APRIL 2018



Parrot Talk

PRESIDENT LEE'S CORNER



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CLUB SPONSORS

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- 7- Mallory Hill Country Club
- 8- Fire Station #44
- 9-Exeter Trust Legal (new)

March may have come in like a lion, but it did not go out like a lamb. We ended the month with an awesome Poker Run, great music, and fun had by all. The baskets were unbelievable and once again it was because of you the members who donated some great items, to the volunteers who went and got contribution from over 60 businesses and the ladies who put them all together to the tune of 114 baskets.

Another fun trip from the travel committee to New Orleans and there are more coming so watch your newsletter so you don't miss out.

We have our clothing drive starting in April, so clean out those closets and drawers to help the less fortunate and help them dress for success.

We had some new music in March and thanks to Sandi Senator's hard work to keep it fresh we will continue to look for new people to entertain us.

So off to April, wrist bands on sale for our Birthday bash on May 5th and 6th and if we can get enough people on Sunday we will have a bus, and don't forget The Capone Show also on sale.

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ClubWebsite: http://villagesparrotheads.com

Club Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/groups/TheVillagesParrotHeadClub/



CLUB EVENTS IN THE VILLAGES

PHLOCKINGS

1) Wednesday April 4 @Palmer CC 4:00PM Music: Joe Allan

2) Monday April 9_@Mallory Hill CC @ 4:00PM

Music: Don Middlebrook

3) Wednesday April 18 @Mallory

HIII CC

@4:00PM

Music: David Vece

5 O'CLOCK SOMEWHERE

Wednesday May 30 3PM Gators Dockside in Brownwood \$.60 wings, + Happy Hour drinks. 10% off food prices Music by Mark The Shark Mike Peacock Chair 352-484-475 Gerry Emery Asst Chair 352-750-8398

EXCOMM MTG

Friday April 20 9AM-12P @Rescare Home Care & Staffing 2472 **Burnsed Blvd**

All members in good standing are welcome to attend the meeting

HIMALAYAN PUTTING CONTEST

Tuesday April 3rd (Rain date Tues April 10) Palmer Himalayan Putting Green @2:00PM 18 Hole putting contest (2 person teams) *SOLD OUT

Prize money for 1st thru 10th place Bring putter, golf ball, chair and drinks

Carol O'Neal Chair 352-751-0035 Jean Howlett Asst Chair 352-259-8134

FUTURE EVENTS

1-Help Us Help Kids (School supplies) July Renie Larson Chair **PHlockings** Marsha Herring Asst Chair 2- Help Us Help Kids Fundraiser 7/24 Cody's Brownwood 3- Pool Party @Seabreeze 8/26 **Corrine Mimikos Chair** 4--Blood Drive, Fire Station #44 9/11 Skip Todd, Chair 10/11 5-Hospice Golf Tournament **Rob Ainsley Chair Bill Thesier Asst Chair** 6- Operation Shoebox Fundraiser 10/23 Cody's Lake Sumter Landing 7-Halloween Party @LaHacienda Rec Ctr 10/27 Judy Koch, Chair 8-Night Golf @ Saddlebrook 11/6 Lil Roe Chair 9- Blood Drive "Battle of the Branches" 11/11 @Eisenhower recreation Center

10-Christmas Party @Wildwood Com Ctr

Chair

11-NYE Party @Savannah Center Shalda Nelson

SUMMER GOLF SCRAMBLES

Summer golf will start at Noon Sundays

5/20 Sandhill

6/24 Saddlebrook

7/22 Volusia

8/19 Bonita Pass

9/16 Chula Vista

Players will meet at Mallory Hill CC following each scramble to announce winners and socialize.

Signups @\$5 per person for each date at April Phlockings; sign up for one, some, or all dates

Lil Roe Chair (317)508-6465

12/9

12/31



OUT OF TOWN EVENTS

VICTORY CASINO CRUISE

Sunday April 8, 2018 Margarita Madness \$40 PP on Sale Last day @ Palmer 4/4

includes 6 hour cruise, buffet, \$20 match play, 5 Hours free drinks & Music: Highway 1 **Must have State or Military ID

Leaves 466 Walmart @9AM-returns 8:30PM

Susie Dobrowolski Chair 412-779-8235 Victoria Privott Asst Chair 757-869-8975

http://villagesparrotheads.com/flyers.htm

CAPONES DINNER THEATER

Friday May 25 Bus leaves Walmart parking lot on 466 at 3:30PM for Evening Show \$60 PP includes bus, show, buffett &drinks

JoAnn Todd Chair 352-446-9494 Skip Todd Asst Chair 352-446-9494

HOMOSASSA BIRTHDAY -ANNIVERSARY BASH

Saturday and Sunday 5/5/18 & 5/6/18 Homosassa Riverside Resort 352-628-2474

Use Code "Parrothead" for reservations http://www.riversideresorts.com/

Alternate Hotel: Mac & Rae's (352)628-2602 Stay weekend or come for the day

36 passenger bus Sunday (Cost **TBD)**

**Wristbands @\$20 PP @ April PHlockings

Music: Saturday: Mike & Terrie

Retro Express

Dangerous Dave Sunday:

Danny B

Just Mike & Garv

Cookout Sunday May 6th 2:30-5:30PM

http://villagesparrotheads.com/flyers.htm

352-750-6287 Ann Blanchard Chair Glenny Kinder Asst Chair 352-259-3832 Asst Chair 352-430-0500 Lori Hollister

ORMOND BEACH GOLF OUTING

October 14-16 2 Days at LPGA International Cost \$397.00 for room w/breakfast, golf

Complete Registration (\$10) with Errol McKinney (352-391-1748) starting in June BEFORE CONTACTING HOTEL

Make reservations at Hampton Inn directly by Sept. 15@386-677-9999 reference "Parrot Head Group"

http://villagesparrotheads.com/flyers.htm

Errol McKInney Chair 352-391-1748

MEETING OF THE MINDS

October 31-November 4, 2018

Registration: http://phip.motmregistration

Convention Hotel is Casa Marina: http:// group.waldorfastoria.com/MOTM2018

Booking code: ZZPAR1 (888)-303-5717.

Rooms still available

For help finding another place to stay, contact Susie Rodnon (305)-295-6366. Her website is http://www.keywestkey.com/

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION EVENT

The Annual Volunteer Appreciation Event was held January 29th at Cody's Roadhouse in Brownwood to honor the top 60% of the Club's volunteers, who logged over 19,000 hours including 10,500 charity or community relate services. The honorees received 2018 Volunteer Pins, two free drinks, a special menu and cake, raffle tickets for \$20 Cody's gift certificates (won by 66 attendees). A 50/50 drawing was held (which turned out to be 100/100 as all the proceeds were paid out).

Ten members who earned the maximum of 60 points were recognized and given \$20 gift certificates.



The highlight of the event was the awarding of the Golden Parrot pin to 10 members who were approved by the EXCOMM for their outstanding contribution to the Club. It

should be noted that the last two were total surprises to the recipients who, even though members of the EXCOMM, were not aware that the other EXCOMM members voted to award Ren Titus and Bob O'Neal Golden Parrots

GOLDEN PARROT RECIPIENTS

JoAnn Todd	Rob Ainsley
Frank Cermack	Will Stone
Sandi Senator	Julie Harris
Mary Ann	Ren Titus
Nogay	Bob O'Neal
Maureen	
O'Connor	

60 POINTS EARNED

Carolyn Barger Glenny Kinder

Ann Blanchard Paul Kinder

Susie Dobrowolski Maureen O'Connor

Gypsy Ginchereau Carol O'Neal

Sue Kermis Lil Roe

Ten members who earned the maximum of 60 points during the past 12 months were recognized and were presented \$20 gift certificates for Cody's.

These volunteers are considered by many to be "the heart of the Club" because they are continually engaged in volunteering their time to benefit the Club and the community. They embody the spirit of "Giving Back".

CHARITY NEWS

CLOTHING DRIVE IN APRIL

Bring your bags of clean non-contaminated gently used men's (in black bags) and women's clothing (in white bags) to April PHlockings; <u>members only please.</u>

The men's clothing will go to Habitat for Humanity and the women's clothing will go to Haven House.

Bob & Donna Lazzara, Co-Chairs (732-330-0952)

VETERANS HELPING VETERANS FUNDRAISER

Tuesday April 24 @Cody's Mulberry Grove

For the cost of a \$5 wristband there will be food and music supplied by Cody's.

Happy hour drink prices and prizes

Come help support our veterans

DELIVER THE DIFFERENCE

Next packing is April 26

Thursday April 26 @Coconut Cove Recreation Center At 10:00AM, Parrot Heads volunteers will join a host of volunteers to pack 14,000 breakfast meals for distribution to needy kids by Sumter and Marion County Kidpacks, SOZO Kids. Our Club supports this program by donating 50/50 proceeds. Amazingly, each meal pack costs \$.30 so for every \$1.20 donation, 4 kids are fed a nutritious meal.

Contact cheryl.amato@aol.com for more information

BLOOD DRIVE AT FIRE STATION #44

Monday May 14th . Signups at April PHlockings. Walk ins welcome

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

POKER RUN MARCH 24TH



Larry Ridgley (at left), Chair of the Poker Run, oversaw a successful and fun event. Several hundred players drew cards (plus purchasing wild cards). The big winner, with 5 7's, was Patrick DePalma of the village of Amelia (shown at right) Final numbers are still being tallied, but the approximate amount raised for our charities is \$13,000.00.

Larry expressed his thanks to all the volunteers and participants who made this event so successful.







The Dunk Tank Divas, Glenny Kinder, Ann Blanchard and Lori Hollister, raised a lot of money soaking such luminaries as president Lee Caron and VP Mark The Shark Woodland

There was also a CornHole bean bag toss, which was fun and raised some money, run by Susie Smith



*Hats off to Ren Titus and the set up, tear down and cleanup volunteers who made it all possible.







Barb Beil (at left), along with Assistant Chair Mo O'Connor and about 40 volunteers, solicited baskets and goodies, made and raffled off 114 beautiful baskets, netting approximately \$6000.

Seven (7) baskets were unclaimed and will be raffled off at PHlockings in April.



This month our Parrot Head Profile features my boss and Media Trustee - Bob O'Neal!

Bob and his lovely wife Carol have lived in the Villages for 15 years. They started out building a courtyard Villa in Calumet Grove in 2003. Then in 2006 when they became full time residents they moved into their current home in Virginia Trace. They love it there and feel it is a great location.

His first exposure to the Parrot Head Club was when they lived in Calumet Grove. They would go to El Santiago Country Club for dinner and that was where the Parrot Heads originally had their meetings. They joined the club with a group of their neighbors in 2008 and the following year they all went to Meeting of the Minds in Key West and had a great time.

Bob has been a volunteer at the Villages Hospital Emergency Room for ten years. It's hard work but he finds it interesting and satisfying since he likes to keep busy. He is the Assistant Chair for the ER Volunteers where they have over 75 volunteers working.



He has also enjoyed organizing and running trips for the Canoe and Kayak Club and served as the Vice President for a couple of years. He belongs to the Apple Computer Club, The Sons of the American Revolution, and The Sons of the American Legion where he is Assistant Adjutant and volunteers for Burger Night, cooking and serving burgers a couple of nights a month.

Bob was born in Connecticut but raised in North Carolina. His Dad was in the service so the family did travel. He lived in Hawaii when he was 8-10 years old and then returned to New Bern, NC for High School. He served for three years in the Army-the last year in Korea. He then returned to North Carolina where he attended and graduated from Duke University.

Before Bob retired he worked in the automobile industry for 34 years in Reliability and engineering. He was employed by GM, Volkswagen, and Delphi Automotive.

Bob has been on the Parrot Head Executive Committee since 2011 as the Media Trustee. The position of Media Trustee entails putting together the monthly newsletter, working with the webmaster so all the latest updates are available for club members and other interested parties, as well as notifying the Daily Sun and the Villages Online Newspaper with press releases when we are making charity check presentations so they can cover the event. After seven years of dedicated service, Bob will be stepping down as Media Trustee at the end of June this year. I'm sure the rest of the club members join me in thanking him for doing a wonderful job!

Two of Bob's favorite things about the Parrot Heads are the charitable activities and the social aspect of the club. He and Carol have gotten to know a lot of great people through the club.

His advice to new members is that the best way to get to know the club and its members is to find an activity they enjoy and volunteer for it. He says you don't really feel like you're part of an organization until you get involved and get to know people.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

- A) Members who did not renew by March 31st will have their names removed from the active list
- B) Members may renew one of three (3) ways:
- 1) Online: go to http://villagesparrotheads.com, click on the "Membership Renewal" button and follow the directions. Get your 2018 sticker at the next PHlocking you attend.
 - 2) Mail in with \$20 check to Danny Roe, 1196 Hatfield Terrace, The Villages, FL 32163
 - 3) Renew at a PHlocking at the Membership table

Renewals at any time during the year will be \$20.

45 new members joined the Club in March

Chris Avent

Grant & Joan Ayres

Joan Beeman

Joy Davis

Betty Grady

Steve & Marion Grasso

Jack Heeney

Bob Hoffman

Vickie Iverson

Bob & Mary Lloyd

Mack MacKenzie

Maryann Mahoney

Ken & Krissy McCreary

Maureen McKenna

Hugh McNaughton

Kim Merrick

Sam Meyer

Ben Oakes

Julie Perkins

Steve &Laurie Poirier

Jim & Christine Press

Frank & Kelly Procell

Robb & Violet Radd

Lucy Rocha

Mike & Kim Southworth

Mike & Susan Sterling

Bob & Debbie Thompson

Bill Vanderwerff

David & Chervl Wells

Mark & Karen Winka

MarySunshine

Sue Zamper

CLIQUE CORNER

Note--the cliques are not official Club functions, just groups of people getting together to enjoy like interests outside the Club

Ladies, come join your fellow Parrot Head PHemales for "ladies night out" every The Chic Clique 3rd Tuesday of the month.

Email Gypsy Ginchereau at gypsygewells@gmail.com to be added to the list

Get Acquainted—For new members and unattached members interested in making new friends and getting together to jointly attend Parrot Head parties, events or trips; meet every month@3:00PM at Palmer CC, way around in back, prior to the Parrot Head PHlocking. Show up or email Jaci Burdash ilb2500@gmail.com

Meets for a few drinks at various establishments; want to join in? Gathering of *Friends*--Contact Skip Todd at skip0358@gmail.com

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

3 For The Road fans who enjoy the music of this band & want to find out their schedule should contact Len Stein at Imsteinod@hotmail.com

To share a new clique, contact Ren Titus, Volunteer Coordinator, rtitus@thevillages.net

EXCOMM NEWS

NOMINATIONS FOR JUNE ELECTION

The nomination period ends April 30 at midnight.

The five positions up for election are:

President, Treasurer, Membership Director, Community Relations Trustee, Media Trustee.

Nominees must be members in good standing and must agree to have their names placed in nomination.

Paul Kinder, Election Chair, will accept names of nominees from March 1st until Midnight April 30th. The names of the nominees will be published after the nomination period ends.

Paul's phone number and email are listed below.

ELECTION CHAIR

Paul Kinder is the Election Chair.

Paul may be contacted @352-259-3832 or by email at paulfkinder722@gmail.com

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Lee Caron	Chryparts@aol.com	
VICE PRESIDENT	609-929-9455	12/31/2018
Mark Woodland	markthesharkdj@gmai Lcom	
TREASURER	352-633-1447	6/30/2018
Larry Roeder	ldr1947@yahoo.com	
SECRETARY	352-430-0500	12/31/2018
Lori Hollister	lkhollystar@aol.com	
MEMBERSHIP	317-508-6465	6/30/2018
Danny Roe	dannyroe@prodigy.net	
VOLUNTEER TRUSTEE Ren Titus	352-751-1282 Rtitus@thevillages.net	12/31/2018
COMMUNITY RELATIONS TRUSTEE Steve Larson	352-633-2934 sklarson01@gmail.co m	6/30/2018
EVENTS TRUSTEE	352-561-4923 skip0358@gmail.com	12/31/2018
Skip Todd		0/00/2015
MEDIA TRUSTEE	352-751-0035 boneal1939@gmail.co	6/30/2018
Bob O'Neal	m	
	Editor of the Newsletter	



MEMBER ADVOCATE

Any member who has an issue with another member or with the Club should contact <u>Paul Kinder</u> at 352-259-3832 or by email at <u>paulfkinder722@gmail.com</u>

He will work confidentially to resolve the issue with the other member or with the EXCOMM.