

Parrot Talk

June 2020 Edition

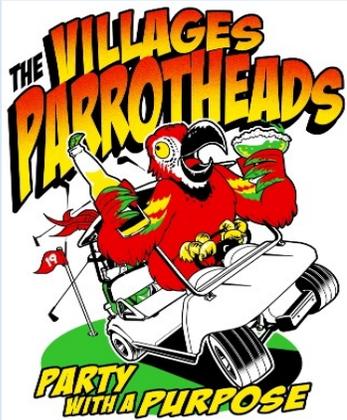


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President's Corner

It has been another difficult month. We learned that the annual Parrot Head Convention, the 2020 Meeting of the Minds has been cancelled. The 2020 Phlorida Regional Parrot Head Leadership conference in Jacksonville was cancelled. Our June Pool Party is cancelled and still no phlockings.

But, me, being the eternal optimist, sees light at the end of the tunnel. Our 16 ½ Birthday bash at the Best Western Aku Tiki in Daytona Beach is still on, and I see it happening. A great music lineup is set, and now all we have to hope for is good weather. Thanks to Judy Koch for all her hard work in planning this trip. I think we all need it.

We still have no word about when we will be allowed to have our poker run/basket raffle or be able to start phlockings up again, but we are staying on top of things, and as soon as we know when, and what the restrictions will be, we will start planning.

One thing that is happening behind the scenes is that we are going online with everything. Membership renewals, new members, ticket sales, etc. We feel that we are coming of age and we are trying to get rid of all the tables and lines at phlockings, especially during these times. More info will be coming out soon about this so watch you emails and our facebook page for more updates as it is something to look forward to.

So keep your Phins Up Parrot Heads ___^___ !! We will be back as soon as we are able.

Website: villagesparrotheads.com

Facebook: www.facebook.com/groups/TheVillagesParrotHeadClub/



The Club Events listed below are being planned with the hope the risk of the virus will be low enough to permit us to hold them safely.

Daytona Beach Birthday Bash.



You will want to travel to Daytona Beach to celebrate the Parrot Head Club's 16th and 1/2 birthday. The party is at the Best Western Aku Tiki Inn for Sunday August 16 and Monday the 17th.

Our block of rooms is sold out but you may be able to get a room there. The hotel's number is (866) 237 6365.

If you can't get a room at the Tiki, you can go [booking.com](https://www.booking.com) and get a room at Perry's ocean front resort which is next door and then come next door to party!!

Here is our entertainment lineup:

- Saturday Night - Karaoke with Mark the Shark
- Sunday Poolside 12-3 - Guy George
- Sunday evening 6-9 - Hollywood & the Tropix
- Monday Poolside 12-3 - Dudley
- Monday evening 6-9 - Highway One

We will be selling wrist bands for \$20 each to cover the cost of the bands and if you purchased one for Homosassa, they will be used for this event if you attend.

Anyone who placed a reservation with the Villages Parrot Head Group. If you choose to cancel, please call me first as they have closed the block and I have a waiting list. Judy Koch (352) 350 4293

Thanks! Fins up 4 Pfun.

Siesta Key Get Away by Gypsy Ginchereau

I hope everyone is doing well during our forced quarantine. All is well here in our household and we, like everyone else, are anxiously awaiting the time when we can again participate in Parrot Head activities.

With that said, we are still planning our annual Siesta Key get-away from September 20th – 23rd. Specific event planning activities are not finalized, since we do not know what will happen with regards to social distancing. However, hopefully we will get through all the restrictions, be able to move forward and join together in some beach fun.

Past events for Siesta Key have included Club tents on the beach every day, a beach Picnic, a pub crawl, the infamous Bloody Mary Bash and live entertainment.

All activities will be in the location of The Siesta Key Village and beach access #3. Rooms are available along the road to beach access #3 and are convenient to all our planned activities.

Ask your phellow Parrot Heads who went last year. This is a great beach get-away. Guaranteed to have phun!

You make your own reservations and provide your own transportation to and from. Most arrive on Sunday evening in order to attend the Siesta Key Beach Drum Circle which is a unique event, especially if you have never attended. This is the only event you must drive a short distance for. All other events are within walking distance. So, you park your car and enjoy 3 days of fun on foot.

Hotel recommendations (based on location only) are as follows. **BE SURE TO ASK WHAT THE CANCELLATION POLICY WILL BE IN CASE WE ARE STILL UNDER RESTRICTIONS:**

Beach Point Cottages
125 Beach Rd, Siesta Key, FL 34242 (941) 349-0545

Siesta Key Beach Resort and Suites
5311 Ocean Blvd, Sarasota, FL 34242 (941) 349-3211

Tropical Breeze Resort
140 Columbus Blvd, Sarasota, FL 34242 (941) 349-1125

Siesta Key Beachside Villas
124 Columbus Blvd, Sarasota, FL 34242 (941) 203-5985



Membership

Membership Renewal

If you didn't renew by March 31st, your membership has expired.

Three ways to renew:

1. Online (**Best Way**). <https://villagesparrotheads.com> and click on the "Membership Renewal" button and follow the directions. You can get your 2020 sticker at the next Phlocking you attend or....
2. Mail in with a \$20 check made out to the Village Parrot Heads, PO Box 52, Oxford FL 34484 or....
3. You can renew at any Phlocking at the membership table, **when we start to have Phlockings again.**

After you renew, simply stop by the Membership table to pick up your new sticker. if you choose to renew at the Phlockings, thank you in advance for your patience. We will process you as quickly as we can.

Our Club's New Online Ticketing System

IF YOU CAN USE TICKETMASTER YOU CAN USE TICKETLEAP

That's right, very soon The Villages Parrot Heads will be rolling out a brand new, on line, event planning process. No more waiting in line or missing an event because you can't get to a Phlocking. It all gets done on your phone, computer or tablet.

TICKETLEAP is a leading on line ticketing application being used all over the world. It works the same way buying tickets through Ticketmaster or through The Villages Entertainment does. Get your tickets on line or at a PHlocking.

Just like Ticketmaster and The Villages Entertainment may have different categories of tickets, so does **TICKETLEAP**. We can have tickets for Volunteer Points Tickets, General Membership Tickets, Guests, etc. AND they can all go on sale on different dates.

TICKETLEAP will give you one stop sign up. View the floor-plan and select your table. Read event guidelines, see event flyers, complete attendee information, select your tickets, print your tickets (not required) and do it all at one time.

You'll receive email confirmation of your ticket include event information including table, buyer, attendee, etc.

We can't wait for you to see it in action. It is fast, easy, accurate, eliminates long lines and lets you get tickets *when you want and where you want.*

LET'S ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS

HOW DO I KNOW WHEN TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE?

Pretty easy. Just like now, it will be announced in the NEWSLETTER, EMAIL, on FACEBOOK, on our WEBSITE and at all Phlockings.

HOW DO I GET TO TICKETLEAP TO GET TICKETS: Simple.

Go to the WEBSITE. Check the front page for tickets currently available and click the link. You will go directly to the **TICKETLEAP** event page.

DO I NEED TO SET UP AN ACCOUNT TO USE TICKETLEAP?

ABSOLUTELY NOT. Once you click the link you are on the Ticket Purchase Page.

CAN I PICK MY TABLE ON LINE? Absolutely. Every event will have a seating chart where you simply click on the table you want and select the number of tickets you need.

I COULDN'T GET TICKETS BECAUSE I HAD NO POINTS?

Members who have Volunteer points *may* be able to get tickets first, BUT, since you do NOT need to wait for the next PHlocking, General Membership tickets can be made available within a few days and you can get them right from your computer, phone or tablet.

I HATE COMPUTERS, CAN I STILL BUY TICKETS AT A

PHlocking? Until everyone is comfortable with the new process, we will not only have a table to buy tickets at a PHlocking, but, someone to help "teach" you the new system on your phone while you are there. In addition, we are setting up a "PRACTICE EVENT" on **TICKETLEAP** so you can go in and order tickets (free) just to see what it's all about. *JUST REMEMBER:* Since most members will get tickets on line, the seats you want may not be available. (this is the same as if you had to wait in that long line at a PHlocking).

CAN I STILL PAY BY CHECK OR CASH? You can, BUT, remember, you can only do that at a PHlocking and people tend to use **TICKETLEAP** online to get best table selection before a PHlocking.

It's coming soon and it will be awesome! You will be given more information and **TICKETLEAP** Instructions soon, however, if you have any questions that can't wait, feel free to contact me.

See you soon!
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Charity

Charities That Need Our Help

By Marsha Herring

The need is VERY great right now for local charities that the Club supports. If you would like to make a monetary or food donation to one of the local charities that we support, the contact and delivery information is listed below:

Beyond the Walls

Fruitland Park Food Pantry
Heritage Community Church
609 W. Birchman Street
Fruitland Park, FL 34371
(352) 365 2552

Help Agency

SOZO Kids
19186 NE 13th Street
Silver Springs. FL 34488
(352) 299 5830

Lady Lake Food Pantry

103 E. Lady Lake Blvd.
Lady Lake, FL 32162
(352) 259 0788

Lake Panasoffkee Food Pantry

589 CR470
Lake Panasoffkee, FL 33538
(352) 793 3438

Wildwood Food Pantry

Caring Hands
302 Hall Street
Wildwood FL 34785
(352) 748 2553

Sunshine Committee

If you know of a member who has an illness, injury or surgery or someone who is suffering the loss of a spouse or child, please notify Patty Petretti who is the Chairperson of the Club's Sunshine Committee. Patti's email is: patamus1747@gmail.com

Blood Drive

Our blood drives have stopped for the foreseeable future. That doesn't mean that the need for blood has stopped. While we won't be holding any drives, Club members who want to give the gift of life can donate and still receive 2 points for each donation. All you need to do is to go to www.oneblood.com and sign up at their donation center or go to one of the Big Red Buses or you can call Larry Fish, our oneblood coordinator at 352-266-1020 to make an appointment, organize your own neighborhood drive, or for more information". After you donate, go to the clubs web site and fill in the information which will be sent to Jaci Burdash and she will post the points.



Refunds

As our Homosassa weekend has passed and we missed out on all the fun, we have now started the task of refunding our members for T-shirts and/or wristbands.

T-shirts: If you ordered a t-shirt, your money will be automatically refunded as t-shirts had not been ordered yet. You will receive a check in the mail from the club shortly.

Wristbands: If you purchased wristbands to help pay for the bands, you can transfer your wristbands to use at our 16 1/2 year birthday bash in Daytona Beach in August. If you are not able to attend our birthday bash and would like a refund, we will mail you a check for the \$20 each wristband. Most of you have already emailed me with your decision in what you want to do with your wristbands. If you have not already done so, please let me know by emailing me at Markthesharkdj@gmail.com.



Member Profile

Our Parrot Head Profile this month features my dear boss, Steve Larson. (So I'd better do a good job!) Steve and his lovely wife Renie bought their first home in The Villages in 2005 in the Village of Liberty Park. They were seasonal residents at that time since Renie was still teaching. Steve and Renie have now lived in the Village of Buttonwood fulltime since 2011.

Steve grew up on the plains of Kansas on a farm/ranch near McPherson, Kansas. He met Renie when he went back to college in Emporia, Kansas, when his roommate introduced the two of them. She stopped in on a trip back to her home in Wichita and after a six hour visit they discovered they were kindred spirits. Steve and Renie have two children and four grandchildren. Daughter Sarah and husband Corey live in Michigan with grandkids Colten and Cooper, and son Scott and wife Beth live in Fruitland Park with grandkids Alice and Nathan.

Before he retired to The Villages Steve served two combat tours in the Navy in Viet Nam aboard the USS Newport News. After the Navy he went back to school and then went to work for Sears Roebuck. He then went to work for Ford Motor Company for 34 years. For the last 20 years at Ford he was the Manager of the Company's Supplier Diversity Program.

Steve became a true Parrot Head on a Tuesday night fundraiser at Cody's, Lake Sumter Landing where Dunning Shaw was performing. The crowd was having such a great time singing along and dancing and Steve thought he'd never had so much fun on a Tuesday night and decided this was the club for him.

The Parrot Head Club keeps Steve pretty busy but he does enjoy playing pool, golf and also singing and strumming his many ukuleles. He started the Trop Rock Ukulele Society which has a Facebook page and meets weekly to play and sing. He looks forward to the time when the group can safely meet again.

Steve began his volunteer work for the Parrot Heads by delivering the food donations gathered at the Phlockings to the Lady Lake Food Pantry. He has served on the board as the Charity Trustee, and he now serves as our Media Trustee.

One of Steve's favorite things about the Parrot Heads is the incredible diversity of experience that the membership has. He is just blown away by the level of talent to be found in the club. He also appreciates that we have the ability to set aside our differences and just get together and have a good time. The advice he would give to new members is to be persistent. Go to the Phlockings and introduce yourself. Don't hang back and wait for people to come to you. You can be as social as you decide to be.

Club's Executive Committee



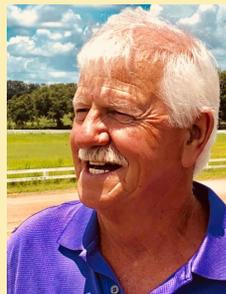
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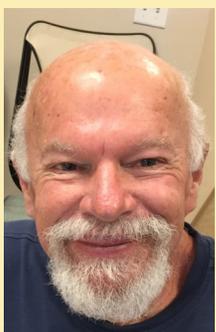
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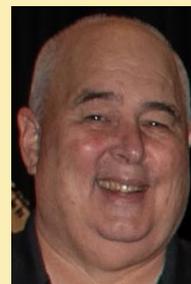


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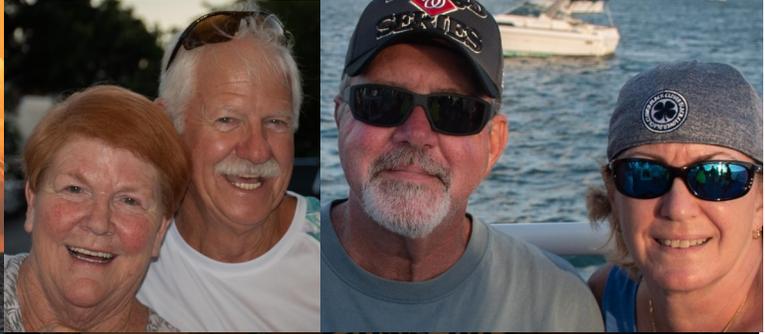


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Words From Buffett Song Titles

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buck	fins	screw
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