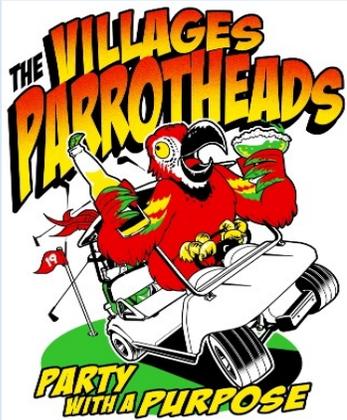


# Parrot Talk

## May 2020 Edition



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## President's Corner

As everyone knows, it has been a quiet month in Parrot Head land, but I hope that during this time off, you were able to reflect on how fortunate we are here in the Villages. We are all friends who have become family, and I for one am a very grateful person for it.

Last month, our members came through to help, Mary Recchia, the GM of Cody's Brownwood, who's home burnt down on Easter Sunday. Although it was not a Parrot Head Club event, many Parrot Heads and friends stopped by Cody's Brownwood with donations and she was overwhelmed. Thanks to Kim Ross for organizing this "Friends Helping Friends" event, and for getting the word out.

I also want to thank our Ex-comm board members for still working hard to keep this club going during these down times. After a few glitches, we were able to hold a few virtual meetings, and they were very productive. Our goal is to keep this club the best in the world.

As you know, all our events and phlockings are cancelled for the foreseeable future due to this coronavirus. As soon as we find out what we are allowed to do, we will come up with a plan to get our activities restarted again.

We do have something planned that I think should be a go. This is our Daytona Beach getaway, or our first "1/2" birthday party in August for our 16 ½ year birthday. We are working on entertainment so stay tuned, as this should be a phun event.

Well, not much more to report this month. Please stay positive, stay safe, make wise decisions, and above all --- Keep you PHINS UP  !!

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Facebook: [www.facebook.com/groups/TheVillagesParrotHeadClub/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/TheVillagesParrotHeadClub/)



The Club Events listed below are being planned in the hope that 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 club is trying to fill up the Best Western Aku Tiki Inn for Sunday August 16 and Monday the 17th.

This hotel has an Olympic sized pool, beach front chairs, a pool bar, restaurant, 2 free happy hour drinks and free breakfasts.

Ocean view rooms \$99  
Ocean front rooms \$109  
Efficiency rooms, \$119

Rates are good for three days before and three days after. To make reservations call (386) 252 9631 and ask for the Parrot Head Club rate.

We plan to have entertainment on both days. 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. For information contact Judy Koch at (352) 350 6567



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## 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 20<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>. 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



## Lake Panasoffkee Food Pantry

Several months ago Sumter Landing Dental Care was solicited for a contribution to our annual Poker Run. They were told about our Corporate Sponsor Program and wrote the Club a check for \$600 which is the minimum contribution. As you know, we had to postpone the Poker Run. We didn't return the check because we found a charity who is in desperate need of our help. Sumter Landing Dental Care agreed with us and they are now the Club's newest Corporate Sponsor.

The Lake Panasoffkee community has been particularly hard hit by the virus. Many of the people who live there had service industry jobs that are now gone. The Club used the \$600 donated by Sumter Landing Dental Care and our Club added \$400 from our 50/50 fund and sent them a check for \$1,000. The Lake Pan Food Pantry provides food and personal care products for between 80 and 100 families each week. The money provided was used to buy personal care products because you can't buy anything but food with food stamps. Many of the families are homeless.

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## Server's Fund

The Club raised over \$3,000 from the drive by fundraiser for the wait staffs and bartenders at Cody's, Mallory and Arnold Palmer who are now unemployed. The Club added funds to what was raised and have provided \$1,000 to each of the Cody's restaurants and two the country clubs and have asked the management to distribute the funds. The feedback we've received is that our donations are greatly appreciated.

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## Giving Blood

The Blood Drives have been cancelled but the need for blood continues to grow. If you would like to give blood you can go to the Villages Donor Center at 1550 Bella Cruz Drive. Everyone is masked and a 6 foot separation maintained whenever possible. You can set up an appointment by calling (352) 750 4088. They are also accepting walk ins between 7 AM and 3 PM.

## Name the Song Quiz

I'll give you part of the lyrics and you name the song. Answers on the Member Page

1. She came down from Cincinnati
2. I don't know
3. I see you in the distance
4. This morning I shot six holes in my freezer
5. Back to school
6. Where the Hell is Rita?
7. Lookin for better days
8. I know I don't get there often enough
9. In the Ladies bathroom stall... yeah
10. He sleeps on a bench at night
11. Big blue ride
12. Make Orion ring
13. Muhlenberg County
14. Paradise, take a look around
15. Got a Caribbean soul I can barely control
16. Women and water are in short supply
17. Wash away the night
18. You're feeling old, old, old
19. Tryin to get together again
20. I had a third world girl in Buzio

**5 or less correct: No rum for you!**

**5 to 10 correct: Average**

**10 to 15 correct: You have to be a Parrot Head**

**Over 15: Wow. You know your Buffet tunes**



# 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.

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### Answers to Buffett Song Quiz

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|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Fins                   | 11. Tides               |
| 2. Volcano                | 12. Jolly Man           |
| 3. Island                 | 13. Paradise            |
| 4. Boat Drinks            | 14. Fruitcakes          |
| 5. Domino College         | 15. Migration           |
| 6. Margaritaville         | 16. Manana              |
| 7. Floridays              | 17. Grapefruit          |
| 8. One Particular Harbour | 18. Holidays            |
| 9. Bama Breeze            | 19. Frankie and Lola    |
| 10. Ace                   | 20. Last Mango in Paris |

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## Fins Shop Pick Up

If you have prepaid for a Club T Shirt and would like to pick it up, you can go to Pam Babasa's home (4066 Deskin Lane) on Wednesday, May 6 from 1 to 3 PM to pick up the merchandise. Note, we don't have the T shirts for the Poker Run or Homosassa. Please call Pam at (361) 229 1361 if you have questions.

## Member's Memoirs

**Lisa MacLeod provides some stay at home advice:**

Heard a doctor on TV saying in this time of Coronavirus staying at home we should focus on inner peace. To achieve this we should always finish things we start and we could all use more calm in our lives. I looked through my house to find things I had started and hadn't finished, so I finished off a bottle of Merlot, a bottle of Chardonnay,, a bottle of Baileys, a bottle of wum, the remainder of Valium scriptuns, and a box of chocletz. Yu haf no idr how feckin fablus I feel rite now. Shed this to all who need inner piss. An telum u luvum. And two hash yer wands, stafe day avrybobby.

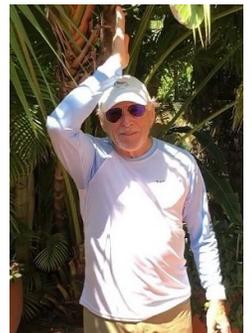
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### The day I became a Parrot Head by Steve Larson

Renie and I had just joined the club in 2011. We'd gone to a few phlockings, heard some good music., met some nice people. There was a fund raiser at Cody's Lake Sumter on a Tuesday. I don't remember which charity it was for. We went down there a little bit before it was scheduled to start and found there wasn't an empty seat in the place. We were new and didn't realize that if you want a good seat, be there 2 hours early. Dunning Shaw was the entertainment. I remember that he came back from a break and started singing a new song with a pounding beat and everyone started singing and dancing. It was wild. I can remember saying "Damn, it's a Tuesday! I've never had this much fun on a Tuesday!" And I was hooked. I knew this is the club for me. There's no other club like this one. So many good people, so many good times.

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**Instead of shaking hands or bumping fists, Parrot Heads should greet each other by making the Fins. To the left, to the right and back to center.**



# Member Profile



Our Parrot Head Profile this month features the talented Mike Fitzgerald. You may know him as the leader of the band Hollywood and the Tropix, along with his wife Jill, and Mark Goldberg.

For Mike, playing music is a hobby/addiction that goes back to junior high and has been a consistent but not primary pursuit for his whole life. He always had friends to jam with and a few really fun bands along the way. Playing for Parrot Heads is something he and Jill really love.

The Village of Sunset Ridge has been their home since February, 2016. They originally planned on living by a beach but after visiting Jill's parents here a number of times decided this was the place to be. They liked all the activities that are offered here including golf which Mike enjoys.

Mike is originally from Clarksville, VA., a small rural community in southern VA known for producing tobacco. He lived 25 years in VA. Beach and then 15 years in Boulder, CO.

Before retiring to The Villages Mike had several career changes, but most recently was president of a Tea and Herb manufacturer and importer in Boulder, CO. They imported tea and herbs from all over the world for the largest tea brands in the US. They also produced their own brand of liquid tea concentrates. Additionally, they domestically produced and exported leaf mint. He very much enjoyed becoming a world traveler in pursuit of new suppliers and products.

Mike became a Buffett fan when "Changes in Latitudes" came out in 1977. He remembers dropping the needle on Margaritaville a hundred times trying to learn how to play it on guitar. He wondered does Jimmy say "nibbling on sponge cake, or living on sponge cake?" Buffett had a bunch of awesome prior work, especially A1A that he soon learned to love. "Parrot Heads" didn't become a term until 1985 and he doesn't know when an official club was formed but he was a Parrot Head before he joined the club in The Villages in 2016. Village entertainers Mike and Terrie told them about the club. They went to a phlocking and it was like running into old friends they hadn't seen in a while.

Mike has been involved with the chili cook-off and the Poker Run, both as an entertainer and also as a contributor. He also tries to give blood several times a year. Party with a purpose is an apt slogan Mike says. We have fun and enjoy fellowship but we combine it with a spirit of volunteerism and charity. He also likes that everyone sets their own pace. Nobody is setting participation requirements. Come when you want and get as committed as you are willing. Some come for the party, some for the charitable events.

# Club's Executive Committee



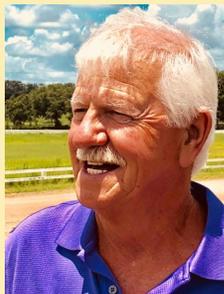
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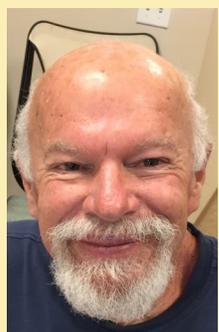
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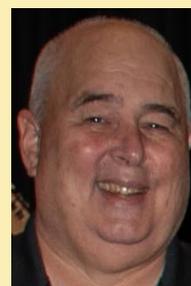
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