

Parrot Talk

March 2020 Edition

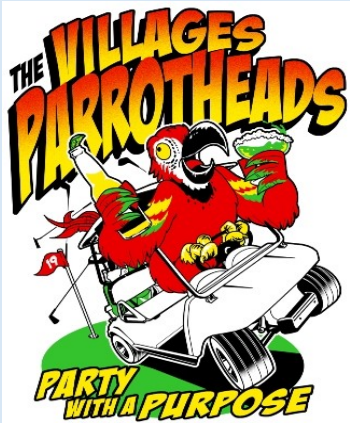


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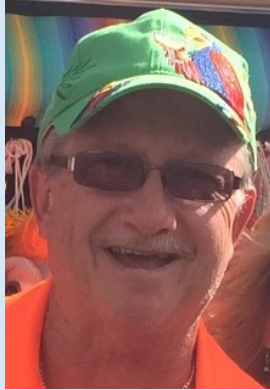
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President's Corner

January ended, February began, and we just kept right on having PHUN, partying with a purpose. It all started with our first "Hoot"enany Hoedown. It was something different and as Ann said, we had a "HOOT". I think I am still recovering from the mechanical shark. Thanks to Jan Stahlheber, Ann Blanchard, Lee Caron, and of course,

Parady Financial for putting on such a great time and all the proceeds go to Support Our Soldiers which will help send a child to college. More on this later.

For the eighth year in a row we won the "People's Choice" award at the Chili Cook-off. We received over \$2000 in donations for the Rotary Club's charities, and we had phun doing it. They changed our position on the street but we showed 'em. We had more phun and raised more money than ever before. It just goes to show that you can't put a Parrothead down. Thanks so much to Dale Ross, Ken McCreary, and Rodell Babasa for all you do for this. We know it is a lot and how hard you work. Thanks to Mike Fitzgerald for his cooking, his chili recipe, and playing our phavorite songs during the day and thanks to all the dancers that did the line dancing while I was DJing. Thank you to the over 160 volunteers who helped out any way possible to make this a huge success once again.

Our Valentine's day party was a sell-out and another huge success with music by the Trop Rock Junkies, catering by Cracker Barrel, and thanks to you all for coming out and enjoying yourselves. Thank you to Linda Fuller, Patti Petretti, and all the volunteers who put this together.

March brings us to our biggest fundraiser of the year. Our golf cart Poker Run and Basket Raffle is Saturday March 21st with music by Hollywood and the Tropix at Laurel Manor gazebo. Only \$5 a poker hand. This is always a BLAST. There will be a dunk chair, games, music, baskets, and all kind of phun so you don't want to miss it. I'll have a lot more info sent out via email, facebook, and information at phlockings real soon.



March Phlockings (music starts at 3:30 PM)

Wed. March 4 at Palmer. Music by Joel

Mon. March 9 at Mallory. Music by Just Mike and Gary

Wed. March 18 at Mallory. Music by Retro Express

5 O'Clock Somewhere

On Sunday, March 1st we gather at Cody's Mulberry for a 5 O'clock Somewhere Party from 4 to 8 PM. Lisa Beck will be providing the entertainment and there will be happy hour drink prices and food specials. Come out and start March out with a bang.

Annual Poker Run

The Club's annual Poker Run is on Saturday March 21st. This is our biggest Fundraiser Event of the year. You can buy your \$5 ticket at the Phlockings or on the day of the event at Sea Breeze Recreation Center, Mallory Country Club, Havana Country Club or Arnold Palmer Country Club. You will end up at Laurel Manor for an afternoon of music provided by Hollywood and the Tropix, games, a dunk tank and over 100 baskets to bid on. The parking lot at Laurel Manor opens up at 1 PM. **We want you to invite your neighbors and friends to join you in making this our best Poker Run ever.**

Chairperson: Renie Larson (352) 398 2076

Asst. Chair: Kathy Newstat (609) 674 7278

Basket Chair: Terri Ainsley (757)-362-2077

Appointments By Executive Committee

A special thanks goes out to Paul Kinder who has served the Club for years as Security Chief and Elections Chairperson. He has decided to step down and several talented members have agreed to step up. Our new Security Chief is Ken McCreary. Kevin Fuller is our new Elections Chair and he will be assisted by Byron Zuyidema.

Safety Tips

If you go to our web site and click on "Bulletins", you 'll find a list of safety tips provided by Ken McCreary. We want you to stay safe out there.

St. Patrick's Day Parade

The Irish St. Patrick's Day Parade will be held on Tuesday, March 17th in Spanish Springs. We will need decorated carts and walkers. The Parade starts around 3:15 but participants must be assembled behind the Rialto Theater at 2 PM. We also need people in the crowd to cheer for us when we pass. It's a fun time for everyone.

Chairperson: Sally Bottke (989) 751 4625



Himalayan Golf

Test your putting skills at the up and down Palmer Country Club putting green on April 14th. You will play 18 holes and there will be prizes awarded to the 2 person team with the lowest score. Tickets go on sale at the March 9th Phlocking for the low, low price of \$5 per person.

Future Events

- 5'Oclock Somewhere, March 1
- Tampa Bay Derby Day, March 7
- St. Patrick's Day Parade, March 17
- Spring Training Baseball Game, March 19
- Poker Run, March 21
- Himalayan Golf, April 14
- Blood Drive, May 1st
- Homosassa River Resort Party, May 1st to 3rd
- Ledo Beach Trip, May 27
- Summer Golf Scrambles, May through Sept
- Pool Party, June 28
- Pool Party, August 30
- Blood Drive, Sept. 11
- Siesta Key Getaway, Sept. 20 to 24
- Blood Drive, Nov. 11
- Christmas Party, Dec. 11, 2020



Out Of The Bubble

Homosassa River Resort Party

This year we will return to Homosassa Florida for a weekend of fun on the river. The dates are Friday May 1st to Sunday May 3rd. This year's theme will be "Last Monkey Standing" and it will be a little different. Here is the lineup: On Saturday live entertainment when Joe Allen plays from 12 noon to 3 PM by the pool. There will be free time from 3 PM to 6 PM and then Take Two plays in the Courtyard from 6 to 9 PM. On Sunday, Danny B will play by the pool from 12 until 3PM and Just Mike and Gary will play from 6 to 9 PM in the Courtyard. There will be a pot luck, "pitch in" dinner on Saturday from 4 to 6pm. Bring a dish to pass. The Monkey Bar and the Shed are within walking distance. Wristbands will be sold for \$20 each to help pay for the bands and event t shirts (\$22) will be for sale beginning in March. This weekend will be filled with lots of activities, including music, games, funky monkey (costume) parade, contests & prizes.

Chairperson: Lee Caron (813) 480-0833

Assistant Chair: Ann Blanchard (352) 750-6287

Ledo Beach Day Trip

On May 27th, you can hop on our bus and head for Ledo Key Beach which is near Sarasota. Ledo Key Beach is one of Florida's most pristine beaches. A 10 minute walk from the beach brings you to St. Armand's Circle where you will find 130 boutiques, specialty shops, galleries, restaurants and bars. The bus leaves at 8 am from Walmart on 466 and returns at 8 pm. Cost is \$25 per person, no refunds. Tickets go on sale in April.

Chair: Johnna Dieleman (352) 255 2945

Assist. Chair: Bruce Newstat (609) 377 7531

Assist. Chair: Kethy Newstat (609) 674 7278



Bus Trip for Tampa Bay Downs and Spring Training Baseball Game.



Siesta Key Beach Getaway

Ready for another GREAT Beach Get Away? Join us in Siesta Key (2 hours from The Villages) again this year for an awesome 3-day event. September 20th - 24th. If you didn't attend last year, ask your friends who did if they had fun. This is an incredible event with fun and sun for everyone. You drive to Siesta Key on your own and book your own hotel room. But once you get there we have lots of fun events waiting for you. Including a pub crawl around Siesta Key Village, Tents on the beach every day, Live entertainment, and the infamous Bloody Mary Bash. More information to come.

Contact Gypsy Ginchereau @ 352-568-5354 for more information.

2020 MOTM Key West

The 29th annual Meeting of the Minds (MOTM) which is the International Parrothead Convention will be held this year in Key West Florida on October 29th thru October 31st. This years theme is "Party at the End of the World". Registration is \$90. Registration gets you admission to the Casa Marina (where all the bands play), a goodie bag and more. Most of these bands will be playing at other venues on the island that week also. Last year we had over 60 members from our club attend. This year we are hoping for more and we are having a party again on Saturday morning at the Smokin' Tuna with music and drink specials. You can check with President Mark the Shark Woodland or Travel Director Judy Koch for more info, or go to www.phip.com/motm for the official website.



Shepard's Lighthouse

The Shepard's Lighthouse, located in Belleview, received a \$3,000 donation at the second Mallory Phlocking of February. They provide temporary housing to homeless mothers and their children, work with them to develop a life strategy and help them get back into mainstream society. They are also a resource to homeless families. Below are members of our Charity Committee presenting the big check to Kathy Newsome who is on the Charities Board of Directors.



Take Stock In Children

The Club has become a \$2,000 sponsor for a talent show put on by Take Stock In Children. Students from high schools in Sumter County audition for the show which will be held on March 26th at the Rohan Community Center. The mission of Take Stock In Children is to break the cycle of poverty for low-income, academically qualified students. They offer scholarships to students, provide caring volunteer mentors, and instill hope for a better life. Comprehensive services begin in middle school, continue through high school, and include students' transition into college and career. Every student accepted for the show will win a scholarship. If you would like to become involved by being a mentor, you can contact Esther Solin, Mentor Coordinator at (352)787-6576

Hootenanny Hoedown

This event sponsored by Paraday Financial, generated \$4,000 which will be donated in March at the second Mallory Phlocking to Project SOS (Support Our Soldiers). This organization works with homeless veterans and veteran families living in poverty. Last year our donation was used to provide a 4 year scholarship to the daughter of a veteran living in the Ocala National Forest. If you were at the Phlocking when Gary Kadow told us how the money would be used and the story behind it, you will remember that there wasn't a dry eye in the house.

Blood Drive

Our February Blood Drive was a big success. We had 277 donors who donated 276 pints or 34.5 gallons of blood. We had 68 volunteers give 304 hours of service.

Volunteer Opportunities

Cornerstone Hospice & Palliative Care

Volunteer opportunities for greeters, assist staff, help with meal prep and visiting patients in their homes and in assisted living/nursing facilities are available.

Heidi Gaumet, Volunteer Specialist 5 at (352) 751 3110

The Villages Regional Hospital

There are many opportunities in many departments.

Gloria Counselman, Volunteer Placement Office

Office: (352) 751-8176

Email: tvrvhpo@centflhealth.org

Web: www.TheVillagesRegionalHospital.org

Big Brothers and Big Sisters (BBBS)

BBBS is seeking people willing to mentor a child from 5 to 13 years old who has requested help.

Karen Kampel : (727) 351 4004 / (727) 351 4004, or

Email: KarenK@bbbstampabay.org

Wildwood Soup Kitchen

There is a shortage of volunteer drivers to deliver food to individuals unable to get to the Soup Kitchen.

Barbara McManus: (352) 299 6494

Email: barb.mcmanus@yahoo.com

Center Hill Children's Mission

Betty Ann Klein who runs the mission is seeking volunteers to help grade school aged children with homework and tutoring. If interested, contact her at (352) 457 7457

Take Stock In Children

Mentors are needed to help high school aged low income, academically qualified students. If you are interested contact Esther Solin, Mentor Coordinator (352) 787 6576

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 Patti Petretti who is the Chairperson of the Club's Sunshine Committee. Patti's email is: patamus1747@gmail.com



New Members in February

Paul & Tracy Anderson	Craig Dennis	Dr. Ginny McLoughlin	Rick Raia
Sue Bailey	Claudia & Jay Dickson	Gerri Mellen	Kathy & Phil Salt
David & Linda Bedard	Paulette Eison	Sherry Michaels	Bill Sanford
Ken Beggs	Janet & Tom Emerson	Jean & Mike Monnin	Peggy Schaeffer
Jackie Blast	Randy Erb	Keith Morcroft	Kim & Ron Shellhorse
Elaine Bondie	Joe & Linda Gambaro	Jolene Nelson	Shirlee Thaler
Sue Brakeman	Reggie Gambino	Ed Paquette	Mike Thornton
Dan Brien	Gene & Linda Gooding	James Passantino	Lesley Tippolito
Anne & Chuck Burns	Cherie & Jerry Gritsch	Laura Passantino	Ben & Laurie Topolski
Dick & Marilee Cameron	Ron & Sharon Hallead	Rich & Sharon Paxton	Darlene Washko
Clarke Camp	Dean & Kris Johnson	Connie & Scott Peterson	
Lyle & Pat Collander	Kelly Kelley	Kathy Piscione	
Thomas & Becky Cranston	Annette Leonhard	Joseph Potocsnak	
Debbie & Dennis Davison	Blair & Nancy McCoy	Patricia Potocsnak	

Membership Re- newal

If you don't renew by March 31st, your membership will expire. Three ways to do it:

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. **December 2019**, You can renew at any Phlocking at the membership table

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.

Clique Corner

The Cliques are not Club functions. They are gatherings of Club members with common interests.

Gathering of Friends Meets for a few drinks at various establishments. Want to join in? Contact Skip Todd at <skip0358@gmail.com>

The Chic Clique Come join fellow Parrot Head Females for "ladies night out". This group of ladies who just like to get together occasionally for a fun event, such as a movie night dinner with the girls, paint parties, etc. Email Gypsy Ginchereau at <gypsygewells@gmail.com> to be added to the list.

Get Acquainted Clique For new members and unattached members interested in making new friends and getting together to jointly attend Parrot Head parties, events or trips. Meets the first Phlocking each month at 3 PM at Palmer CC. way around in back, prior to the Parrot Head Phlocking. Show up or send an email to Jaci Burdadh <jlb2500@gmail.com>.

TropRock Ukulele Society If you like Jimmy Buffet music and you'd like to learn how to play the Ukulele, the meetings are on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month at the Canal Street Recreation Center. From 12:30 to 1PM there is a lesson for people just starting and the jam session is from 1 to 2 PM. You are never too old to learn how to make music. Contact Stephen Larson for information (352) 255 9582.



Member Profile

Our Parrot Head Profile this month features Sally Bottke. Sally and her husband Ron live in the Village of Chatham and consider themselves “north-enders.” They bought their first home here in 2011 and retired in 2013. They bought their second home in The Villages 300 yards down the street from their first home because it backs up to a horse farm. They are typically here from mid-September until mid-May. Just this past year they “downsized” in Michigan – sold their home and bought an RV. It’s on a semi-permanent spot at a park on a lake on the west side of the state. Sally and Ron have three kids, and twelve WONDERFUL grandkids.

Originally from Michigan, Sally and Ron were both engineers before they retired. Sally retired from General Motors in Product Engineering. Her last assignment was Global Quality Manager which provided her with many opportunities to travel the world including trips to Mexico, China, Korea, and Europe.

Sally is the President of the Chatham Social Club, which meets monthly, and she and her friend Sue coordinate all the social activities for our Northside Golf League. This year she started a couples golf league that’s fun – yet another excuse to go out to eat!

The Bottkes joined the Parrot Heads in 2016. Phriends of theirs, Peg and Stan, and Gil and Suzy had been members and introduced them to the Club. It filled a void for them as they were looking for more opportunities to give back to their community. Many of their friends in the neighborhood have also joined so the social aspect of the Club is phun for them too!

Sally currently coordinates our Club’s participation in the parades at The Villages – Heritage Parade in the fall, Christmas, and St. Patrick’s Day. She also runs the sub-committee that helps the Poker Run team make up all the tags that go on the baskets that are raffled off. She has also helped with blood drives, firehouse kit packing, food packing, making cookies for the Chili cook-off, and has helped at the Christian Food Pantry in Leesburg. Sally says it’s so easy to get involved and there’s always an opportunity!

Her favorite “things” about the Parrot Heads are the people, and the attitude that we all seem to share...you can contribute to your community and have a darn good time doing it.

Sally’s advice to new members is sign up! Start small. It gets addictive in a good way. She says you’ll have lots of phun and meet new people too.



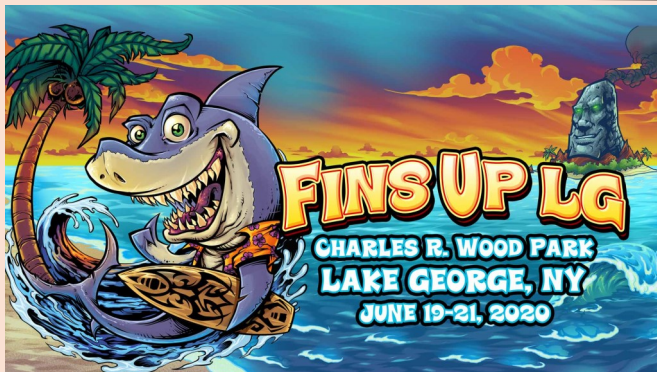
Other Stuff

Tampa Bay's Music On The Bay

When you get outside the bubble in Florida, there are some outstanding events. One of them is the Tampa Bay Parrot Head Club's Music on the Bay. It will be held at Whiskey Joe's. The party starts on Wednesday, February 26th and runs through Sunday, March 1st. Two outdoor stages, big tiki bar and all the Trop Rock you can handle. Voted the Trop Rock Event of the Year in 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018. Information at musiconthebay.org.



Sure to be a fun weekend. You can go to A1AParrotheads.org for more information.



We've Been Invited To Lake George

In 2020, over the Father's Day weekend, June 19 –21, there's going to be a big party in Lake George, New York. This three day music festival will feature 20+ musical acts on 2 main stages for a continuous musical adventure. The Villages Parrot Head Club is one of the event sponsors. The who's who of the Trop Rock Award winners, as well as a stellar lineup of Jimmy Buffett tribute acts, and some incredible Zydeco, Cajun, and Country acts will be performing. It just so happens that a Club member (Nancy Stafford) has a 50s style motel in Lake George has reserved rooms and discounted rates for Club members and a shuttle service to and from the event (1/2 mile away). For information, contact Nancy Stafford at nstafford@bluemoonlakegeorge.com.

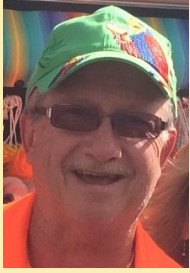
Rendezvous 2020

Panama City Beach, April 16 to 20.

Information at rendezvous2020.myevent.com



Club's Executive Committee



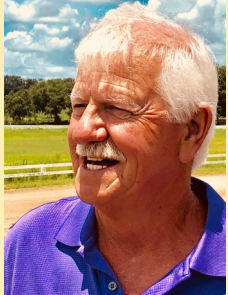
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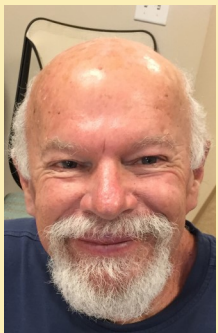
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