

**FEBRUARY 2016**

# Parrot Talk

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER



### CHILI COOK OFF

Saturday February 6th @LSL  
See page#2 for details

### BLOOD DRIVE

Thursday February 11th @Firestation 44  
See Page #2 for details

### VALENTINE'S DANCE

Saturday February 13th @LaHacienda  
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### CASINO NIGHT

Monday February 29th@American  
Legion Hall  
See Pge #2 for details

### CORPORATE SPONSORS

Support our Corporate Sponsors:

- 1- Cody's Roadhouse-LSL&Brownwood
- 2- Arcadia Homecare & Staffing in Pinellas Plaza
- 3- BB&T Bank in Colony Plaza
- 4- Parady Financial
- 5- Villages Ear (NEW) See Page #5

### 200 HOSPITAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

New areas of latest expansion started opening in late December  
Contact Carol Hughes in the Volunteer Placement Office @352-751-8176 or email [carhughes@cfhalliance.org](mailto:carhughes@cfhalliance.org)

After what would be called a rousing start we are off to February with bang.

I have to thank all the volunteers for all they do. We had an outstanding appreciation party for them and inducted seven very worthy new members into the Golden ParrotHead Club.

From the new music at the phlockings to over 60 new members in January, this will continue to keep your club new and exciting. With this many new members we look to have them get involved and bring new ideas and new people to volunteer for the events we have all year.

You the members donated over 9000 hours of your time to charity last year! I Thank You!!!

Tickets are now being sold for The Poker Run and we need your help with donations for the baskets which we will raffle off. So lets show the new people how We Party with a Purpose and bring them to the Phlockings in February. Let's not forget a great reunion party held at El Santiago, where this club started ; who would have ever thought we would be where we are today!

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**

### **EVENT TICKET SALES**

Events sponsored by the Club are intended for Club members only unless otherwise specified. Sales are non-refundable unless otherwise specified.

### **TAMPA DOWNS HORSE RACES BUS TRIP**

Saturday February 20, 2016 @9:00AM

Bus leaves from behind Sonny's BBQ in LSL

Private suite, lunch, racing forms, betting,

Villages Parrot Heads feature race

#### **SOLD OUT**

Debbie Sobota, chair @352-633-2599

Paul Kinder, Co-Chair @352-259-3832

### **MUSIC ON THE BAY**

Thursday March 3-Sunday March 6

Whiskey Joe's Barefoot Beach Bar, Tampa Bay

"Trop Rock Event of the Year"

Registration \$80 PP

Visit Website <http://www.musiconthebay.org>

### **GUMBO FEST JACKSONVILLE**

Friday March 11-Sunday March 13

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.phip.com/meeting>

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

[https://secure3.hilton.com/en\\_US/wa/reservation/book.htm?inputModule=HOTEL&cityhcn=EYWCWMA&spec\\_plan=ZZPAR8&arrival=20161030&departure=20161108&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK,EN,DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT](https://secure3.hilton.com/en_US/wa/reservation/book.htm?inputModule=HOTEL&cityhcn=EYWCWMA&spec_plan=ZZPAR8&arrival=20161030&departure=20161108&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK,EN,DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT)

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

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

<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](http://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](mailto:skermis1@yahoo.com)

### **FUTURE EVENTS BOTH CLUB AND NON-CLUB**

#### **1-Summer Golf Scrambles (Sundays)**

May 22	Course TBD
June 26	"
July 24	"
August 28	"
September 25	"

#### **2 Pool Party @Seabreeze August 21**

#### **3- Hospice Golf Scramble @ Mallory 9/14 or 9/15**

#### **4- Dunnedin Bus Trip & Boat Tour 10/8/16**

#### **5- Halloween Dance 10/15 @La Hacienda Rec Ctr**

#### **6- Night Golf 11/22 @ Saddlebrook Golf Course**

#### **7- Christmas Party 1st week of December TBD**

#### **7- New Years Eve Party @LaHacienda Rec Ctr**





## CHARITY NEWS

### CLOTHING DRIVES IN APRIL

It is time to start cleaning out your closets in preparation for our annual clothing drive.

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

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

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

*Bring your clothing donations to any of the three Phlockings in April*



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### SAVE THE MANATEE CLUB

Ariel, a female who was rescued Christmas day 1973 and lives at Homosassa Springs has been adopted by our Club following the death of Rosie late last year.

Rosie had been found in 1968 and was thus at least 47 years old.

Ariel joins Crazy Nick (Blue Spring) and Ginger (Tampa Bay) as manatees adopted by our club. For more about Ariel, see

[http://www.savethemanatee.org/Manatee\\_Feature/ariel.html](http://www.savethemanatee.org/Manatee_Feature/ariel.html)

### CODY'S FUNDRAISER FOR WILDWOOD SOUP KITCHEN

Tuesday February 23rd @4:00PM Cody's in Lake Sumter Landing will host a fundraiser to support the Wildwood Soup Kitchen. For the cost of a \$5 wristband, enjoy music, food, happy hour drink prices, auction and 50/50. All proceeds go directly to the soup kitchen. Come out and help support this worthy local charity.

### DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS

Jack Johnson, a Villager and Senior Vice President of the Florida Chapter of the DAV, has volunteered to be a Club Resource to assist any veteran obtain the services needed, whether it is VA medical care, monies due, or any other issue which needs to cut through bureaucratic "red tape". Jack can be reached at 352-250-4743. The local website is [www.fl.dav.org/](http://www.fl.dav.org/)

### 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, dog food, cat food



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## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

### WE WELCOMED 67 NEW MEMBERS IN JANUARY

Kristine Bailey  
Marilyn & Tony Banks  
Suzanne & John Barry  
Margaret Barton  
Terrie Brennan  
Cal Callahan  
Karen Cantor  
Carolyn Carr  
Cathy & John Cottilli  
Carmen DeWitt  
MaryHelen Dyjak  
Jan Edmondson  
Shirley Ellis

Michele & Steve Evers  
Glenn & Ino Ferber  
Rosemary & Roy Fields  
Jim Georgiades  
Mardee Goldberg  
JaneEllen Greenwood  
Chris Healy  
Lou Cater Henry  
Brendon & Rosemary Hogan  
Patricia Keim  
Dene & Fred Kuhnen  
Irene & Tom Lawrenson

Carl Leban  
Mike Long  
Byron Marshall  
Lana Marcine  
Bob McCourt  
Charles & Evelyn McDonald  
Susan McIsaac  
Bill & Rosalie Messina  
Jean & Ray Meyers  
Bill & Louise Minnick  
Terri Munch  
Diana & Paul Osofsky

Ellen & George Porette  
Carolyn Randle  
Stephen Roche  
Faye & Roy Rowlett  
Matti Schmidt  
Barbara Scott  
Nonie Stopper  
Danielle Stroud  
Robert Szoyka  
Carolyn & Rick Turner  
Susan Walters  
Tom Waters  
David Yulke

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### Best way to get to know people in the Club

There are always opportunities to volunteer for club activities or community activities which award points:

- 1) Upcoming events listed in the Newsletter may need volunteers. Contact the Chair of the event
- 2) The Villages Hospital needs more volunteers. Contact Carol Hughes (352-751-8176) for an application or for a tour of the hospital to see if it something you would like to do
- 3) Contact Ren Titus, Volunteer Coordinator (352-751-1282) for ideas and direction

## CLIQUE CORNER

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

- Ladies Shopping Trips--Periodic day trips to interesting off-site destinations; contact Debbie Sobota at [debbie\\_sobota@comcast.net](mailto: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](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.
- The amalgamating group (unattached and friends of unattached)-- meet at various establishments; for fun, for planning, and preparation for joining together at Parrot Heads functions; want to join in? Contact Cathy Spino at [cas14221@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto:amydunigan1@gmail.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)





## GOLDEN PARROT AWARD

The Golden Parrot Award is presented to members who have made outstanding and significant contributions to the Club.



Jennifer Costello, Gary Simpson, Ginny VanSanten, Lil Roe, George VanSanten, Danny Roe and Victoria Privott were awarded the Golden Parrot at the Volunteer Appreciation Party Monday January 25th. They joined the 44 previous award recipients, also recognized at the gathering at Cody's in Brownwood.



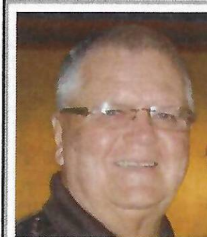
Carol O'Neal, Glennie Kinder, George VanSanten, Carolyn Barger and Bob Alosi all had at least 60 volunteer points during the last year!

## EXCOMM

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## 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](mailto:paulfkinder722@gmail.com)  
Paul will work confidentially to resolve the issue with the other member or with the EXCOMM







### INTERVIEW WITH JIM HULL, Chair of this Year's Chili Cook Off



Jim and his wife Diane are in charge of the Chili Cook Off scheduled for Saturday, February 6th at Lake Sumter Landing. They are fairly new to the Parrot Heads, so an introduction to the members seemed to be in order.

**How long have you lived in the Villages and where did you come from?**

We moved here full-time one year ago to the home we purchased in 2005 and rented out while I was still working. We moved from Plainwell, Michigan, which is between Grand Rapids and Kalamazoo.

I retired 2/21/2015 after 41 years with the Sheriff's Office as the Under Sheriff.

**How did you become acquainted with the Parrot Heads?**

Friends brought us to a Phlocking, and we immediately liked the activities including charity fundraising and volunteering and the "Party With A Purpose" atmosphere. Diane and I have always been involved in volunteer activities and were quick to answer the call from Ren Titus to get involved in the Club.

Diane and I volunteer at the Wildwood Soup Kitchen once a week, delivering 35-40 meals each time. We also volunteer at the Wildwood Food Pantry twice a month.

My advice to any new member is to get involved-find something you are interested in and sign up. You will meet more people that way and will feel like you are part of the Club.

**Tell me about the Chili Cook Off**

Sue Schoening won the recipe contest we held recently, and her recipe will be used (with ingredients donated by Fresh Market) for the Cook Off February 6th. Come out to Lake Sumter landing for the tasting of many chili recipes beginning at Noon around the Square at the annual Rotary Club fundraiser and be sure to vote for our chili with your dollars. Last year we won the "Peoples' Choice" trophy for the most money raised for charity. Be on hand for the judges' announcement of the top three chilis plus the trophies for the best-decorated booth and the "Peoples Choice".

Lets "Party With a Purpose" and show them again what a great Parrot Head Club we are!