



JANUARY 2012

# PARROT TALK

## HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

### A Message from our President

Happy New Year to you all. My Wish for you is continued good health and enjoyment in 2012. Parrotheads, you are the greatest. The things you have accomplished and the many lives that you have touched through your volunteer hours and contributions have surpassed all other years. It is a list of many, and I wish I could list them all, but space does not afford me the opportunity. Here are just a few.

Total cash and in kind donations	\$69,563.57
Total Volunteer Hours in excess of	1000 hours
Our Annual Poker Run	\$7500.00
Christian & Wildwood Food Pantry in excess of	\$12000.00
Haven House (Women's Clothing drive)	\$15000.00
Moffitt Cancer Center	\$5400.00
Habitat for Humanity (Men's clothing drive)	\$7500.00
Operation Backpack (Wildwood School & the Villages Charter School)	\$5000.00
Pancake Breakfast (Love Inc.)	\$3100.00

These are just a few of the many charities and lives that we have touched in 2011.

While most of you do not need to be thanked for your efforts, rest assured your actions do not go unnoticed. Let me be the first to say "Thank You" to all of you,

On a sad note we lost our founder and first President David MacDougall in 2011. I know David is looking down on us with a big smile on his face and thanking you also.

Charlie Howlett  
Your Proud President



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Please visit our Website <http://www.thevillagesparrotheads.com/> to keep up with the latest news and information about our many activities each month and throughout the year.



## **5 O'CLOCK SOMEWHERE**

Wednesday, Jan 11th @ City Fire in Lake Sumter Landing @ 4:00PM. Music by Just Mike

## **EXCOMM MEETING**

Monday January 23rd @9:00AM @ Havana Country Club

## **PHLOCKINGS**

Wednesday Jan 4th @ Palmer Country Club

Tuesday Jan 17th @ Havana Country Club

Wednesday Jan 18th @ Mallory Hill Country Club

All PHlockings begin at 4:00PM

**Wear your Parrothead shirts and name tags**

Please bring food items for the CHRISTIAN FOOD PANTRY to any Phlocking (see Pg&5 for list of food items to bring)

## **Future Club Events**

### **CHILI COOKOFF**

Saturday, Feb 4th, 2012@Polo Field @Noon (Combined-previously at Town Squares)

**\*\*Member cookoff tasting January 12th @ Busker's house @3:00PM. The first 12 who call Bill will be entered in the competition and will bring 1 gallon of chili + recipe\*\***

The winner's chili will compete@Polo Field Bill Busker, chairman 954-295-9510

### **SUPERBOWL PARTY**

Sunday, February 5, 2012 @Lake Miona Rec Ctr Tickets:\$10.00 PP on sale in January

Ren Titus Chair 751-1282 See Flyer Pg#7

### **SPRING FLING DANCE**

February 29th, 2012 @ Colony Cottage Rec Ctr

Music by Dunning Shaw

Tickets: \$12.50 PP on sale @ January & February Phlockings

Jean Howlett Co-Chair @259-8134

Bonnie Simpson, Co-Chair @259-9586

### **NIGHT GOLF**

Tuesday March 13, 2012 @Saddlebrook Golf Course

Jerry & Eileen Harrington co-chairs @751-5686

More information next month

### **CRUISE**

March 17-25, 2012

Southern Caribbean on Carnival Miracle

See YTB table @ Phlockings or

Call Larry or Judy Turner @753-4968

See flyer Pg #8

## **Out Of Town Events**

### **GASPARILLA PIRATE FESTIVAL**

Tampa parade

Saturday Jan 28th

Ticket cost of \$50PP

includes bus

Tickets on sale

@January Phlockings

See Bonnie Graham & Ruth Schaller



### **LEESBURG MARDI GRAS PARADE**

Saturday, February 18th

Ann Blanchard, Chair

750-6287



### **MUSIC ON TAMPA BAY (MOTB)**

March 2-4, 2012 Charity Event sponsored by the Tampa Bay PH Club to benefit the Shriners' Hospital. Register online at

[www.musiconthetbay.org](http://www.musiconthetbay.org). Be sure to put the Villages Parrot Head Club on the club affiliation line. To volunteer, contact Sue Kermis [skermis1@yahoo.com](mailto:skermis1@yahoo.com) or Barb Hopper [bhopper623@gmail.com](mailto:bhopper623@gmail.com)





## Phlocking Attendance in December

405 members  
attended the three  
PHlockings in  
December.  
We ended the year  
with 1067  
members,  
exceeding last  
years total for an  
all time high.

may renew  
their  
membership for  
2012 at any  
Phlocking.

**Bring a  
completed  
application  
which may be  
found on the  
club website:**

**\*\*Please note  
that members**  
[www.thevillagesparrotheads.com](http://www.thevillagesparrotheads.com)

## Call For Club Historical Information

Laura Grossman, our club historian, is in need of information from the early years of 2003-2008 to update the club historical archives and enhance the record books which she maintains. The books are brought to the New Year's Eve party each year for the members to peruse. Any information you have which you think should be included to provide our members more insight into the club may be sent to Laura at [glaura663@aol.com](mailto:glaura663@aol.com). With David MacDougall's passing, it is important that we document the activities and personalities of the club during its formative years.

## OUR EXOMM

OFFICE	PHONE # E-Mail	TERM EXPIRES
PRESIDENT Charlie Howlett	259-8134 <a href="mailto:Ckhrealtor@msn.com">Ckhrealtor@msn.com</a>	6/30/2012
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SECRETARY Bonnie Simpson	259-9586 <a href="mailto:Bgsimp@comcast.net">Bgsimp@comcast.net</a>	12/31/2012
MEMBERSHIP TRUSTEE Steve Hopper	750-8082 <a href="mailto:Shopper126@gmail.com">Shopper126@gmail.com</a>	6/30/2012
VOLUNTEER TRUSTEE Ren Titus	751-1282 <a href="mailto:rtitus@thevillages.net">rtitus@thevillages.net</a>	12/31/2012
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MEDIA TRUSTEE Bob O'Neal	751-0035 <a href="mailto:boneal1939@gmail.com">boneal1939@gmail.com</a>	6/30/2012



## Charity Activities



### ***Generous "Party With a Purpose" Parrot heads!***

The Havana Phlocking November 15th was a big night for the Toys For Tots Christmas drive as members brought an array of gifts for needy children of the surrounding communities.



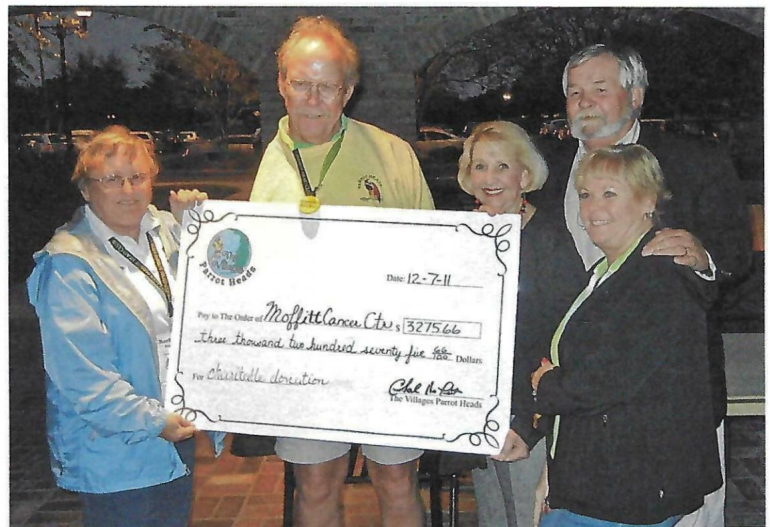
Our members donated \$1800.00 worth of toys and bikes to Toys for Tots during the 2011 drive. THANKS TO ALL WHO DONATED to this worthy cause for children in the local area. We really do "Party with a Purpose"



### **Moffitt Cancer Center**

The Moffitt Cancer Center was presented a \$3275.66 Check at the Palmer Phlocking December 7th. Shown here are Barb & Steve Hopper, Pat Francis (Moffitt fundraising volunteer), Pete Wahl (Moffitt fundraising chairman) and Judy Turner.

In total, our club has donated over \$5400.00 to the Moffitt Cancer Center. We were the first club to donate to the Moffitt Cancer Center fundraising drive.







### KEEP KIDS KLEEN

Unbelievable as it may seem to us, there are 1300 kids living in the Ocala National Forest. These kids are members of homeless families who live in tents and move around the forest on a daily basis. They are picked up for school by buses which travel the forest roads. Can you imagine smelling like wood smoke and not having the basic essentials to get cleaned up for school? Let's get behind this drive organized by Larry Woodward and Jan Brooks to gather toiletries for donation to these kids so they can have a better life. Please see the flyer on Page #6, which has a list of the most desperately needed items.

### 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,

### LETTER TO CODY'S ROADHOUSE

TO: Mr. D., James and Kevin

On behalf of the Villages Parrothead Club I would like to thank you for the gift of the Landshark Surfboard.

It will be used to make a bench that will be raffled off at our annual Poker Run on March 24th 2012. The proceeds from our Poker Run each year go into our general charity fund.

Last year we raised \$7400.00 for local charities at this event. The donation of this surfboard will add to that amount this year.

Again, I thank you on behalf of all of The Villages Parrotheads.

Charlie Howlett  
President

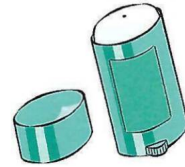
### LAKE PARADISE CLEANUP

The **last Tuesday** of each month, Cori Purdom (750-4949) leads a cleanup of the area around Lake Paradise. Volunteers meet next to the Dog Park across the bridge from Spanish Springs at 10:00AM for the one-hour task. Bring covered shoes and gloves; Cori furnishes pails and grabbers.

Parrot Talk is published monthly for the members of The Villages Parrot Head Club by Bob O'Neal, Media Trustee. Please send news items, suggestions or corrections to: [boneal1939@gmail.com](mailto:boneal1939@gmail.com)



# KEEP KIDS KLEEN



There are over 1300 documented HOMELESS children in our area. Students go to school everyday without the means to shower or even shampoo their hair, brush their teeth or put on deodorant. With that said, January and February are going to be the months for every Village Parrot Head to stock pile toiletries for a March collection for these children. Below is a sampling of items that are desperately needed. Our hope is that come March we will have vans full of collected items.

Please help us make this fundraiser a success.

## OUR SUCCESS WILL HELP OUR CHILDREN SUCCEED!

Toothbrushes  
Toothpaste  
Shampoo (Any size including travel and hotel) NO Conditioner  
Combs  
Deodorant  
Feminine hygiene products  
Hand soap  
Fresh Wipes



Chairpersons: Larry Woodward and Jan Brooks





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# SUPER BOWL PARTY

*Lake Miona Recreation Center*

Sunday: February 5<sup>th</sup>

Doors open at 5:00 PM



\$10.00 per person (No Refunds)  
(Members & Guest Only)

**Provided:** Box Lunch (Before Game)

HoneyBaked Ham Sandwichs

Potato Salad & a Cookie

*Ticket Required*

**Bring:** **BYOB** & Snacks for Your Table

6:25 PM Kick off Time (For info: Call Ren 751-1282)



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## CRUISE ON CARNIVAL MIRACLE

# March 17-25, 2012

## SAILING FROM FT LAUDERDALE

Booking through The Villages Parrot Heads Travel

YTB Travel Network

Contact: Larry Turner

Telephone: 352-753-4968

Email: waterrescue12002

@yahoo.com

DAY	PORT	ARRIVE	DEPART
SAT	FT LAUDERDALE		4:00PM
SUN	AT SEA		
MON	GRAND TURK	7:00AM	3:00PM
TUE	LA ROMANA, DR	9:00AM	5:00PM
WED	ARUBA	12:00PM	10:00PM
THU	CURACAO	8:00AM	4:00PM
FRI	AT SEA		
SAT	AT SEA		
SUN	FT LAUDERDALE	8:00AM	

This cruise, as with past Parrot Head cruises, is a major fund raiser for the club.