

**MARCH 2018**

# Parrot Talk

## **PRESIDENT LEE'S CORNER**



### **NEW ORLEANS BUS TRIP**

March 11-16

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### **DELIVER THE DIFFERENCE**

Thursday March 22 Food packing

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### **POKER RUN**

Saturday March 24

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### **CLOTHING DRIVE**

Month of April

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### **HIMALAYAN PUTTING**

Tuesday April 3

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### **VICTORY CASINO CRUISE**

Sunday April 8

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### **CLUB SPONSORS**

Support our Sponsors who each donate at least \$600 annually in dollars or services to our Club:

- 1- Parady Life & Annuity
- 2-Bill Bryan Chrysler/Jeep/Kia
- 3-Cody's Roadhouse: Mulberry, Lake Sumter Landing & Brownwood
- 4 Rescare Homecare in Pinellas Plaza
- 5- Villages Ear, Inc
- 6-Palmer Country Club
- 7- Mallory Hill Country Club
- 8- Fire Station #44
- 9-Exeter Trust Legal (new)

Well, this February is over and on to more good weather and fun times. We again defended our peoples choice award at the Chili Cook Off, thanks to you the members who turned out to volunteer and support with your attending. Another fun Valentine's Day dance, thanks Susie and all your volunteers.

Once again we had some weather issues, but if nice weather is any indicator the Phlockings this month will be busy. We had 275 members at both Palmer and Mallory 2, with some great music at both; it was a fun time.

But March is here and it is Parade time and Poker Run time. Come out and have a fun time at both the St. Patrick's Parade on March 16th in Spanish Springs and our Poker Run on Saturday March 24th.

The Poker Run is our biggest event for charity and thanks to your donations it again will be successful. You can still donate to the baskets till the Monday Phlocking at Mallory March 12th; you can buy tickets all month. It a BYOB event, with music by Mike and Terri. Bring what you want to eat or eat at any one of the 5 stops.

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**CLUB EVENTS IN THE VILLAGES**

**PHLOCKINGS**

1) Wednesday Mar 7 @Palmer CC 4:00PM  
Music: Joel Heckman

2) Monday Mar 12 @Mallory Hill CC 4:00PM  
Music: Just Mike & Just Gary

3) Wednesday Mar 21 @Mallory Hill CC  
@4:00PM  
Music: Retro Express

**5 O'CLOCK  
SOMEWHERE**

**Next event TBA**

Mike Peacock Chair  
352-484-4755  
Gerry Emery Asst Chair  
352-750-8398

**EXCOMM MTG**

Friday March 23  
9AM-12P  
@Rescare Home  
Care & Staffing 2472  
Burnsed Blvd

*All members in good  
standing are welcome  
to attend the meeting*

**ST PATRICK'S DAY PARADE**

Friday March 16 @ Spanish Springs @3:00PM  
We have 10 Golf Carts (Max allowed)  
Walkers Welcome: Irish costumes  
Contact Irene Lawrenson Chair 352-391-0047

**HIMALAYAN PUTTING CONTEST**

Tuesday April 3rd @2:00PM  
Palmer Himalayan Putting Green  
18 Hole putting contest (2 person teams)  
Cost: \$5 PP Sign up at PHlockings (no refunds)  
Prize money for 1st thru 10th place  
Bring putter, golf ball, chair and drinks  
NOTE: Rain date: Tuesday April 10th

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

**POKER RUN**

Saturday March 24 (Rain date Sunday March 25)  
Tickets @\$5 (no limit) on sale in February  
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC; invite friends and family!  
First four stations (in no particular order):  
Havana CC, Mallory CC, Palmer CC, Cody's LSL  
Final Poker Station@Laurel Manor after 1:00PM  
Music: Mike & Terrie  
Games (details to come later) & Basket  
Auction\*\*

Larry Ridgley Chair 352-259-7450

Mark Woodland Asst Chair 609-929-9455

Renie Larson Asst Chair 352-633-2934

\*\*Basket Chair: Barb Beil 847- 609-5304

Asst Chair Maureen O'Connor 402- 210-2732

Baskets and items to fill baskets accepted at  
all PHlockings. See flyer for items: [http://  
villagesparrotheads.com/flyers](http://villagesparrotheads.com/flyers)

**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 start at  
April Phlockings; sign up for one, some, or all

Lil Roe Chair (317)508-6465

## **OUT OF TOWN EVENTS**

### **NEW ORLEANS BUS TRIP**

March 11-16, 2018 6 Days and 5 Nights  
Beau Rivage Casino Resort in Biloxi, Miss  
Staybridge Suites in New Orleans

**\*\*2 Seats Available: \$1470 per couple\*\***

**\*NON-ADA Compliant Trip per Bus Co.\***

<http://villagesparrotheads.com/flyers.htm>

Victoria Privott, Chair 757-869-8975

Susie Dobrowolski Asst Chair 412-779-8235

### **VICTORY CASINO CRUISE**

Sunday April 8, 2018 Margarita Madness

\$40 PP on Sale @ Palmer

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

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### **FUTURE EVENTS**

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| 1-Deliver the Difference Packing         | 4/26, 5/24      |
| Cheryl Amato, Chair                      |                 |
| 2--Blood Drives, Fire Station #44        | 5/14, 9/11      |
| Skip Todd, Chair                         |                 |
| 3--Capone's Dinner Theater Bus Trip      | 5/25            |
| JoAnn Todd Chair                         |                 |
| 4--School Supply Drive                   | July PHlockings |
| Renie Larson Chair                       |                 |
| Marsha Herring Asst Chair                |                 |
| 5- Operation Backpack Fundraiser         | 7/24            |
| Cody's Brownwood                         |                 |
| 6- Pool Party @Seabreeze                 | 8/26            |
| Corrine Mimikos Chair                    |                 |
| 7-Hospice Golf Tournament                | 10/11           |
| Rob Ainsley Chair                        |                 |
| Bill Thesier Asst Chair                  |                 |
| 8- Ormond Beach Golf Outing              | 10/14-16        |
| Errol McKinney Chair                     |                 |
| 9- Operation Shoebox Fundraiser          | 10/23           |
| Cody's Lake Sumter Landing               |                 |
| 10-Halloween Party @LaHacienda Rec Ctr   | 10/27           |
| Judy Koch, Chair                         |                 |
| 11-Night Golf @ Saddlebrook              | 11/6            |
| Lil Roe Chair                            |                 |
| 11- Blood Drive "Battle of the Branches" | 11/11           |
| @Eisenhower recreation Center            |                 |
| 12-Christmas Party @Mulberry Rec Ctr     | 12/9            |
| 13-NYE Party @Savannah Center            | 12/31           |
| Shalda Nelson Chair                      |                 |

### **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 on sale March and April

Music: Saturday: Mike & Terrie

Retro Express

Sunday: Dangerous Dave

Danny B

Just Mike & Just Gary

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

<http://villagesparrotheads.com/flyers.htm>

Ann Blanchard Chair 352-750-6287

Glenny Kinder Asst Chair 352-259-3832

### **MEETING OF THE MINDS**

October 31-November 4, 2018

Registration is Open <http://>

[php.motmregistration](http://php.motmregistration) Register by April 1 for  
JB Concert Ticket drawing

Casa Marina: <http://>

[group.waldorfastoria.com/MOTM2018](http://group.waldorfastoria.com/MOTM2018)

Booking code: ZZPAR1 (888)-303-5717



## **CHARITY NEWS**

### **DELIVER THE DIFFERENCE**

**Next packing is 3/22**

Thursday February 22nd @Coconut Cove Recreation Center, Parrot Heads joined a host of volunteers who packed 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](mailto:cheryl.amato@aol.com) for more information

### **CLOTHING DRIVE IN APRIL**

April PHlockings; members only (last year we advertised in the newspaper and were overwhelmed and buried the charities).

The Chairs of the drive are requesting only clean non-contaminated gently used men's and women's

### **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

Mark your calendars for a fun time while supporting a worthy charity

### **CHILI COOK OFF**

We would like to thank all the great volunteers that we had for the cook-off February 4th. We had a large number of volunteers and had a bunch of us that made this such a fantastic event. We had people help with set up, cooking, selling, serving, and tearing down. We have worked with many different volunteers, but have never had so much fun with a group that worked so hard. The chatter and laughter was so great to listen to. Through these efforts we won the People's Choice Award for the sixth year in a row. We raised close to \$1,000 from the baked goods and chili. Thanks to Dale Ross for providing the recipe for the chili. It was very good and got great reviews from the crowd.

Thanks again to all the fantastic volunteers.

Bob Munro-Chairman

Jerry Emery-Assistant Chair

### **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



**This Month we feature Maureen O'Connor, Poker Run Assistant Basket Chair**



Our Parrot Head Profile this month features Maureen O'Connor. Maureen came to The Villages in August, 2014, to see if this was a place she would like to settle. She first rented for three months in Ashland and then nine months in Virginia Trace. She made the decision to make this her home and purchased in Virginia Trace in August, 2016. She likes the neighborhood and close proximity to Sumter Landing.

She joined the Parrot Heads in October, 2015. The day she signed up Bonnie Walls was taking attendance and helped her. Bonnie then kept her informed about club activities via email. This was a really helpful way to learn about what was going on! Maureen has tried some other clubs but has found the one she enjoys the most is the Parrot Heads.

Maureen is originally from Omaha Nebraska, but has lived in Texas, Germany, England, Virginia, Kentucky and Michigan.

Before she retired in June, 2014, she was with the DOD/Defense Commissary Agency for 40 years. She spent most of her career in management.

Maureen learned about The Villages Parrot Head Club from Lil & Danny Roe and thought she would give it a try. It sounded like a fun group. (And it is!)

Maureen tries to volunteer for many activities. She found when she first joined and began volunteering it allowed her to meet so many people. Last year and this year she has been the Assistant Chair for the Golf Cart Poker Run Basket Committee. She thinks it is terrific that so many Parrot Heads donate items to make the baskets each year. She has also helped with Hospice Golf Outing, Chili Cook Off, 50/50, etc.

She likes the fact that there are so many organized activities such as PHlockings, parties, travel, and fund raisers, etc. In her estimation the Parrot Head members are terrific!

Her advice to new members is that the best way to get involved is to volunteer and attend the organized activities. Then you continually meet and get to know more members. It is both rewarding and fun.

And to show you what a dedicated Parrot Head Maureen is, she provided the information for this interview while on vacation sailing the Tasman Sea and visiting Australia! Thanks Maureen for helping me meet my deadline and I'm sure all your friends in the club will want to hear all about your experience.

Look for Maureen at the upcoming PHlockings where she will be working towards another fun and successful Poker Run!

Interview by Alma Scheer

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

### **MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

*Members need to renew by March 31st to remain on active membership database*

Renew online: Go to <http://villagesparrotheads.com> Get 2018 sticker at next PHlocking. Renewals also accepted at Phlockings. Look for Membership table.

### 40 new members joined the Club in February

Please make them feel welcome and encourage them to join in the fun with your group

Penny Abrams	Carman DiQuollo	Linda Monahan	Cary Spain
Becky Angelo	Lynn Francis	Terri Morse	Craig Spain
Fran Angelo	Bo Martos	Ann Paruk	Jane Valley
Art Bauer	Linda McElmurry	M.J. Phillips	LeRoy Valley
Brandy Bauer	Patrick McElmurry	Larry Poling	Ellen Walsh
Myra Brauth	Dan Meeks	Sharon Poling	Kathy Walsh
Geri Carapazza	Lois Meeks	Michelle Rowe	Pat Walsh
Charlotte Coyle	David Merrick	Rocky Rowe	Terry Walsh
James Coyle	Dan Miller	Karen Schuyler	Brian Wojtum
Rick D'Angelo	Donna Miller	Philip Schuyler	Byron Zuidema

### **CLIQUE CORNER**

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

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

Email Gypsy Ginchereau at [gypsygewells@gmail.com](mailto: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 [jlb2500@gmail.com](mailto:jlb2500@gmail.com)

**Gathering of Friends--** Meets for a few drinks at various establishments; want to join in?  
Contact Skip Todd at [skip0358@gmail.com](mailto: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 [lmsteinod@hotmail.com](mailto:lmsteinod@hotmail.com)

To share a new clique, contact Ren Titus, Volunteer Coordinator, [rtitus@thevillages.net](mailto:rtitus@thevillages.net)



**EXCOMM NEWS**

**NOMINATIONS FOR JUNE ELECTION**

**The nomination period is March 1-April 31.**

**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 31st. The names of the nominees will be published after the nomination period ends.**

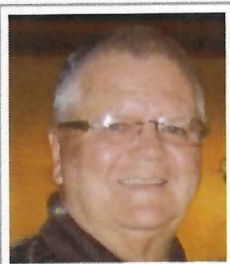
**Paul's phone number and email are listed below.**

**PLEASE NOTE: The Media Trustee is not running for election. Anyone interested in the position please contact Bob O'Neal to discuss the duties of the position.**

**ELECTION CHAIR**

**Paul Kinder is the Election Chair.**

**Paul may be contacted @352-259-3832 or by email at [paulfkinder722@gmail.com](mailto:paulfkinder722@gmail.com)**



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**MEMBER ADVOCATE**

**Any member who has an issue with another member or with the Club should contact Paul Kinder at 352-259-3832 or by email at [paulfkinder722@gmail.com](mailto:paulfkinder722@gmail.com)**

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