

# Parrot Talk

# PRESIDENT'S CORNER



#### **EXCOMM NOMINEES**

Nominations Closed October 31st Election of Secretary in December See page #7 for list of nominees

#### **CLIQUE CORNER**

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## CORPORATE SPONSORS

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#### **BUS DAYTRIPS**

Upcoming Trips: Ybor City, St Augustine, Gasparilla, Tampa Bay Downs

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#### **BILOXI BUS TRIP**

December 7th-10th See page #3 for details

## CHRISTMAS and NYE PARTIES

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#### **CRUISE 2015**

Book now for next April See flyer Page #7 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 great month, from a bus trip to Cedar Key, MOTM in Key West and a wonderful Fall Harvest Dance. Now on to November and a trip to Ybor City and some fun golf.

But along with the fun comes the business part of this club. First I need to thank this board for working hard to tackle some difficult issues and finding solutions to them. Will the changes we make be popular, or questioned?

Probably "no" and "yes", and we have no problem with that. The members come first and it's them that we consider when making the changes, not our agenda.

So if you have any questions about anything we have done, feel free to talk to me or any other board member.

It's your club and we are proud to represent you the members!!!

Thanks, Lee

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### **NOVEMBER 2014**

#### **PHLOCKINGS**

- 1) Wednesday November 5 @Palmer CC@4:00PM
- 2) Tuesday November 18 @ Havana CC @4:00PM
- 3) Wednesday November 19 @Mallory Hill CC @4:00PM

#### 5 O'CLOCK SOMEWHERE

Monday, November 3rd@Sonny's BBQ Lake Sumter Landing @4:00PM

#### **NEW YEARS EVE PARTY**

Wednesday December 31st @Paradise Rec Center 8:30PM-12:30AM
Music by Dunning Shaw
BYOB - Party Favors provided
Tickets \$15PP on Sale @ November Phlockings
(no points required)
Shalda Nelson, Chair @352-259-2869
Joette West, Co-Chair @352-259-9314

#### HIMALAYAN PUTTING CONTEST

Monday November 10th @3:00PM @Palmer signups at Palmer Phlocking (a few openings) Carol O'Neal, Chair @352-751-0035

#### NIGHT GOLF

Tuesday November 25th @dusk @Saddlebrook Sold out; there is a waiting list for cancellations Carol O'Neal, Chair @352-751-0035

#### **CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Saturday December 6th @Paradise Recreation Ctr 5:00PM-10:00PM (Dinner at 5:30PM)
Tix @\$30PP on sale in November (no points req'd)
Dinner catered by Athens NY Restaurant
Music by Jim Asbell & The Tropiholics
Glenny Kinder, Chair @259-3832
Joyce VandeMaele Co-Chair @751-0754

#### VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

Monday January 26 @3-6PM @Belle Glade CC By invitation to members with at least two points Katy Alosi, Chair 352-751-4877

#### **CHILI COOK OFF**

Saturday February 7th @Lake Sumter Landing Bob Munro, Chair @352-391-1962

#### SPRING FLING DANCE

Sunday March 1@Colony Cottage Rec Center 5:00PM-9:30PM
Tickets @\$12.50PP on sale in January (no points)
Music by Second Slice with Mark Seymour
Bonnie Simpson, Chair @352-259-9586

#### **CLIQUE CORNER**

Note--the Villages Parrot Heads cliques <u>are not official club functions</u>, just a group of people, many of whom are Parrot Heads, getting together to enjoy like interests outside the club.

<u>Friday night Friends</u>-- meets almost every Friday night for a few drinks at various establishments; want to join in? Contact Skip Todd at <a href="mailto:skip">skip0358@gmail.com</a>

<u>Caribbean Chillers' fans-</u>- go to Katie Belle's and other places where Jason entertains; want to join in? Contact Gary Blanchard at <u>dixied39@embarqmail.com</u>

<u>The Sumter Landing Bin Bunch</u>, almost every night, for the 5 to 6 happy hour, at the bar shack across from City Fire; just stop by, at Will's Bin and join in.

<u>The amalgamating group</u> (unattached and friends of unattached)-- meet at various establishments; for fun, for planning, and preparation for joining together at Parrot Heads functions; want to join in?

Contact Cathy Spino at <a href="mailto:cas14221@yahoo.com">cas14221@yahoo.com</a>

<u>Dunning Shaw's Friends</u> and Fans get together at the various places Dunning entertains; want to join in? Contact Bonnie Simpson at <a href="mailto:bgsimp@comcast.net">bgsimp@comcast.net</a>

If you have a clique you want to share with other Parrot Heads and advertise it in our Parrot Heads Clique Corner, contact Ren Titus, the Parrot Heads Volunteer Coordinator, at <a href="mailto:rtitus@thevillages.net">rtitus@thevillages.net</a>



#### **OUT OF TOWN EVENTS**

#### BUS DAY TRIPS

\*Saturday Nov. 15 Ybor City Pub Crawl \$20PP \*\* on sale at Palmer Phlocking Chairs: JoAnn Todd@561-4923

Jennifer Costello@895-1838

\*\*See fliers: http://www.thevillagesparrotheads.com

\*Saturday January 17, 2015 St Augustine
Trolley Tour & Christmas Light Tour
Hop on Hop Off and Light Show After Dark
\$55PP on sale in November
Trudy LaBonte Chair @508-776-4756
See flyer http://www.thevillagesparrotheads.com

\*Saturday January 31, 2015 Gasparilla Pirate Fest
Tickets on sale in November @\$65PP
Cost includes bus to Tampa & grandstand seating
Dinner at Spaghetti Warehouse is extra
Check their website: gasparillapiratefest.com
JoAnn Todd,Chair @352-561-4923

\*Saturday February 14, 2015 Tampa Bay Downs
Villages Parrot Heads/Valentines Day
Tickets @\$45PP on sale in December
Debbie Sobota, Chair @352-633-2599

#### BILOXI MISS BUS TRIP

Sunday Dec 7-Wednesday Dec 10
On sale at November Phlockings
Cost: \$229 per person (Double); \$344 Single
Beau Rivage Hotel+\$25 Slot Play+\$24 Bkfst Buffets
See Flyer http://
www.thevillagesparrotheads.com

#### CRUISE ON CARNIVAL LIBERTY

Sunday April 26-May 3, 2015 from San Juan PR See flyer, page #7 for details

#### HUDSON'S DINNER THEATER

Thursday may 28, 2015 "A Chorus Line" Details to follow

#### JAMAICA ALL INCLUSIVE TRIP

June 2015 Details to follow

#### SUPPORT THE BUSINESSES THAT SUPPORT US CORPORATE SPONSOR PROGRAM

The EXCOMM has approved a Corporate Sponsor Program to be administered by the Community Relations Trustee for the purpose of generating operating and charitable giving funds for the Club from the local business community in return for Club promotion and member good will. The EXCOMM shall have the responsibility to approve all recommendations for Corporate sponsors. To be considered, a business must make a commitment of at least \$600 to the Club in cash, merchandise, food, or other items of value.

New Corporate Sponsors will be recognized at the Phlockings and a page will be developed for the Website with a link to the business's website. Corporate Sponsors will be invited to the Volunteer Appreciation party and be individually recognized.

The first local business to become a Corporate Sponsor is Cody's Original Roadhouse, located in Lake Sumter Landing and Brownwood. The owner, John Demetriadis (known by many as "Mr. D") has been very generous in providing \$7450 in food and \$1500 in entertainment supporting the Club's fundraisers during 2014.

Members are encouraged to support this business and others, as they are recognized for their support of the Club.





#### **CHARITY ACTIVITIES**

#### **NOVEMBER FUNDRAISER AT CODY'S**

Tuesday November 11th @4:00PM the Charity Committee will be sponsoring a fundraiser at <u>Cody's in Lake Sumter Landing</u> to benefit <u>Camp Boggy Creek</u>, which provides a camping experience and medical care to critically ill children. Read more about this local organization at <a href="http://www.boggycreek.org/">http://www.boggycreek.org/</a>

We can show our support by attending this fundraiser and "Partying with a purpose."

The only "up front" cost is a \$5 wristband. Members may make additional donations to Camp Boggy Creek at this fundraiser.

#### **DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS**

Each year our Club donates \$2000 to Dollars for Scholars, a 501 (c)3 non-profit volunteer organization which awards scholarships to worthy students for their continuing education. Julie Harris, our Membership Director, is a member of the awards committee. the organization is presenting "Starry-Starry 5", a musical variety program with local stars Mary Jo Vitale and Josh Leggett at Savannah Center Saturday, November 8th at 5:00PM and 8:00PM. Tickets are available at all Villages Ticket Sales Offices; residents \$20 &non-residents \$25.

100% of funds raised, after production expenses, go directly to scholarships for local students.

#### DAV (DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS) BENEFIT

April 9, 2013 a fundraiser at Cody's Original Roadhouse in Lake Sumter Landing, sponsored by the

Charity Committee in conjunction with Cody's and the DAV, raised \$2345 toward the purchase of two vans to transport disabled veterans to the VA Hospital in Gainesville.

October 29, 2014 the DAV presented the two vans to the VA

at the VA clinic in The Villages at Hwy 42. One of the vans will be based here and the second van will be based at another location in the state.

Please note that only the top 10 donors (which includes The Villages Parrot Heads) got their names on the vans. Good job!!





#### 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

#### 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.



### Membership News

# WE WELCOMED 23 NEW MEMBERS AND 1 RENEWAL IN OCTOBER Let's all make them all feel welcome!!

Bordenave, Christine
Bouboulis, Nick & Eileen
Burke, Mary (Renewal)
Clubb, Tom & Tippy
Collier, Elliot
Crawford, Earl & Gale
Crotinger, Bob
Cutrone, Layne
Fischer, JoAnne

Harrison, Dan Marth, Joe & Jan Neri, Bart & Patti Patella, Paul & Jenette Quigley, Cody Swedny, Happy Ziegler, Jack & Kathy

#### **ATTENTION MEMBERS**

PLEASE contact our Membership Chair Julie Harris at the Membership table or email her at <a href="mailto:hallook.com">hallook.com</a> 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 note that if you need a new badge because the original was lost or you want a different first name shown than the one on your application, there is a \$5 cost for a new badge.

#### MEMBER EXPECTATIONS

Members of The Villages Parrot Heads Club are encouraged to adopt the laid back tropical lifestyle immortalized by our founder and spiritual leader Jimmy Buffett. We recognize that our Club's strength comes from a positive member experience and the fellowship we share. As Parrot Heads we expect our members and each of us individually to do the following:

- 1) Be welcoming. Introduce yourself to new members and members you don't know. Wear your name tag.
- 2) Attend events: We urge members to attend as many of our events as possible and get involved
- 3) Be positive: Always assume that your fellow Parrot Heads have the best intentions
- 4) <u>Have fun: We have chosen to leave our old homes, move here and become Parrot Heads. We should try to live up to our mission statement: "Party With A Purpose". Grow older but don't grow up!</u>

#### MEMBER PASSINGS

To remember loved ones who have passed away, please notify the Media Trustee, Bob O'Neal, @352-751-0035 or email @boneal1939@gmail.com with key information which should be included in this notice.



#### 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



#### **OFFICE** PHONE # TERM **EXPIRES** E-Mail PRESIDENT 352-259-1722 6/30/2015 Lee Caron Chryparts@aol.com VICE 352-205-8846 12/31/2014 PRESIDENT Will Stone will1005sue@aim.com TREASURER 352-633-1447 6/30/2015 ldr1947@vahoo.com Larry Roeder SECRETARY 352-430-0500 12/31/2014 Lori Hollister Lkhollystar@aol.com MEMBERSHIP 352-205-8713 6/30/2015 Julie Harris halldrama1@outlook.com VOLUNTEER 352-751-1282 12/31/2014 TRUSTEE Ren Titus Rtitus@thevillages.net COMMUNITY 352-633-2934 6/30/2015 RELATIONS TRUSTEE sklarson01@gmail.com Steve Larson **EVENTS** 352-561-4923 12/31/2014 TRUSTEE skip0358@gmail.com Skip Todd MEDIA 352-751-0035 6/30/2015 TRUSTEE boneal1939@gmail.com Bob O'Neal Editor of the Newsletter

#### **EXCOMM MEETING**

Monday November 24th @Arcadia Home Care & Staffing (Pinellas Plaza) @2472 Burnsed Blvd 9:00AM-Noon

All Members welcome to attend

#### **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". Or go to <a href="https://www.facebook.com/thevillagesparrotheads">www.facebook.com/thevillagesparrotheads</a>

### **EXCOMM NEWS**

#### NOMINEES FOR OFFICE

The terms of the following EXCOMM positions expire December 31, 2014. Nomination of candidates for these offices was accepted through midnight October 31st, 2014.

The candidates will be presented to the members at the November Phlockings.

The nominees are:

OFFICE	NOMINEE	NOMINEE
Vice President	Will Stone	
Secretary	Lori Hollister	Bonnie Simpson
Volunteer Trustee	Ren Titus	
Events Trustee	Skip Todd	

Job descriptions for each EXCOMM position may be found on the Club website at <a href="http://www.thevillagesparrotheads.com/">http://www.thevillagesparrotheads.com/</a> in the SOP's and By-Laws under the "By-Laws and Code of Conduct" tab.

Elections for the position of Secretary will be held at the December Phlockings by secret paper ballots for the terms beginning January 1, 2015. All members in good standing are eligible to vote once. No write-in candidates will be accepted.

Email votes by members who will be absent from the December Phlockings will also be accepted by Paul Kinder <a href="mailto:paulfkinder722@aol.com">paulfkinder722@aol.com</a>. through midnight December 17th (the date of the Mallory Phlocking).

Nominee statements and photos will be included in the December Newsletter.





Day Arrive Depart San Juan, Puerto Rico 10:00pm Mon St. Thomas, USVI 5:00pm 7:00am "Fun Day" at Sea Wed Barbados 8:00am 5:00pm St. Lucia, WI 8:00am 5:00pm 6:00pm 8:00am Sat St. Maarten, NA 7:00am 5:00pm San Juan, Puerto Rico 7:00am

Join The Villages Parrot Head Club on a Great Cruise, sailing from San Juan, Puerto Rico! April 26, 2015 – May 3, 2015

Interior

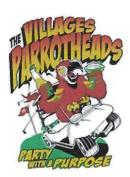
Ocean View

Balcony From \$829

From \$518 From \$608

Includes \$50 on board credit per cabin & shared Cocktail Party
Prices are per person & include taxes & fees.
Gratuities are an additional \$161 per cabin.
Vacation protection is available and highly recommended
Airfare is additional.

Cancellations are subject to Carnival policies



For additional information or to book your cruise, Contact us at the following –

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