

APRIL 2016

Parrot Talk

PRESIDENT'S CORNER



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5 O'CLOCK SOMEWHERE

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CORPORATE SPONSORS

Support our Corporate Sponsors who donate at least \$600 to our Club:

- 1- Parady Financial
- 2- Cody's Roadhouse-LSL&Brownwood
- 3 Arcadia Homecare & Staffing in Pinellas Plaza
- 4- Villages Ear
- 5- Fresh Market
- 6- BB&T Bank

HOSPITAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Hospital expansion created a need for more volunteers

Contact Carol Hughes in the Volunteer Placement Office @352-751-8176 or email carhughes@cfhalliance.org or contact Club member George VanSanten @352-750-6269

Another outstanding month for your club as once again the support that you as members showed, proves why we are the best club in the Villages.

To say that having or not having the Poker Run was a little stressful may be an understatement. But you trusted our call and showed up to support what turned out to be a fun day.

After all was tallied we raised over \$9500.00 for local charities. THANK YOU, and all the people who made this possible, from the Poker Run chair Bob Alosi, the basket chair Mary Ann Nogay to all the volunteers, corporate sponsors, and last but not least you the members who came out that day.

So now this will be another fun month filled with events that are just socials, where we see our friends and meet new ones, starting with the Anniversary Party on April 3rd, Bocce on April 14th and 15th and ending the month with a great 5 O'clock somewhere on April 26th.

See you at Palmer on the 6th, music by Mark Seymour. Don't forget the clothing drives this month.

Lee

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

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

PHlockers Magazine Website: <http://phlockersmagazine.com/magazine>



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OUT OF TOWN EVENTS

GUMBO FEST JACKSONVILLE

Friday April 1st & Saturday April 2nd (Changed)

Benefits the Jacksonville Food Bank-Gleaners

<http://www.phinsjax.org/gumbo-festival.html>

SARASOTA BAY PH CLUB 20TH BIRTHDAY BASH

Friday May 13-Sunday May 15

Ramada Venice Resort <http://www.ramada.com/hotels/florida/venice/ramada-venice/hotel-overview>

MEETING OF THE MINDS 2016 25TH ANNIVERSARY NOVEMBER 2-6, 2016

Registration opened January 1st for MOTM online at <http://www.php.com/meeting>

The Casa Marina, host hotel, is sold out/waiting list:

[https://secure3.hilton.com/en_US/wa/reservation/book.htm?](https://secure3.hilton.com/en_US/wa/reservation/book.htm?inputModule=HOTEL&cityhcn=EYWCMTWA&spec_plan=ZZPAR8&arrival=20161030&departure=20161108&cid=QM,W,W,HILTONLINK,EN,DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT)

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THE BOOKING CODE FOR THE PARROT HEAD DISCOUNTED RATE IS: ZZPAR8

Here is the link to the Reach Resort (suggested by the MOTM Committee for waiting list):

<http://www.reachresort.com/about-en.html>

Quite a few Parrot Heads stay at the Best Western Hibiscus on Simonton Street (parking for one car per room and includes breakfast) www.BestWesternHibiscus.com

For help finding a place to stay, contact Suzy Rodnon @ 1-305-295-6366 or 1-800-881-7321. Her website is <http://www.keywestkey.com/>

If you have questions, please contact Sue Kermis @ 352-753-7709 skermis1@yahoo.com

Sue Kermis will hold a Meet & Greet October 26th for all those members registered to attend. An email will be sent to those members with the details.

WATER TAXI PUB CRAWL BAREFOOT CHILDREN OF FORT LAUDERDALE

Friday May 13-Saturday May 14

Riverside Hotel Fort Lauderdale to Margaritaville Hollywood & Margaritaville Hollywood to Riverside Hotel Las Olas Blvd with travel aboard the water taxi Island Adventure

Registration @ <https://barefootchildrenphc.com/>

FUTURE EVENTS

- 1-Cody's Brownwood Fundraiser for Operation Backpack July 26th
- 2- Pool Party @Seabreeze August 21st
- 3-Bus trip to Ybor City August 29th
- 4- Blood Drive @Fire Station #44 September 11th
- 5- Hospice/Macdougall Golf Scramble @ Mallory 9/15
- 6- Dunnedin Bus Trip & Boat Tour 10/8/16
- 7- Halloween Dance 10/15 @La Hacienda Rec Ctr
- 8- Cody's LSL Fundraiser Operation Shoebox 10/25
- 9- Night Golf 11/22 @ Saddlebrook Golf Course
- 10- Biloxi/Beau Rivage Bus Trip 11/27-11/30
- 11- Christmas Party 12/1 @ LaHacienda Rec Ctr
- 12-Capone's Christmas Show & Dinner 12/16
- 13-Bus Trip to Gaylord Palms (Date &Details TBD)
- 14-New Years Eve Party @LaHacienda Rec Ctr
- 15- Valentine's Dance @LaHacienda Rec Ctr 2/11/17



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CHARITY NEWS

CLOTHING DRIVE IN APRIL

Our annual used clothing drive collections will be held at all three PHlockings.

Women's clothing will be collected by Jean Holland and Sue Bross for Haven House.

Men's clothing will be collected by Charles Holland and Al Bross for Habitat for Humanity.

Be part of the competition between the men and women to collect the most bags of clothing.



REFUGE AT JUMPER CREEK GETS \$4400

Wednesday March 16 at the Mallory #2 PHlocking, Amber Tucker from the Refuge at Jumper Creek, accepted a check for \$4400. The first \$3400 was raised at the Casino Party sponsored by Parady Financial February 29th at the American Legion Hall in Lady Lake.

Parady Financial, represented by Cindy Nazzaro, Managing Partner, added \$1000 because of the good work the Refuge does in keeping families together and teaching life skills to help the families become self-sufficient.

POKER RUN

The Poker Run held Saturday March 19th was a huge success (in spite of rain at the beginning which kept a lot of people away) and netted more than \$9500. A final accounting will be published following the auction of unclaimed baskets at the Palmer PHlocking April 6th. The funds raised will be distributed to local charities.

The poker winners were: (1) Ginny Van Santen w/4 Queens, (2) Cynthia Klein w/4 Jacks; (3-tie) Mary Crane w/Full House; (3-tie) Don Zdrojewski w/Full House





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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

WE WELCOMED 60 NEW MEMBERS IN MARCH

Michael & Beverly Bales
Jerry & Barbara Benware
Ron & Karen Borkes
Tom Branner
Linda Bulling
Trish Didomemico
Mark Fitzgerald
Joe & Dawn Fitzpatrick
Steve & Janet Flatley
Virg & Connie Frese
Debra Gerrard
Woody Hopps
Jim & Debra Hynes

Deb Kemper
Bob Kittredge
Russ & Kathy Kortendick
Jim & Tammy Laurent
Sara Marshall
Ron & Vivian Materni
Daniel & Susan McGowen
Mickey & Margaret Meyes
Ken & Jeri Miller
Rick Oldham
Vic Palumbos
Vicki Pollitt
Denise Ponta

Bud & Shirley Sawdy
Earl & Barbara Schmakel
Jack & Cheryl Snyder
Ann Snyder
Kimberly Sonntag
Allen & Jean Stadig
Gordon & Therese Standring
Dale & Cathie Stevens
Barbara Wall
John & Cheryl Waskin
Holly Weller
Gene & Marge Wolanin
William Wolmart

HIMALAYAN GOLF

Monday March 14th 80 players took part in the annual putting contest at the challenging Himalayan putting green at Palmer Legends Golf Course. Cash prizes were awarded to the top 10 teams and to individuals with holes-in-one.

The top teams were: (1) Mary Ann Nogay & Jim Runnells w/36; (2) Jo & Ron Reedy w/37; (3) Bob & Donna Lazzara w/38; (4) Kathy & Marty Jones...(Kathy & Marty also had 4 holes-in-one!)

CLIQUE CORNER

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

NEW - **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 jlb2500@gmail.com.

Ladies Shopping Trips- Periodic day trips to interesting off-site destinations; contact Debbie Sobota at debbie_sobota@comcast.net

- **Friday night Friends--** Meets almost every Friday night for a few drinks at various establishments; want to join in? 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.

- **The amalgamating group** (unattached and friends of unattached)-- meet at various establishments; for planning, and preparation for joining together at Parrot Heads functions; want to join in?
Contact Cathy Spino at cas14221@yahoo.com

- **3 For The Road and Flipside fans** who enjoy the music of these two bands & want to find out their schedules should contact Amy Dunigan at amydunigan1@gmail.com

If you have a clique you want to share, contact Ren Titus, the Parrot Heads Volunteer Coordinator, at rtitus@thevillages.net



EXCOMM NEWS

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

a) The nomination period which started March 1st & ends 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

b) 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 (paulfkinder722@aol.com) stating the position desired along with a brief biography. *(If being nominated by a third party, the nominee must agree to having his/her name submitted)*

c) Nominees will introduced to the members at the May Phlockings

d) Elections will be held at the June Phlockings

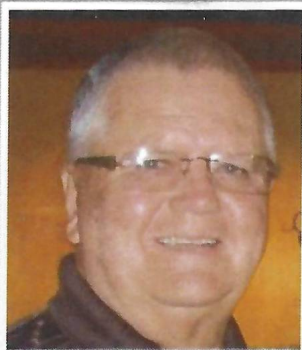
e) The persons elected will be introduced to the members at the July Phlockings

OFFICE	PHONE # E-Mail	TERM EXPIRES
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SECRETARY Diane Minio	215-239-5526 diane.minio@gmail.com	12/31/2016
MEMBERSHIP Julie Harris	352-205-8713 halldrama1@outlook.com	6/30/2016
VOLUNTEER TRUSTEE Ren Titus	352-751-1282 Rtitus@thevillages.net	12/31/2015
COMMUNITY RELATIONS TRUSTEE Steve Larson	352-633-2934 sklarson01@gmail.com	6/30/2016
EVENTS TRUSTEE Skip Todd	352-561-4923 skip0358@gmail.com	12/31/2015
MEDIA TRUSTEE Bob O'Neal	352-751-0035 boneal1939@gmail.com Editor of the Newsletter	6/30/2016

ELECTION CHAIR

Paul Kinder wears many hats in the Club, including Election Chair.

Paul is a great example of someone who gives back in so many ways.



MEMBER ADVOCATE

Any member who has an issue with another member or with the Club should contact Paul Kinder (shown at right) @ (352) 259-3832 or email: paulfkinder722@gmail.com Paul will work confidentially to resolve the issue with the other member or with the EXCOMM



INTERVIEW WITH GEORGE AND VIRGINIA VAN SANTEN



The VanSanten's moved to the Villages from Portage, Indiana 19 years ago, and became Parrothead members approximately 7 years ago. David Macdougall, the 'Founding Father' of the Villages Parrothead Club, was a neighbor of theirs, so that's how they got involved in the club. George VanSanten hails from Hoboken, New Jersey, and his wife, Ginny is originally from Chicago. They met and worked together at a coil-coating company in Portage, Indiana, where they married and have been teaming up as a dynamic duo ever since. Both George and Ginny received Golden Parrot Awards for their exceptional volunteer efforts in 2015. George and Ginny adhere to the saying, *"Things turn out best for those who make the best out of the way things turn out,"* and things happen to turn out very well for those things George and Ginny set their hearts and vision on.

George and Ginny, please name 2 of your favorite things about the Parrotheads.

The camaraderie, charitable activities, great people we meet and the fun events that the Parrotheads put together.

George, what kind of volunteer work are you involved in as a member of the Parrotheads?

I've spent the past 7 years volunteering at the hospital in the driver group and served as the Co-Chair of that group for a time also. This involved training as well as overseeing people involved in the driver group.

Ginny and I were also involved in cleaning Lake Paradise here at The Villages. We would retrieve debris around and inside the lake that might be harmful to the environment as well the ducks, geese and fish using the lake. We were involved in this activity for many years, but had to give it up due to some medical reasons.

Ginny, tell us about your Parrothead volunteer activities.

Like George, I've been volunteering at the hospital for the last 7 years in various departments. Right now, I'm serving at the information desk. In the past, like George said, we both worked together cleaning up Lake Paradise.

George, you've been involved in lots of volunteer activities throughout your life. Can you tell us a little bit more about some of these volunteer efforts?

Well, I was the past President of The Chamber of Commerce in Portage, Indiana; served on their Planning and Zoning Commissions, Eagles Club and Crime Stoppers. I chaired a committee that brought a 5-day Grand Prix Jamboree to Portage, Indiana, and also started an effort to install a break wall off the Port of Indiana to improve small boat/recreational safety. After that the Park Department followed up with a waterfront recreation center and marina which helped build business in the area. We also enabled people to obtain a 1 day fishing license which helped promote additional tourism in the port area. With the Crime Stoppers group, I helped raise \$50,000 for the apprehension, arrest and conviction of a person who had abducted a 7 year old girl from our area. The police were successful in apprehending and prosecuting the person who was turned in by a relative looking to get part of the reward money.

I understand you two have been involved in some other joint business efforts besides your work in the coil-coating industry. Can you tell our readers a little bit about that?

Ginny: After settling into The Villages lifestyle, we decided we needed more challenges, so we checked out Marion Market, decided to rent a booth and start a retail business. We sold artificial trees and silk flower arrangements. Neither one of us had ever done anything like this before, so we taught ourselves the business from the ground up. We ran it very successfully for about 12 years doing contracts with decorators, the City Hall of Wildwood and Harbor Hills Country Club just to name a few. When we decided to stop the business, we liquidated the inventory and took a cruise.

Thank you George and Ginny for your volunteering, your enthusiasm and this interview.

Diane Hull