

Parrot Talk

PRESIDENT'S CORNER



CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Nominations for EXCOMM offices effective July 1st will be accepted during March and April. See pg#7 for details

HONOR FLIGHT FUNDRAISER

Tuesday March 25th @Cody's
See Pg#4 & #8 for details

POKER RUN

Saturday March 29
The BIG event this month. Bring your friends and neighbors. See Pg #2 for details

FACEBOOK PAGE

See Pg#6 for details

YTB TRAVEL AGENCY

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

www.ytbtravel.com/villagesphc

Another Busy Month

This is another busy month for Parrot Heads. First, make sure you renew if you want to remain a Parrot Head. If you wait to after March 31st, it will cost you an extra five bucks or \$20.00. Next we are going to send out two surveys:

The annual charity survey will be distributed at meetings. This will be your chance to tell us where our charity money should go.

Next, we are going to try a member survey on line. I will email out the link and it is available on our web site. Jack Casto did a great job turning our questions into an on line form. This is your chance to tell the board what we should be doing as a Parrot Head Club. Seems like everyone has an opinion as to how much fundraising we should do, type of music to have at events and for that matter, how many events. So, this way we can put some numbers around it.

We are also going to have a clothing drive. Separate out your women's clothes from the men's as they go to two different places.

If you really believe in "Party With A Purpose", we have a fundraiser at Cody's March 25th and the Poker Run March 29th. Hope to see you at everything.

Bob

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 paulfkind722@aol.com. Paul will work with the parties or the EXCOMM to resolve the issue.



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MARCH 2014

PHLOCKINGS

- 1) Wednesday March 5
@Palmer CC@4:00PM
- 2) Tuesday March 18
Evans Prairie CC@2:00PM*
- 3) Wednesday March 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 Pg #4

5 O'CLOCK SOMEWHERE

Wednesday March 12th @4:00PM
Pub Crawl in Spanish Springs

EXCOMM MEETING

Monday March 25th@PALMER CC
@9:00AM. Members welcome to attend

HOURS OF OPERATION

Phlocking Sign-Ins: 30 mins prior to start time, for 2 hours
Membership Table: 30 mins prior to start time, for 2 hours
Phins Up Shop: Published start time for 2 hours

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 at the first and fifth poker stations.

There will be music, auction, raffles, polo match

Tickets @\$5/card on sale @ March 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

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 March
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>

SUMMER GOLF SCRAMBLES

Scrambles are on Sundays starting at 1:00PM

May 11th	Roosevelt
June 1st	Truman
July 6th	Heron
August 3rd	Bacall
September 28th	Bogart

Signups start at Evans Prairie Phlocking March 18th
Cost is \$5 per person.

Frank & Elaine McGowan, Co-Chairs @352-430-1423
Carol O'Neal, Co-Chair @352-751-0035

FALL HARVEST/HALLOWEEN DANCE

Wednesday October 29 @Paradise Rec Ctr

Details to follow

Gypsy Ginchereau, Chair @352-568-5354

HIMALAYAN PUTTING CONTEST

Monday November 10th @3:00PM @Palmer
signups in September

Carol O'Neal, Chair @352-751-0035

NIGHT GOLF

Tuesday November 25th @dusk @Saddlebrook
Signups in October

Carol O'Neal, Chair @352-751-0035



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OUT OF TOWN EVENTS

MUSIC ON THE BAY

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

****Daily tickets available****

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****

The event is SOLD OUT

Victoria Privott, Chair @757-869-8975

Barb Greene, Co-Chair @352-633-2370

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 March Phlockings
Includes bus, driver tip, show and buffet lunch

Paul Kinder, Chair @352-259-3832

Dian Harvey, Assistant Chair @352-630-8942

VICTORY CASINO CRUISE

Sunday April 6th \$40PP Bus leaves LSL @9:00AM

*****Reminder: Coast Guard requires Government ID*****

See Flyer on website:

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

Sue Kermis, Chair @352-753-2566

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 through Host resort: Bahia Cabana Hotel

(954)524-1555 ****Ask for Parrot Head Rate****

Karolyn Holmes, Barefoot Children of Ft Lauderdale PHC

JEWELS DUNNS RIVER BEACH RESORT & SPA, JAMAICA

Sunday June 22-Saturday June 28, 2014

SOLD OUT

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

Jennifer Costello, Chair @352-8951838

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

SANIBEL ISLAND FUN IN THE SUN

Monday October 20-Monday October 27, 2014

For reservations contact Steven Snyder (800)950-1138

www.sanibelarmswest.com

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

Jan Brooks (352)751-1763

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 hotel accomodations may be found through

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



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CHARITY ACTIVITIES

HONOR FLIGHT FUNDRAISER

Tuesday March 25th the Charity Committee will be sponsoring a fundraiser hosted by Cody's Original Roadhouse in lake Sumter Landing @4:00PM for the Veterans' Honor Flight. We can show our support by attending this Club fundraiser and "Partying with a purpose." Bring your friends and neighbors and meet the veterans. The 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.** See flyer on page #8

CLOTHING DRIVES

The women (Trudy and Faith) are challenging the men (Charles Holland and Al Bross) to see who can collect the most used clothing during March. There will be collection points at each Phlocking and they will keep a running total of the number of bags of clothing to be donated to local charities. **So-SORT THROUGH YOUR CLOSETS FOR ALL THOSE CLOTHES, SHOES, ETC YOU HAVE WORN OUT OR OUTGROWN WHILE "PARTYING WITH A PURPOSE"**

Contact Trudy Labonte@352-205-7043

Charles Holland @352-430-0097



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY HOME BUILDS

In case you have not heard, Habitat is once again building houses near the Villages in Lady Lake. The five (5) sites are in a neighborhood off US 27/441 behind Oakwood Smokehouse and Grill. Three of the houses are in various stages of build and the final two have just had the slabs poured.

See the weekly emails sent out for work schedule details. To sign up, call Carlos Beron, Habitat, @352-483-0434



ALS WALK

Saturday April 5th a 1.5 mile walk will be held in Ocala to benefit ALS, also known as Lou Gehrig's disease.

Persons interested in participating should register starting at 9:00AM for the walk which starts at 10:00AM at Gerry Park. Parrot Head member Jerry Emery is a team captain and has a goal of raising \$1500.

For more information, contact Jerry Emery @630-853-4370

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.

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



WINNING CLUB ACTIVITIES

GOLDEN PARROT AWARD



Cindy Franklin and David Purdom were presented the prestigious Gold Parrot Award in February for outstanding community service.

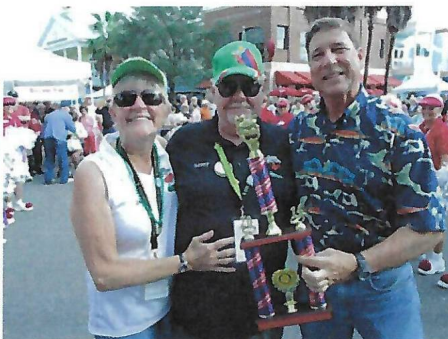
Cindy has procured and donated huge quantities of toothbrushes and toothpaste which have been donated to the HELP agency (needy children in the Ocala National Forest).

David organized and conducted for several years, with his wife Cori, the Lake Paradise Cleanup, a monthly environmental activity which included measuring the water quality and picking up litter around the lake.



Cindy Franklin

CHILI COOK OFF



Jan Stahlheber, Larry Ridgley
Bill Busker, Chair

The chili cook off which our club entered February 1st in Lake Sumter Landing was a double success for the club.

We won first place for the booth decoration, and we raised over \$500 for charity.

The chili recipe submitted by Jan Stahlheber had won in our club tasting competition. It did not win at the cook off but was enjoyed by all who sampled it.



Cheeseburger 'N' Paradise

LEESBURG MARDI GRAS PARADE



We won first place! Ann Blanchard came up with the theme "Drinks On The House" and Steve Newman and his team of volunteers constructed the float which blew away the competition in the February 22nd parade in Leesburg. Riders on the float and walkers tossed beads to the crowd lining the parade route and everyone had a grand time including an after-parade celebration at Magnolia's oyster Bar & Cafe in downtown Leesburg.

Ann will be showing off the 1st place trophy at the March Phlockings.



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Membership News

WE WELCOMED 73 NEW MEMBERS IN FEBRUARY

Linda Ayers
Bill & Miriam Baer
Roger & Debbie Bender
Joe & Gloria Binghi
Pam Birdsong
Chris Bradshaw
Garry & Michele Brady
Joe & Melanie Cherry
Sue Chokel
Stephen Cinquegrano
Mark & Linnae Clinton
Mary Corbett
Jim & Veronica Daley
Regina DelRaso
Dom & Betty DeNinno
Lou Ann Divens
Rich & Danene Dusenske

Dale & Dixie Eastin
Mary Funkhouser
Don Harrell
David & Lorry Hein
Jim & Donna Hill
Gail Holmstrom
George & Marilyn Irwin
Larry & Pam Koenig
John Komoroske
Wayne Lender
Bill & Judy Lippy
Marion Magnone
Walt & Linda Malcolm
Hardy & Karen McWilliams
Mike Mellesh
Kirk & Barb Miller
Melissa Nail

Jack & Marge Pease
Shirley Platt
Pat Prosperi
Diane Russo
Mike & Kathy Rylant
Fordy Searles
Elliott & Cindy Seiden
Bernie Siglinger
Chris Sivley
Claire Smith
Mike & Linda Smith
Matt Turner
Jim VanEmburch
Jeff & Susette Wallach
George & Rosanne Worton

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)

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

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.

*****ALSO please pick up your new 2014 badges at the Membership table at any Phlocking.*****

FACEBOOK

The club now has a facebook page administered by Jack Casto, our webmaster. To find the page, hit the search icon and type "The Villages Parrot Heads". If not on facebook, go to www.facebook.com/thevillagesparrotheads



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EXCOMM NEWS

OFFICE	PHONE # E-Mail	TERM EXPIRES
PRESIDENT Bob Alosi	751-4877 Bobalosi13@gmail.com	6/30/2014
VICE PRESIDENT Lee Caron	259-1722 Chryparts@aol.com	12/31/2014
TREASURER Will Stone	205-8846 WILL1005SUE@aim.com	6/30/2014
SECRETARY Lori Hollister	430-0500 Lkhollystar@aol.com	12/31/2014
MEMBERSHIP Carolyn Barger	259-2758 Cdbarger01@gmail.com	6/30/2014
VOLUNTEER TRUSTEE Ren Titus	751-1282 Rtitus@thevillages.net	12/31/2014
COMMUNITY RELATIONS TRUSTEE Cori Purdom	352-643-0838 Coridavid@comcast.net	6/30/2014
EVENTS TRUSTEE Skip Todd	352-561-4923 Skip0358@gmail.com	12/31/2014
MEDIA TRUSTEE Bob O'Neal	751-0035 boneal1939@gmail.com Editor of Newsletter	6/30/2014

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The nomination period is March 1st to April 30th at midnight

The open positions for this election for the term beginning July 1st are:

- 1) President
- 2) Treasurer
- 3) Membership
- 4) Community Relations Trustee
- 5) Media Trustee

Any member in good standing may be nominated. Any member wishing to place a name in nomination must contact Paul Kinder, Election Chair (352-259-3832) or email (paulfkinder@aol.com) stating the position desired (if being nominated by a third party, the nominee must agree to having his/her name submitted) along with a brief biography.

Nominees will introduced to the members at the May Phlockings

Elections will be held at the June Phlockings

EVANS PRAIRIE

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

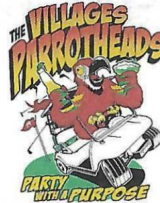
- 1) Meetings will be @2-5PM to help parking for PH members and for diners
- 2) Smoking will be permitted only in designated locations front and rear of golf shop
- 3) Servers will be instructed to get names of members to stop non-payment of bills
- 4) Members will not be permitted to bring outside drinks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

The first Phlocking in February at the new time was well attended and members reported enjoying the meeting time and less crowded parking. The management at Evans Prairie was pleased with the results of the change of meeting time.



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THE VILLAGES PARROT HEADS



and

CODY'S ORIGINAL ROADHOUSE

announce a salute to

VILLAGES HONOR FLIGHT

March 25, 2014

4:00 – 7:00 pm

CODY'S ORIGINAL ROADHOUSE
1041 Lake Shore Drive
The Villages, FL 32162

\$5.00 (wrist bands) Buffet finger foods

Cash bar Live Music

50/50 Raffles Drawings

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

COME MEET THE VETS!

HELP SUPPORT THE HONOR FLIGHT MISSION OF
SENDING WAR VETERANS TO DC, WITHOUT COST TO
THEM, TO SEE THE MEMORIALS DEDICATED TO THEIR
SERVICE.