



**FEBRUARY 2017**

# Parrot Talk

## HOSPITAL VOLUNTEERS

The Hospital expansion created a desperate need for more volunteers.

Please Note: All departments especially need volunteers Saturdays and Sundays

Contact the Volunteer Placement Office @ 352-751-8176 or [TVRHVPO@centflhealth.org](mailto:TVRHVPO@centflhealth.org)

## ONLINE MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

See Page #8 for details

## CASINO NIGHT

Feb 27th See Page #3 for details

## 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-LSL&Brownwood
- 4 Rescare Homecare in Pinellas Plaza  
[www.rescare.com](http://www.rescare.com)
- 5- Villages Ear
- 6- Fresh Market
- 7- BB&T Bank
- 8-Juice Plus
- 9-Palmer Country Club
- 10- Mallory Hill Country Club
- 11- Fire Station #44

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER



They say when you are having fun time flies, so we must be having a blast as January is gone. From an awesome Blood Drive to start the month, to three great Phlockings with new music, another fun time on Victory Casino, to a fun 5 o'clock somewhere at Francesco's Ristorante.

But we don't look back so off to February with the Chili Cook Off on the 4th at Lake Sumter Landing. We are the defending champs and looking to extend our winning streak, so come out and support us. You just may see a Parrot, maybe a Shark or a lost Penguin.

Then we have a Valentine Dance on the 11th with the WALL OF BEER AND WINE, Tampa Bay Downs on the 25th and then Casino Night on the 27th. This sure took care of February!

Welcome to 87 new members in January and your first newsletter; read it to find out all the exciting things we have planned for the coming year.

Lee

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

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

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**PHLOCKINGS**

1) Wednesday Feb 1 @Palmer CC  
@4:00PM

Music: Pat Murphy

2) Mon Feb 6 @Mallory Hill CC  
@4:00PM

Music: Danny B

3) Wed Feb 15 @Mallory Hill CC  
@4:00PM

Music: Jimi Pappas

**5 O'CLOCK SOMEWHERE**

Thursday March 23rd @ Lake Sumter  
Landing

Parrot Head Party @ 5PM w/Jason & the  
Caribbean Chillers

Johnny Rockets offering buy one get one  
free to all Parrot Heads

Mike Peacock, Chair @ 352-484-4755

Jerry Emery Ass't Chair @352-750-8398

**EXCOMM MTG**

Friday February  
17th @ 9AM-12P  
@Rescare Home  
Care & Staffing  
2472 Burnsed Blvd

All members in good  
standing are  
welcome to attend  
the meeting

**TICKET SALES @PHLOCKINGS**

Tickets may be purchased from  
3:30-5:15PM

Sales are suspended during the club  
announcement period @4:00 until  
completed so that members can hear the  
speaker

**HIMALAYAN GOLF**

Tuesday March 7th @3:00PM

Himalayan Putting Green @Palmer Golf Course

Signups @\$5.00PP at February PHlockings

All you need is your putter and a golf ball

Carol O'Neal

Chair (352) 205-3770

Trudy LaBonte Ass't Chair (352) 205-7043

**CHILI COOK OFF**

Saturday February 4, 2017 @Lake Sumter Landing

Cooking @9:00AM; Judging and Tasting @ Noon

All proceeds go to the Rotary Club, event sponsor

Come help defend our title as the best club

Volunteers have signed up to cook and serve

Fresh Market will supply ingredients

Sue Schoening's chili recipe will be used

Jim & Diane Hull Chairs 616-218-2571

**VALENTINES DANCE**

Saturday February 11, 2017 @LaHacienda Rec Ctr

5-9PM Dinner by Oakwood 5:30-6:30PM BYOB

Tickets @\$20PP @Palmer & Mallory#1

**NEW RAFFLE: Wall of Wine and Wall of Beer.**

Bring in a bottle of wine you get a ticket for a  
chance to win many bottles. Bring in a six pack of  
beer and get a ticket for a chance to win many six  
packs. No other tickets will be sold for these  
games of chance.

Music by the Highway One Band and Rich  
"Schooner" McGuire

Susie Dobrowolski, Chair @352-751-2566

Linnae Clinton, Ass't Chair @614-327-2564

**POKER RUN**

Saturday March 18 (Rain date Sunday March 19)

Tickets @\$5 (no limit) on sale at all PHlockings

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 by Mike & Terrie

Games (details to come later) & Basket Auction\*\*

Larry Ridgley Chair 352-259-7450

Don Kiernan Ass't Chair @352-391-1425

**\*\*Basket Chair:** MaryAnn Nogay (352) 753-0427

Ass't Chair Maureen O'Connor (402) 210-2732

**\*\* We need baskets and donated items to fill them.\*\***

Collecting baskets and donations starting @January  
Phlockings. MaryAnn will also accept items at her  
home until 3/12.

\*Completed baskets that are cellophane wrapped will  
be accepted at all PHlockings thru Mallory#1 in March  
Corporate sponsored baskets are also needed



## **OUT OF TOWN EVENTS**

### **TAMPA BAY DOWNS BUS TRIP**

Saturday February 25, 2017 day trip to horse races

**Tickets @ \$45.00 PP @ Palmer & Mallory #1**

Open to family and friends

See flyer <http://villagesparrotheads.com/flyers.htm>  
for details of everything included

Bus leaves from Walmart on 466 at 9:00AM

Susie Dobrowolski Chair 352-751-2566

Paul Kinder Ass't Chair 352-259-3832

### **HOMO SASSY BIRTHDAY BASHY**

Friday 5/5 & Saturday 5/6 @ Homosassa  
Riverside Resort.

<http://www.riversideresorts.com/>

\*Make room reservations directly with resort

\*\*Call 352-628-2474 (use code "Parrothead")

*Stay the weekend or come for the day*

Music: Friday: Just Mike & Gary Senator  
Saturday: Danny B, Bill Cockrell,  
Peter George

\*Wristbands @\$20PP for the group cookout on  
sale at March & April PHlockings

Group Cookout Saturday May 6th

Ann Blanchard Chair 352-750-6287

Glenny Kinder, Ass't Chair 352-259-3832

### **CASINO NIGHT**

Monday February 27, 2017 at the American Legion  
Hall

CR 466 and Rolling Acres Road, Lady Lake @ 6:00PM

Parady Life and Annuity is sponsoring the second  
Casino Night to benefit The Refuge at Jumper Creek

Parady will supply gaming tables, food, drinks (2),  
music and prizes

**Tickets (FOR MEMBERS ONLY) @\$25PP on sale (no  
points required) at February PHlockings**

6:00PM-9:00PM Buffet dinner, followed by music  
and gaming

Carol O'Neal Chair (352) 205-3770

Bonnie Walls Ass't Chair (904) 505-1681

### **ALL INCLUSIVE CANCUN TRIP**

Sunday April 23-Saturday April 29, 2017

sign ups at all PHlockings

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

Jennifer Costello Chair (352) 895-1838

Skip Todd Ass't Chair (352) 561-4923

### **MEETING OF THE MINDS**

Wednesday 11/1-Sunday 11/5/2017 in Key West

Register at <http://www.phip.com/meeting>

The Casa Marina (host resort) is sold out

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

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

Sue Kermis 352-753-7709 [skermis@yahoo.com](mailto:skermis@yahoo.com)  
will hold a meet and greet in October

### **CRUISE ON CELEBRITY SILHOUETTE**

January 7-14, 2018 from Ft Lauderdale

**Special Pricing by booking @ February PHlockings**

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

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### **FUTURE EVENTS**

1-Blood Drive @ Fire Station #44	5/11/17
2-Blood Drive @ Fire Station #44	9/11/17
3- Siesta Key (tentative)	9/17/17
4-Night Golf @ Saddlebrook	10/3/17
5-Halloween Party @ La Hacienda	10/21/17
6-Christmas Party @ Paradise Rec Ctr	12/09/17
7-New Years Eve @ La Hacienda	12/31/17
8-Cruise - Celebrity Silhouette	1/7-1/14/2018



## **VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION PARTY GOLDEN PARROT AWARDS**

Monday January 23rd was a big day as we celebrated our top contributing volunteers and presented the Golden Parrot Award to four of our members.

340 members, the top 60% in accumulating volunteer points during the last 12 months, were invited to Cody's Brownwood by event chair Sue kermis for a rousing party with Just Mike rocking the patio. President Lee Caron told the gathering that the Club logged 18,000 volunteer hours, with 9000 of those hours being Charity related.

Lee congratulated all the attending members, who received pins for their service, with a special thanks to the top 11 members who accumulated 60 points each and were presented \$20 gift certificates.

4 members were presented the coveted Golden Parrot Award, symbolized by a pin which they may proudly wear along with their volunteer pins:



- 1) Charles Holland, who manages the club's storage unit and the men's clothing drive
- 2) Vinny Caso, who uses his truck for daily food deliveries as well as for club events
- 3) Thurman Shurtleff, long time charity Committee member and former Chair of the committee
- 4) Renie Larson, who is involved in numerous fundraisers, including Operation Backpack

Shown at right are 7 of the 11 members who amassed the maximum 60 points during the past 12 months:

Danny Roe, Mark "The Shark" Woodland, Ann Blanchard, Susie Dobrowolski, Sue kermis, Carol O'Neal and Gypsy Ginchereau.

Missing from the photo were: Paul and Glenny Kinder, Carolyn Barger and Larry Roeder



## **CHARITY NEWS**

### **FUNDRAISER FOR ASPCA**

Tuesday February 21st @ Cody's Roadhouse in Lake Sumter Landing @ 3:00PM we are holding a fundraiser to benefit ASPCA.

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

### **BLOOD DRIVES**

The next blood drive will be Thursday May 11th at Fire Station #44 at the intersection of Morse Blvd and Pinellas from 9:00AM-4:00PM

The last blood drive held January 5th netted 194 units. There were 160 volunteer hours. For some perspective, it was reported that the blood was consumed by recipient patients in 3 days.

### **HELPING HANDS**

The next build is tentatively due to start in March.

Contact **Suzanne Barry** @ 630-251-2940 or [barry.suzanne.john@msn.com](mailto:barry.suzanne.john@msn.com) for information

*Bargains and Blessings*, the Helping Hands thrift store in Wildwood at 301 North Main Street, could use some "muscle" when their truck arrives with donations, and truck drivers are also needed to pick up and deliver merchandise.

Volunteers can work as many or few hours as they wish. There are many opportunities for the ladies as well.

Stop at the store Tuesday-Saturday for an application volunteer.

Contact **Susie Newland** @352-445-1179 or email [saturnsusie@yahoo.com](mailto:saturnsusie@yahoo.com) for more details and to sign up



Parrot Heads Ken Taft and John Barry hard at work at the Wildwood site

### **FOOD PANTRY ITEMS ALWAYS NEEDED**

Please remember to bring food to the PHlockings. The food pantry shelves are always in need.

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



**THURMAN SHURTLEFF INTERVIEW**



Thurman and his wife, Karen bought their Villages home in 2005, and made it their full time residence in December 2005. They joined The Parrot Heads in June 2006 . They reside in The Village of Poinciana.

**1. Thurman, how did you first become acquainted with the Parrot Heads?**

We found out by accident about a Jimmy Buffet Club here at The Villages. Once we discovered that they were The Parrot Heads, we attended one of their meetings at El Santiago and joined right after that. We've been members ever since.

**2. Where are you from originally?**

I was born in West Texas and grew up in Dallas.

**3. Before you became a Villager, what kind of work were you involved in?**

I worked at a hospital in various jobs while I was attending college. One of my jobs included working as an orderly in the X-Ray department. I went through the ROTC with a two year work commitment to the military and asked to serve in the Medical Service Corp. This enabled me to serve in various roles within the Army's healthcare administration department for 22 years. After that I worked in public healthcare administration in the DC Metro area for 13 years. My healthcare career concluded with an 8 year stint as a pro-bono consultant with a retirement community in Carlsbad, Mexico.

**4. What sort of work do you do now?**

I'm focused on volunteer work with The Parrot Heads currently, but before that I spent about 4 years serving on the Administrators Advisory Committee with The Villages Hospital.

**5. What kind of volunteer work are you involved in as a member of The Parrot Heads?**

I've been volunteering on the Charity Committee since 2009, and spent a year or so serving as their Chairman. The Executive Committee gives us a target fund to recommend for distribution between the local charities. We try to target those charities that give the most with the least amount of expense so they can do the greatest good as a charity. The charities are vetted to make sure they qualify and are compliant with state regulations. We also started a program working with partner sponsors like Cody's who holds 4-5 fundraisers with The Parrot Heads over the course of a year. We have raffles for various things, hold 50/50's where half of the funds are distributed to the charity the Fund Raiser sponsors and the other half to members.

**6. What are your 2 favorite things about The Villages?**

Parrot Heads is my number 1 favorite thing. And after that, it would be my neighborhood which is very social and supportive...almost like a second family.

**7. Please name 2 of your favorite things about The Parrot Heads.**

The Charity Committee is one of my favorite things for one thing and working with other volunteer commitments that I am capable of doing.

**8. Would you have any advice to share with new Parrot Head members?** Yes, get involved in volunteering so you can get more closely acquainted with other Parrot Head members. Some of the closest friends we have in The Villages we met through volunteer activities with The Parrot Heads.

Interview by Diane Hull



## **MEMBERSHIP NEWS**

**87 new members joined the Club in January! Please make them feel welcome to the Club**

Cheryl Amato	Gary & Vicki Hufstetler	Stephen & Stella Pierce
Joseph Argabright	Bob & Krystnya Johnson	Bob Rawlinson
Bruce & Judy Bayes	Linda King	Rocky Rockholt
Joe & Arlene Behmer	Jerry & Judy Lacko	John & Nancy Rossi
Bill & Bernie Bielefeldt	Lee Lawrence	Maureen Roe
Michael Brees	Jim & Madeline Leamy	Anna Roebuck
Bobby Britt	Aly Leard	Cindy Ryab
Tim & Mary Cusack	Jerry & Debbie Lorraine	Jo Salva
Jeanne Cutter	Glenn & Jackie McAlister	Bob & Mary Scalera
Forrest & Linda Dailey	Robin Meade	Walt & Allene Seifried
Carol Denton	Candy Miller	Karen Shirley
Felix & Ellen Diner	Jeanne Moniot	Kathy Shaffer
Rick Field	Linda Moore	Gilbert & Suzanne Sturza
Kimberly Foreman	Gary & Janice Mosso	Judy Taber
Ricky & Ruthie Gebhardt	Thomas Mowbray	Robert & Bonnie Tarsitano
John & Theresa Grasso	Judy Moyer	Mike & Cheryl Wagner
Jim & Sue Gruenwald	Dan & Judy Murphy	Ron Warrington
Dinah Hess	Ron Myers	Bart & Kathy Wooldridge
Gary & Denise Horton	Dennis & Nancy Paddock	
Frank & Sue Hotchkiss	Tom & Georganne Piccoli	

### **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)

**Ladies Shopping Trips-** Periodic day trips to interesting off-site destinations; contact Debbie Sobota at [debbie\\_sobota@comcast.net](mailto:debbie_sobota@comcast.net)

**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 and Flipside fans** who enjoy the music of these two bands & want to find out their schedules should contact Len Stein at [lmsteinod@hotmail.com](mailto:lmsteinod@hotmail.com)

**If you have a clique you want to share, contact Ren Titus, the Parrot Heads Volunteer Coordinator, at [rtitus@thevillages.net](mailto:rtitus@thevillages.net)**



## EXCOMM NEWS

### MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS ONLINE

Great news! Members can now renew their Club membership by going to the website <http://villagesparrotheads.com/> and completing the application and paying by PayPal or a major credit card.

2017 stickers are available at all Phlockings . If you renew online, your sticker will normally be available at the next PHlocking. Members may also renew at PHlockings

*The deadline for renewing at the reduced rate of \$20 is March 31st.*

### EXCOMM ELECTION

The next election will be held in June for the following positions:

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

Nominations will be accepted by Paul Kinder from March 1st to April 30th

### ELECTION CHAIR

Paul Kinder is the Election Chair.

Nominations are to be submitted to Paul @

352-259-3832 or by email

[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@ (352)259-3832 or [paulfkinder722@gmail.com](mailto:paulfkinder722@gmail.com)