to Amchitka, Vancouver to attend a Greenpeace concert with Joni Mitchell and James Taylor. Marsha was caught up in the Greenpeace cause, and she joined maritime activists in "save the whales" protests against whaling operations. In 1982, the International Whaling Commission (IWC) voted a moratorium on commercial whaling. Seeking to see the rest of the United States, Marsha then took a job with National Railroad Passenger Association (Amtrak), stopping in cities to attend marches for Women's Rights, Greenpeace protests, and concerts where John was performing.

It was on one occasion during a train to Washington, DC that Marsha ran into Gloria Steinem who was speaking Women's Rights marches. Impressed with Marsha's passion for public service and desire to help those in need, Gloria referred Marsha for a job interview with the March Of Dimes. Being associated with the standup of Greenpeace and familiar with the railway system, Marsha secured a position as Corporate Outreach Specialist and traveled all over the country providing guidance to charities that were being organized. Marsha returned to Baton Rouge one summer, and took a position with Jimmy's Singing For Change Charitable Foundation. Word of Marsha's background and accomplishment found its way to Jimmy who was inspired to write the song "Railway Lady". Marsha has been a Parrothead ever since and accepted the position as Charity Trustee & Quartermaster for The Villages Parrot Head Club.



## Jaci Burdash

[Kara](#), aka Jaci, was born on the planet Krypton, daughter of Zor-El and Alura In-Ze. She had a happy childhood, wandering the universe with her pet cat Streaky. When her parents learned that Krypton was going to explode and the city of Argo decimated, they put Jaci and Streaky on a ship destined for Earth, where Jaci became a resident of an orphanage in [Midvale, UT](#). It was here that Jaci developed many friendships that would endure over the years.

As she got older, Jaci took a position with the orphanage as a music teacher, ensuring that forgotten and lost children have a safe place to call home. Jaci was a natural in organizing the orphanage children to perform as a smooth integrated ensemble. Midvale is a charming little town, and Jaci flourished with its dynamic history, culture, shopping and outdoor activities. Being in close proximity to the mountains and loved by the children, Jaci would take them mountain biking in the Summers and skiing in the winter. One afternoon, to the horror of Jaci while biking Olympic Park, one of the children went off the trail and plunged 200 feet into the valley below. Despite trying to keep a low profile, Jaci flew down to the stranded bicyclist only to find he had perished when he landed. Being distraught, Jaci took to flight faster than the speed of light, going back in time and stopping the bicyclist before he went off the path.

In August of 1975, while flying over Colorado on a ski trip, Jaci heard Jimmy playing “Come Monday” at a [concert](#) in Snow Mass, CO. Intrigued, Jaci stopped mid-flight to watch the remainder of the concert. Jaci traveled to Key West, FL the following January to see a Jimmy Buffett [concert](#) and while flying to her destination, Jaci noticed a large backup on 7-mile bridge Rt 1 access road to the keys. A bus going to Yacht Week had gotten cut off and was perilously hanging over the side of the bridge with passengers onboard, in danger of plunging into the bay below. Jaci swooped in and put the bus back on the bridge. Jimmy was in the highway backup and took the opportunity to get a tattoo of this amazing woman who saved the bus and finish his song “Margaritaville” commemorating the Key West lifestyle. Jaci has been a dedicated Parrothead ever since, and with her super powers and background coordinating school children, and herding cats, Jaci accepted the position of Volunteer Coordinator & Drum Beater with The Villages Parrothead Club.

*Faster than a speeding bullet, more powerful than a locomotive, able to leap tall buildings in a single bound, – Look, up in the sky, it's a bird, it's a plane, it's Jaci!*



## Sheila Hughes

Born in Cincinnati, OH, Sheila's parents immigrated to the United States from Switzerland, her father being a banker and her mother a medical pharmacist. Although other children would tease Sheila in school for being an immigrant, she excelled in gymnastics under the guidance of her gym teacher. Sheila got upset when she was told by her parents that they were moving to the city, and she then ran away from home. Sheila managed to join the circus, at first cleaning after the animals and such, and later as a gymnast performing aerial stunts. On one occasion, Sheila was cleaning feces in the lion's cage and found herself face-to-face with the circus lion. Grabbing a nearby chair and whip, Sheila was able to keep the lion at bay while she worked her way out of the cage.

Sheila met her boyfriend Mac at the circus, who performed as a musician, and together they experimented with drugs. Having a no-tolerance policy, she and Mac were kicked out of the circus. Hitting a low point on the streets alone, Sheila took a job as an exotic dancer in a seedy bar. In a moment of crisis and understanding her predicament, Sheila prayed for guidance and entered the convent. It was when Sheila was at the convent that she had an altercation with one of the nuns and got kicked out of the convent for "having a bad attitude".

Being of strong mind and back on her feet, Sheila left the convent for a job with Norwegian Cruise Lines performing aerial stunts during Cique De Soleil shows. On one occasion, Sheila ran into Jimmy Buffett while the ship was docked in Tortola. Suitably impressed with her background and traveling to the various islands, Jimmy wrote the song "Big Top", and later founded the Bahamas Paradise Cruise Line (known today as Margaritaville At Sea cruise line). Having stayed in touch with Mac over the years, Sheila was able to refer Mac to Jimmy who was looking for a backup performer. Sheila has been a Parrothead ever since, accepting the position as Travel Goddess & Road Warrior for The Villages Parrot Heads Club.